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1 Scope

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This document ~~covers~~ applies to photovoltaic (PV) reference devices that are used to ~~determine~~ measure the irradiance of natural or simulated sunlight for the purpose of quantifying the electrical performance of photovoltaic devices (cells, modules and arrays ~~under natural and simulated sunlight~~). It does not cover photovoltaic reference devices for use under concentrated sunlight.

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- a) ajout de procédures d'étalonnage des dispositifs PV à la puissance maximale en développant les Articles 12 et 13) correspondants;

- b) révision des exigences applicables au mesurage obligatoire de la sensibilité spectrale, des coefficients de température et de la linéarité, en fonction de l'usage et en permettant certains mesurages sur des dispositifs équivalents;
- c) révision des exigences applicables aux résistances de shunt intégrées;
- d) ajout d'exigences pour la traçabilité de l'étalonnage de manière explicite.

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Partie 2: Exigences applicables aux dispositifs photovoltaïques de référence

1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60904 donne les exigences relatives à la classification, à la sélection, au conditionnement, au marquage, à l'étalonnage et aux précautions d'utilisation des dispositifs photovoltaïques de référence.

Le présent document s'applique aux dispositifs photovoltaïques (PV) de référence utilisés pour mesurer l'irradiance de la lumière solaire naturelle ou simulée afin de quantifier les performances électriques des dispositifs PV (cellules, modules et panneaux). Il ne couvre pas les dispositifs photovoltaïques de référence pour une utilisation sous éclairage solaire concentré.

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IEC 60904-1, *Dispositifs photovoltaïques – Partie 1: Mesurage des caractéristiques courant-tension des dispositifs photovoltaïques*

IEC 60904-3, *Dispositifs photovoltaïques – Partie 3: Principes de mesure des dispositifs solaires photovoltaïques (PV) à usage terrestre incluant les données de l'éclairement énergétique spectral de référence*

IEC 60904-4, *Dispositifs photovoltaïques – Partie 4: Dispositifs photovoltaïques de référence – Procédures pour établir la traçabilité de l'étalonnage*

IEC 60904-5, *Dispositifs photovoltaïques – Partie 5: Détermination de la température de cellule équivalente (ECT) des dispositifs photovoltaïques (PV) par la méthode de la tension en circuit ouvert*

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