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- a) in 5.5.2, the standard for the measurements of influence quantities has been changed to IEC 62828-1:2026;
- b) all references to IEC 61514 have been updated to IEC 61514:2026;

c) the aspect of cyber-security has been added in 4.2.7 and 4.2.9.

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INTRODUCTION

New instruments for process control and measurement including valve positioners are mainly equipped with microprocessors, thereby utilising digital data processing and communication methods and/or artificial intelligence, making them more complex and giving them a considerable added value.

Modern intelligent valve positioners are no longer only controlling the valve position, but they are in many cases also equipped with various facilities for self-testing, actuator/valve condition monitoring and alarming. The variety of added functionalities is large. They can no longer be compared with the single function "cam-type" positioners. Therefore, accuracy related performance testing, although still very important, is no longer sufficient to demonstrate their flexibility, capabilities and other features with respect to engineering, installation, maintainability, reliability and operability.

In this document, the evaluation considers performance testing and a design review of both hardware and software. The layout of this document follows to some extent the framework of IEC TS 62098. A number of performance tests described in IEC 61514 are still valid for intelligent valve positioners.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61514 specifies design reviews and tests intended to measure and determine the static and dynamic performance, the degree of intelligence and the communication capabilities of single-acting or double-acting intelligent valve positioners. The tests can be applied to positioners which receive standard analogue electrical input signals (as specified in IEC 60381-1 or IEC 60381-2) and/or digital signals via a data communication link (for example Fieldbus) and have a pneumatic output. An intelligent valve positioner as defined in Clause 3 is an instrument that uses for performing its functions digital techniques for data processing, decision-making and bi-directional communication. It can be equipped with additional sensors and additional functionality supporting the main function.

The performance testing of an intelligent valve positioner is conducted with the positioner mounted on and connected to the actuator/valve assembly the positioner is used on. The specific characteristic parameters of the actuator/valve combination such as size, stroke, friction, type of packing, spring package and supply pressure for the pneumatic part has significant impact on the performance of a positioner.

The methods of evaluation given in this document are intended for testing laboratories to verify equipment performance specifications. The manufacturers of intelligent positioners are urged to apply this document at an early stage of development.

This document is intended to provide guidance for designing evaluations of intelligent valve positioners by providing:

- a checklist for reviewing their hardware and software design in a structured way;
- test methods for measuring and qualifying their performance under various environmental and operational conditions;
- methods for reporting the data obtained.

When a full evaluation, in accordance with this document, is not required or possible, the tests which are required are performed and the results reported in accordance with the relevant clauses of this document. In such cases, the test report will state that it does not cover the full number of tests specified herein. Furthermore, the items omitted are mentioned, to give the reader of the report a clear overview.

This document is also applicable for non-intelligent microprocessor-based valve positioners without means for bi-directional communication. In that case an evaluation will be reduced to a limited programme of performance testing and a review of the construction.

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 60050-300, *International electrotechnical vocabulary (IEV) - International Electrotechnical Vocabulary 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*

IEC 60050-351, *International electrotechnical vocabulary (IEV) - Part 351: Control technology*

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

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

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

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing - Part 2-31: Tests - Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60381-1, *Analogue signals for process control systems - Part 1: Direct current signals*

IEC 60381-2, *Analogue signals for process control systems - Part 2: Direct voltage signals*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60534-1, *Industrial-process control valves - Part 1: Control valve terminology and general considerations*

IEC 60654 (all parts), *Operating conditions for industrial-process measurement and control equipment*

IEC 60721-3 (all parts), *Classification of environmental conditions - Part 3 Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities*

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

IEC 61032, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures - Probes for verification*

IEC 61326-1:2020, *Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements*

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

IEC 61511 (all parts), *Functional safety - Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector*

IEC 61514:2026, *Industrial-process control systems - Methods of evaluating the performance of valve positioners with pneumatic outputs*

IEC 62061, *Safety of machinery - Functional safety of safety-related control systems*

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IEC 60534-6-2, *Industrial-process control valves - Part 6-2: Mounting details for attachment of positioners to control valves - Positioner mounting on rotary actuators*

IEC 60534-9, *Industrial-process control valves - Part 9: Test procedure for response measurements from step inputs*

IEC 61069 (all parts), *Industrial-process measurement, control and automation - Evaluation of system properties for the purpose of system assessment*

IEC 61158 (all parts), *Industrial communication networks - Fieldbus specifications*

IEC 61499 (all parts), *Function blocks*

IEC 61987-24-1, *Industrial-process measurement and control - Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues - Part 24-1: List of Properties (LOPs) of positioners and I/P converters for electronic data exchange*

IEC TS 62098, *Evaluation methods for microprocessor - based instruments*

IEC 62683-2-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Product data and properties for information exchange - Engineering data - Part 2-3: Functional safety and reliability*
