

Risk assessment

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Safety sub-functions of pneumatic drive technology

- STO Safe torque off
- PUS Prevention of unexpected start-up
- SSC Safe stopping and closing
- SDI Safe direction
- SSB Safe stopping and blocking
- SLS Safely limited speed
- SLT Safely limited torque (force)

Safety sub-functions of electric drive technology

- STO Safe torque off
- SS1 Safe stop 1
- SS2 Safe stop 2
- SDI Safe direction
- SSB Safe stopping and blocking
- SLS Safely limited speed
- SLT Safely limited torque

Safety-related block diagram

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Trigger event → Input → Logic → Output → Drive
            
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What triggers the safety request? → A device that recognises the trigger situation → A device that safely processes the signal → A device that safely controls the dangerous movement

For example:

- Approaching a hazardous area
- Opening a safety door
- Process exceeds specified limit value
- Light barrier
- Safety door
- Pressure mats
- Emergency stop
- Fault
- Laser scanner
- Camera
- Temperature sensor
- Pressure sensor
- Flow sensor

- Writing
- Safety relay
- Safety PLC
- Pneumatic control system

- Pneumatic energy
- Electrical energy
- Hydraulic energy
- Potential (position) energy

Six steps to evaluate the safety functions

EN ISO 13849-1 Applicable to safety-related parts of control systems and for all types of machines, regardless of the technology and power used – electric, pneumatic, hydraulic or mechanical.

EN 61508 Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems.

EN 61511 Functional safety of safety-related systems for the process industry sector.

EN 62061 Safety of machinery – Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems.

1 Risk assessment – Determining the required Performance Level (PL)

Severity of injury

- S1 Minor (normally reversible injury)
- S2 Serious (normally irreversible injury, including death)

Frequency and/or duration of exposure to the hazard

- F1 Seldom to less often and/or briefly
- F2 Frequent to continuous and/or long

Possibility of avoiding the hazard

- P1 Possible under certain conditions
- P2 Rarely possible

a – e Performance Level (PL)

Source: EN ISO 13849-1

Risk assessment – Determining the required Safety Integrity Level (SIL)

Severity of damage

- S1 Minor injury to a person
- S2 Severe injury to multiple people up to the death of a person
- S3 Multiple deaths
- S4 Catastrophic effects with many deaths

Frequency

- F1 Seldom to reasonably frequent
- F2 Frequent to continuous

Avoiding/mitigating the danger

- P1 Possible under certain conditions
- P2 Rarely possible

Probability of occurrence

- W1 Relatively high
- W2 Low
- W3 Very low

SIL (safety integrity level)

Four discrete steps (SIL1 to SIL4). The higher the SIL of a safety-related system, the lower the probability of the system not being able to execute the necessary safety functions.

2 Determining the necessary reliability parameters from PL, and SIL,

Determining MTTFD = mean time to failure (dangerous)

Performance Level	DC < 60%	60% ≤ DC < 90%	90% ≤ DC < 99%	99% ≤ DC < 99.9%	99.9% ≤ DC < 99.99%	99.99% ≤ DC < 99.999%
a	Cat. B	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat. 4	
b						
c						
d						
e						

DC = Diagnostic Coverage

CCF = Common Cause Failure

MTTF_D

- Low: 3 years ≤ MTTFD < 10 years
- Medium: 10 years ≤ MTTFD < 30 years
- High: 30 years ≤ MTTFD < 100 years

Source: EN ISO 13849-1

Determining the necessary reliability parameters from PL, and SIL,

SIL level	High demand mode	Safe failure fraction (SFF)				Low demand mode	Max. acceptable failure of the safety system
		< 60%	60...90%	90...99%	> 99%		
1	10 ⁻⁵ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻⁴					10 ⁻² ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻¹	Once every 10 years
2	3 · 10 ⁻⁶ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻⁵					10 ⁻³ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻²	Once every 100 years
3	10 ⁻⁶ ≤ PFH < 3 · 10 ⁻⁶					10 ⁻⁴ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻³	Once every 1,000 years
4	10 ⁻⁷ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻⁶					10 ⁻⁵ ≤ PFH < 10 ⁻⁴	Once every 10,000 years

[per hour]

Device type A: Device for which the failure behaviour of all components and the failure characteristics are adequately determined.

Device type B: Device for which the failure behaviour of at least one component and the failure characteristics are not sufficiently determined.

3 Control structure – Defining the category

Category 1: Input signal → Logic → Output signal → Output

Category 2: Input signal → Logic → Output signal → Output. Includes Test signal and Monitoring.

Category 3: Input signal → Logic → Output signal → Output. Includes Test signal, Monitoring, and Shut-down feature or display.

Category 4: Input signal → Logic → Output signal → Output. Includes Test signal and Monitoring.

HFT – Defining the hardware fault tolerance

HFT 0: 1001 (one out of one)

HFT 1: 1002 (one out of two)

HFT 2: 1003 (one out of three)

HFT (hardware fault tolerance): Ability to continue to perform the required function in the event of faults and deviations

4 Measures to control and detect faults

Measures against common cause failures (CCF)

Measures	Points
Isolation/disconnection	15
Diversity	20
Design/application	20
Assessment/analysis	5
Competency/training	5
Environment/influences	35

Diagnostic coverage (DC)

$$DC = \frac{\sum (\text{Detected dangerous faults})}{\sum (\text{Total dangerous faults})}$$

Entire system

$$DC_{ent} = \frac{DC_1}{\frac{1}{MTTF_{D1}} + \frac{1}{MTTF_{D2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{MTTF_{Dn}}} + \dots + \frac{DC_n}{\frac{1}{MTTF_{D1}} + \frac{1}{MTTF_{D2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{MTTF_{Dn}}}$$

Safe failure fraction (SFF) – Determining the failure fraction

Type of failure	High demand mode		Low demand mode	
	Detected	Undetected	Detected	Undetected
safe	safe detected λ _{SD}	safe undetected λ _{SU}	safe detected λ _{SD}	safe undetected λ _{SU}
dangerous	dangerous detected λ _{DD}	dangerous undetected λ _{DU}	dangerous detected λ _{DD}	dangerous undetected λ _{DU}

SFF = $\frac{\lambda_{SD} + \lambda_{DD}}{\lambda_{SD} + \lambda_{DU} + \lambda_{DD} + \lambda_{SU}}$

DC = $\frac{\lambda_{SD} + \lambda_{DD}}{\lambda_{SD} + \lambda_{DU} + \lambda_{DD} + \lambda_{SU}}$

FME(D)A (failure modes, effects and diagnostics analysis): Method of analysis for quantitative determination of types of failure and failure rates

SFF (safe failure fraction): Proportion of safe failures based on the total number of failures

5 MTTFD_D – Determining the mean time to failure (dangerous)

Formula for determining the MTTFD_D value for a mechanical element in a channel

$$MTTF_D = \frac{B_{10}}{0.1 \cdot n_a}$$

Mean number of annual actuations n_a for the mechanical element

$$n_a = \frac{d_{act} \cdot h_{op}}{t_{year}}$$

Calculation of total MTTFD_D for several parallel channels

$$MTTF_{D,tot} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{MTTF_{D1}} + \frac{1}{MTTF_{D2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{MTTF_{Dn}}}$$

MTTF_D (Mean time to failure): Mean time until a dangerous failure

MTR (mean time to restore): Mean repair time

Evaluation MTTFD_D

- Low: 3 years ≤ MTTFD_D < 10 years
- Medium: 10 years ≤ MTTFD_D < 30 years
- High: 30 years ≤ MTTFD_D < 100 years

(source: EN ISO 13849-1)

PFH/PFD – Determining the probability of failure

High demand mode

$$PFH = \frac{1}{MTTF_D} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{MTTF_{D1}} + \frac{1}{MTTF_{D2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{MTTF_{Dn}}}}$$

Low demand mode

$$PFD = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lambda_{DU} \cdot T_i$$

PFH (probability of failure per hour): Probability of a safety function failing

PFD (probability of failure on demand): Probability of a safety function failing

T_i (proof test interval): Interval between proof tests

6 Entire system – Target: PL ≥ PL_r

Sample layout of safety-related parts of a control system

Input	Logic	Output	Drive
B10 _r		B10 _r	
MTTF _D		MTTF _D per channel	
Cat.		Cat.	
DC		DC	
CCF		CCF	
PL	PL	PL	

To be determined based on the application

Communicated by the manufacturer (information for determining the B10_r value should be provided by the manufacturer)

PL ≥ PL_r

Target: SIL ≥ SIL_r

Typical distribution of the PFH between the sub-systems of a safety function in single-channel systems

Sensor ≥ 35%	Logic ≥ 15%	Actuator ≥ 50%
PFH λ _{SD}	PFH λ _{SD}	PFH λ _{SD}
SFF λ _{SD}	SFF λ _{SD}	SFF λ _{SD}
HFT λ _{SD}	HFT λ _{SD}	HFT λ _{SD}
MTBF λ _{SD}	MTBF λ _{SD}	MTBF λ _{SD}
SIL _{req} (SIL)		
PFH _{tot}		

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HFT λ _{SD}	HFT λ _{SD}	HFT λ _{SD}
MTBF λ _{SD}	MTBF λ _{SD}	MTBF λ _{SD}
SIL _{req} (SIL)		
PFD _{tot}		

SIL ≥ SIL_r

When converting from PL to SIL or vice versa, the additional requirements contained in the applicable standards (EN ISO 13849-1, EN 61508, EN 61511, EN 62061) must be taken into account.