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The main technical changes with regard to the previous edition are as follows:

- Added subclause on "Calibration traceability".
- Added subclause on "Construction" to differentiate the various types of reference devices.
- Added guidance on use of a built-in shunt resistor.

- Increased data sheet requirements. In particular added requirement for either a mismatch correction or an estimate of uncertainty due to the mismatch of the reference device.
- Added Clause on “Calibration of working solar reference devices”.

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- amended.

PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

Part 2: Requirements for reference solar devices

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60904 gives requirements for the classification, selection, packaging, marking, calibration and care of reference solar devices.

This standard covers solar reference devices used to determine the electrical performance of solar cells, modules and arrays under natural and simulated sunlight. It does not cover solar reference devices for use under concentrated sunlight.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60891, *Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics of crystalline silicon photovoltaic devices*

IEC 60904-1, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 1: Measurements of photovoltaic current-voltage characteristics*

IEC 60904-5, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 5: Determination of the equivalent cell temperature (ECT) of photovoltaic (PV) devices by the open-circuit voltage method*

IEC 60904-7, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 7: Computation of spectral mismatch error introduced in the testing of a photovoltaic device*

IEC 60904-8, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 8: Measurement of spectral response of a photovoltaic (PV) device*

IEC 60904-9, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 9: Solar simulator performance requirements*

IEC 60904-10, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 10: Methods of linearity measurement*

IEC 61215, *Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval*

IEC 61646, *Thin-film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval*