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- a) Process measurement transmitters (PMT) have been removed from the scope of this standard.

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

## INTRODUCTION

This document is intended as a reference document for any future standards developed within the IEC or other standards organizations, concerning the evaluation of process instrumentation, except process measurement transmitters (PMT) which are standardized by the IEC 62828 series.

This common standardized basis can be utilized for the preparation of future relevant standards, as follows:

- any test method or procedure, already treated in this document, will be specified and described in the new standard by referring to the corresponding clause of this document. Consequently new editions of this document are revised without any change in numbering and scope of each clause;
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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61298 specifies general methods and procedures for conducting tests and reporting on the functional and performance characteristics of process instrumentation except process measurement transmitters (PMT) which are standardized by the IEC 62828 series. The tests are applicable to any such devices characterized by their own specific input and output variables, and by the specific relationship (transfer function) between the inputs and outputs and include analogue and digital devices. For devices that require special tests, this document can be used together with any product specific standard specifying special tests.

This document covers general principles which apply to the IEC 61298 series.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-300, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 300: Electrical and electronic measurements and measuring instruments - Part 311: General terms relating to measurements - Part 312: General terms relating to electrical measurements - Part 313: Types of electrical measuring instruments - Part 314: Specific terms according to the type of instrument*, available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

IEC 60050-351, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 351: Control technology*, available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

IEC 61298-2, *Process measurement and control devices - General methods and procedures for evaluating performance - Part 2: Tests under reference conditions*

IEC 61298-3, *Process measurement and control devices - General methods and procedures for evaluating performance - Part 2: Tests for the effects of influence quantities*

IEC 61298-4, *Process measurement and control devices - General methods and procedures for evaluating performance - Part 4: Evaluation report content*

ISO/IEC 80000 (all parts), *Quantities and units*

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IEC 62828 (all parts), *Reference conditions and procedures for testing industrial and process measurement transmitters*

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