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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-006, Information Technology for Industrial Automation to supersede AS 4168.2—1994, *Programmable controllers, Part 2: requirements and tests*.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC 61131-2:2003, *Programmable controllers—Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements and related tests for programmable controllers (PLC) and their associated peripherals (for example, programming and debugging tools (PADTs), human-machine interfaces (HMIs), etc.) which have as their intended use the control and command of machines and industrial processes.

This Standard is Part 2 of AS IEC 61131 *Programmable controllers*, which consists of the following:

Part 1: General information

Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests (this Standard)

Part 3: Programming languages

Part 4: User guidelines

Part 5: Communications

Part 7: Fuzzy control programming

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61131 constitutes Part 2 of a series of standards on programmable controllers and the associated peripherals and should be read in conjunction with the other parts of the series.

Where a conflict exists between this and other IEC standards (except basic safety standards), the provisions of this standard should be considered to govern in the area of programmable controllers and their associated peripherals.

Compliance with Parts 1 and 2 of this standard cannot be claimed unless the requirements of 7.2 of this part are met.

Service and physical environment requirements are specified in Clause 4. Functional requirements are specified in Clause 5. Electromagnetic compatibility requirements are specified in Clause 8. Safety requirements are specified in Clause 11.

Terms of general use are defined in Part 1 of this standard. More specific terms are defined in each part.

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NOTES

STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

Australian Standard**Programmable controllers****Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests**

1 General**1.1 Scope and object**

This Part of IEC 61131 specifies requirements and related tests for programmable controllers (PLC) and their associated peripherals (for example, programming and debugging tools (PADTs), human-machine interfaces (HMIs), etc.) which have as their intended use the control and command of machines and industrial processes.

PLCs and their associated peripherals are intended to be used in an industrial environment and may be provided as open or enclosed equipment. If a PLC or its associated peripherals are intended for use in other environments, then the specific requirements, standards and installation practices for those other environments must be additionally applied to the PLC and its associated peripherals.

This standard also applies to any products performing the function of PLCs and/or their associated peripherals.

Equipment covered in this standard is intended for use in overvoltage category II (IEC 60664-1) in low-voltage installations, where the rated mains supply voltage does not exceed a.c. 1 000 V r.m.s. (50/60 Hz), or d.c. 1 500 V. (If PLCs or their associated peripherals are applied in overvoltage category III installations, then additional analysis will be required to determine the suitability of the equipment for those applications.)

This standard does not deal with the functional safety or other aspects of the overall automated system. PLCs, their application programme and their associated peripherals are considered as components of a control system.

Since PLCs are component devices, safety considerations for the overall automated system including installation and application are beyond the scope of this standard. However, PLC safety as related to electric shock and fire hazards, electrical interference immunity and error detecting of the PLC-system operation (such as the use of parity checking, self-testing diagnostics, etc.), are addressed. Refer to IEC 60364 or applicable national/local regulations for electrical installation and guidelines.

The object of this standard is

- to establish the definitions and identify the principal characteristics relevant to the selection and application of PLCs and their associated peripherals;
- to specify the minimum requirements for functional, electrical, mechanical, environmental and construction characteristics, service conditions, safety, EMC, user programming and tests applicable to PLCs and the associated peripherals.