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FOREWORD

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- inclusion of Introduction (same as in IEC 62246-1-1:2013);
- update of the scope, the terms and definitions, the rated values and the test and measurement procedure;
- improvement of dielectric test, electrical endurance tests covering maximum electrical endurance test and overload test;
- improvement of Table F.1 for electrical ratings based on classification;

- inclusion of new Table G.1 for horsepower ratings based on classification.

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INTRODUCTION

Reed switches which are in mass production and which are widely used in practice could be classified by the following characteristics:

a) Size:

- normal or standard reed switches with a tube more than 50 mm in length and more than 5 mm in diameter;
- sub-miniature reed switches with a tube > 25 mm and < 50 mm in length and < 5 mm in diameter;
- miniature reed switches with a tube > 10 mm and < 25 mm in length and > 2 mm and < 5 mm in diameter;
- micro-miniature reed switches with a tube > 4 mm and < 10 mm in length and > 1,5 mm and < 2 mm in diameter.

b) Type of switching of electric circuit:

- closing or normally open – A type;
- opening or normally closed – B type;
- changeover – C type.

c) Withstand voltage level:

- low-voltage (up to 1 000 V);
- high-voltage (more than 1 000 V).

d) Switches power:

- low-power (up to 60 VA);
- power (100 to 1 000 VA);
- high-power (more than 1 000 VA).

e) Types of electric contacts:

- the tube is filled with dry air, gas mixture, vacuumized, or high pressurized.

This standard selects and specifies test procedures for reed switches where enhanced requirements for the verification of generic specification apply.

An international standard IEC 62246-1-1 (a quality assessment specification including information of detail specification (DS)) was published in 2013.

REED SWITCHES –

Part 1: Generic specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62246 which is a generic specification applies to all types of reed switches including magnetically biased reed switches of assessed quality for use in general and industrial applications.

NOTE 1 Mercury wetted reed switches are not covered by this standard due to their possible environmental impact.

It lists the tests and measurement procedures which may be selected for use in detail specifications for such reed switches.

This standard applies to reed switches which are operated by an applied magnetic field; it is not restricted to any particular type of contact load.

For elementary relays with reed switches, this standard is recommended to be used together with the standards IEC 61810-1, IEC 61811-1 as applicable.

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The same order of precedence applies to equivalent national documents.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-7:1983, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-7: Tests – Test Ga and guidance: Acceleration, steady state*

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