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## INTRODUCTION

### General

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Prior to this standard, requirements on process control devices and systems were specified by customers in various ways when suppliers or manufacturers were asked to quote for suitable equipment. The suppliers in their turn described the devices according to their own documentation schemes, often using different terms, structures and media (paper, databases, CDs, e-catalogues, etc.). The situation was similar in the planning and development process, with device information frequently being duplicated in a number of different information technology (IT) systems.

Any method that is capable of recording all existing information only once during the planning and ordering process and making it available for further processing, gives all parties involved an opportunity to concentrate on the essentials. A precondition for this is the standardization of both the descriptions of the objects and the exchange of information.

The IEC 61987 series proposes a method for standardization which will help both suppliers and users of process control equipment to optimize workflows both within their own companies and in their exchanges with other companies. Depending on their role in the process, engineering firms may be considered here to be either users or suppliers.

The method specifies process control equipment by means of blocks of properties. These blocks are compiled into Lists of Properties (LOPs), each of which describes a specific equipment (device) type. The IEC 61987 series covers both properties that may be used in an inquiry or a proposal and detailed properties required for integration of the equipment in computer systems for other tasks.

IEC 61987-10 defines structure elements for constructing lists of properties for electrical and process control equipment in order to facilitate automatic data exchange between any two computer systems in any possible workflow, for example engineering, maintenance or purchasing workflow and to allow both the customers and the suppliers of the equipment to optimize their processes and workflows. IEC 61987-10 also provides the data model for assembling the LOPs.

IEC 61987-11, while specifying a generic structure for measuring equipment, provides several important detail descriptions, such as the handling of composite devices that are also required for LOPs describing automated industrial valves. This part of IEC 61987 specifies the generic structure for Operating and Device Lists of Properties (OLOPs and DLOPs) for automated industrial valves. Automated industrial valves are so-called final control elements and include control valves, automated on/off-valves, and process regulators. It lays down the framework for further parts of IEC 61987 in which complete LOPs for final control elements of different construction and functional principle will be specified. The generic structure may also serve as a basis for the specification of LOPs for other industrial-process control instrument types.

### Device type dictionary

Annex A contains a characterisation of final control elements. This is a tree of relationships between different device types. Starting at the root "equipment for industrial-process automation", it introduces the final control elements. In addition to control valves, actuators as well as accessories such as positioners belong to this group. This characterisation is used in the Process Automation domain of the IEC Common Data Dictionary (CDD).

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### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61987 provides

- a characterization for the integration of automated valves, including control valves, automated on/off-valves and process regulators, in the Common Data Dictionary (CDD);
- generic structures in conformance with IEC 61987-10 for Operating Lists of Properties (OLOPs) and Device Lists of Properties (DLOPs) of final control elements.

The generic structures for the OLOP and DLOP contain the most important blocks for final control elements. Blocks pertaining to a specific equipment type will be described in the corresponding part of the IEC 61987 standard series. Similarly, equipment properties are not part of this part of IEC 61987. For instance, the OLOP and DLOP for globe valves and rotary valves are found in IEC 61987-22.

NOTE Within the classification (see also Figure 1), “final control element” has only the specializations automated valves and process regulators. In practice there are other specializations that are not considered in this standard.

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IEC 61069-5, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Evaluation of system properties for the purpose of system assessment – Part 5: Assessment of system dependability*

IEC 61508-6, *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems – Part 6: Guidelines on the application of IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-3*

IEC 61987-1:2006, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 1: Measuring equipment with analogue and digital output*

IEC 61987-10, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 10: List of Properties (LOPs) for Industrial-Process Measurement and Control for Electronic Data Exchange – Fundamentals*

IEC 61987-11, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 11: List of Properties (LOP) of measuring equipment for electronic data exchange – Generic structures*