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## Foreword

This Standards Publication is a NEMA Adoptive Standard based on Part 2 of IEC 61131, *Programmable Controllers*.

This Standards Publication was prepared by a technical committee of the NEMA Automation Products and Systems Section. It was approved in accordance with the bylaws of NEMA and supersedes NEMA Standards Publication ICS 3-1988, Part 3-304.

This Standards Publication provides practical information concerning ratings, construction, test, performance, and manufacture of industrial control equipment. These standards are used by the electrical industry to provide guidelines for the manufacture and proper application of reliable products and equipment and to promote the benefits of repetitive manufacturing and widespread product availability.

NEMA Standards represent the result of many years of research, investigation, and experience by the members of NEMA, its predecessors, its Sections and Committees. They have been developed through continuing consultation among manufacturers, users, and national engineering societies and have resulted in improved serviceability of electrical products with economies to manufacturers and users.

One of the primary purposes of this Standards Publication is to encourage the production of reliable control equipment which, in itself, functions in accordance with these accepted standards. Some portions of these standards, such as electrical spacings and interrupting ratings, have a direct bearing on safety; almost all of the items in this publication, when applied properly, contribute to safety in one way or another.

Properly constructed industrial control equipment is, however, only one factor in minimizing the hazards which may be associated with the use of electricity. The reduction of hazard involves the joint efforts of the various equipment manufacturers, the system designer, the installer, and the user. Information is provided herein to assist users and others in the proper selection of control equipment.

The industrial control manufacturer has limited or no control over the following factors which are vital to safe installation:

- environmental conditions
- system design
- equipment selection and application
- installation
- operating practices
- maintenance

This publication is not intended to instruct the user of control equipment with regard to these factors except insofar as suitable equipment to meet needs can be recognized in this publication and some application guidance is given.

This Standards Publication is necessarily confined to defining the construction requirements for industrial control equipment and to providing recommendations for proper selection for use under normal or certain specific conditions. Since any piece of industrial control equipment can be installed, operated, and maintained in such a manner that hazardous conditions may result, conformance with this publication does not by itself assure a safe installation. When, however, equipment conforming with these standards is properly selected and is installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code and properly maintained, the hazards to persons and property will be reduced.

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IEC 61131-2, *Programmable Controllers—Part 2: Equipment Requirements and Tests*, is adopted with the amendments noted below:

### Subclause 1.4.28: Explanation

Devices or circuits which are isolated as defined in subclause 1.4.28 may, but need not, be isolated as defined in ANSI/NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*.

Authorized Engineering Information

### Subclause 4.2: Explanation

The equipment classes defined in subclause 4.2 are not related to the circuit classes defined in Paragraph 725 of ANSI/NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*.

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## Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

IEC 61131 consists of the following parts under the general title *Programmable controllers*:

- Part 1: General information
- Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests
- Part 3: Programming languages
- Part 4: User guidelines
- Part 5: Communications
- Part 6: Reserved
- Part 7: Fuzzy control programming
- Part 8: Guidelines for the application and implementation of programming languages

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2007. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

## 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.

## 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.

This Part also specifies

- a) service, storage and transportation requirements for PLCs and their associated peripherals (Clause 4);
- b) functional requirements for PLCs and their associated peripherals (Clause 5);
- c) EMC requirements for PLCs and their associated peripherals (Clause 8);
- d) safety requirements for PLCs and their associated peripherals (Clause 11);