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switching elements—Three-position  
enabling switches**



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## PREFACE

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The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for three-position enabling switches.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC 60947-5-8, Ed. 1.0 (2006), *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear*, Part 5.8: *Control circuit devices and switching elements—Three-position enabling switches*.

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60068-2-6	Part 2-6: Tests—Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	60068.2.6	Part 2.6: Tests—Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)
60068-2-27	Part 2-27: Tests—Test Ea and guidance: Shock	60068.2.27	Part 2.27: Tests—Test Ea and guidance: Shock
60204	Safety of machinery—Electrical equipment of machines	60204	Safety of machinery—Electrical equipment of machines
60204-1	Part 1: General requirements	60204.1	Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1, Ed. 5 (FDIS) MOD)
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60947	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear	60947	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear
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60947-5-1	Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements— Electromechanical control circuit devices	60947.5.1	Part 5.1: Control circuit devices and switching elements— Electromechanical control circuit devices

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The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An ‘informative’ annex is only for information and guidance.

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## AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

**Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear****Part 5.8:****Control circuit devices and switching elements—Three-position enabling switches****1 General****1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60947 specifies requirements for three-position enabling switches.

These switches are used as components of enabling devices described in 10.9 of IEC 60204-1 to provide signals that,

- a) when activated, allow machine operation to be initiated by a separate start control, and
- b) when de-activated,
  - i) initiate a stop function, and
  - ii) prevent initiation of machine operation.

NOTE 1 The enabling control function is described in 9.2.6.3 of IEC 60204-1.

NOTE 2 This standard does not deal with enabling devices.

This standard does not apply to:

- three-position enabling switches for non-electrical control circuits, for example hydraulic, pneumatic;
- enabling switches without three-position mechanism;
- emergency stop devices (see IEC 60947-5-5).

**1.2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-1:1990, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test A: Cold*  
Amendment 1 (1993)  
Amendment 2 (1994)

IEC 60068-2-2:1974, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*  
Amendment 1 (1993)  
Amendment 2 (1994)

IEC 60068-2-6:1995, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*