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INTRODUCTION

Safety related sensors are applied to machinery presenting a risk of personal injury. They provide protection by causing the machine to revert to a safe condition before a person can be placed in a hazardous situation.

IEC 61496 (all parts) provides design and performance requirements of electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE). It gives a clear but limited guideline for

– specific sensor technologies (like optical sensors) or sensing functions (like capability to detect a specified object);
– typical conditions representing indoor use in industrial environment;
– detection of objects representing parts of body of adults using the properties geometry and reflectivity;
– design, functional requirements and tests in accordance with ESPE specific safety performance classification in types (2,3 and 4).

Autonomous systems like automated guided vehicles (AGV), service robotics or human machine interaction in industries show an increasing demand, for example in

– new sensor technologies (e.g. radar, ultrasonic sensors),
– new kind of sensor functions (e.g. classification of objects, position of an object), and
– combination of different sensor technologies in a sensor system.

Sensor manufacturers or integrators use in such cases generic functional safety standards as guideline for the safety related product design. Generic functional safety standards like IEC 61508 (all parts) or sector specific machinery standards like IEC 62061 or ISO 13849 (all parts) are general and product design can be carried out without inappropriate limitations. Applying these standards would require a dedicated analysis of systematic capabilities of a sensor or sensor system (e.g. dependability of the sensing function under tolerance conditions and environmental influences). There is not enough guidance given in these standards to prevent design failures or insufficient capability to detect the specified object in certain environmental conditions. This can result in an intolerable risk for persons.

This document fills the gap for the examination of systematic capabilities between design specific sensor standards and generic functional safety standards of electrical, electronic or programmable electronic control systems.

NOTE 1 Examples for the examination of systematic capabilities by using different safety related sensor standards are given in Annex A.

This document is addressed to safety related sensor manufacturers and integrators of safety related sensors into a safety related sensor system.

NOTE 2 Examples for addressed user groups are given in Annex B.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification gives requirements for the development and integration of safety related sensors (SRS) and safety related sensor systems (SRSS) used for protection of persons with special attention to systematic capabilities.

This generic standard only applies if

– protection of persons is to be performed by using sensors, and
– standards for functional safety of electrical control systems address sensor(s) as subsystem or subsystem element, and
– product specific sensor standards (e.g. IEC 61496 (all parts), IEC 60947-5-2) do not contain all necessary provisions, or product specific sensor standards are not developed.

The approach of examination of systematic capabilities by using different safety related sensor standards is described in Annex A.

The requirements and methods within this document are limited to the purpose of protection of persons

– by detection of potentially hazardous objects,
– by detection of a body, parts of a body and objects associated to parts of a body entering a hazardous area, or
– by classification respective discrimination of these against other objects.

NOTE 1 Application of SRS/SRSS in public can require detecting not only of persons, but also their associated equipment, for example wheelchairs, walking sticks or infusion stands.

Performance classes of sensors and sensor systems are defined in accordance with existing functional safety standards (e.g. IEC 62061, IEC 61508 (all parts), and ISO 13849 (all parts)).

NOTE 2 There will be no definitions of or interconnections to the types as defined in IEC 61496-1 within this document to simplify and prevent misuse. Simplification for end users is achieved by correlation to existing PL, SIL or SIL_{cl}.

Special attention is given to the sensing function and dependability of the detection capability. Environmental influences and tests for indoor and outdoor use are defined which influence the sensing function and dependability of the detection capability.

NOTE 3 Environmental influences, their classification and test procedures are primarily specified in accordance with generic environmental standards. More specific requirements and tests are only described in absence of respective standards.

This document can be relevant to applications other than those for the protection of persons in industries, for example, for the protection of persons in public like agriculture or metro stations.

This document does not consider and address proven in use (e.g. processes or elements) as done in IEC 61508-2.

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 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60204-1, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60721 (all parts), *Classification of environmental conditions*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61508 (all parts), *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems*

IEC 61496-1:2012, *Safety of machinery – Electro-sensitive protective equipment – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 62061:2005, *Safety of machinery – Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems*
IEC 62061:2005/AMD1:2012
IEC 62061:2005/AMD2:2015

IEC 62471, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

ISO 7250 (all parts), *Basic human body measurements for technological design*

ISO 13849 (all parts), *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems*

ISO 25119 (all parts), *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry – Safety-related parts of control systems*

ISO 26262 (all parts), *Road vehicles – Functional safety*

CEN/CENELEC Guide 14*, Child safety – Guidance for its inclusion in standards*