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IEC 60904-2	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference devices	EN 60904-2	2015
IEC 60904-9	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 9: Solar simulator performance requirements	EN 60904-9	2007
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This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request relating to harmonized standards in the field of the Low Voltage Directive, M/511, to provide one voluntary means of conforming to safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits [2014 OJ L96].

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Table ZZ.1 – Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96]

Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
1. General conditions		
1 (a) the essential characteristics, the recognition and observance of which will ensure that electrical equipment will be used safely and in applications for which it was made, shall be marked on the electrical equipment, or, if this is not possible, on an accompanying document;	EN 61730-1, 5.2	
1 (b) the electrical equipment, together with its component parts, shall be made in such a way as to ensure that it can be safely and properly assembled and connected;	EN 61730-1, 5.2	
1(c) the electrical equipment shall be so designed and manufactured as to ensure that protection against the hazards set out in points 2 and 3 is assured, providing that the equipment is used in applications for which it was made and is adequately maintained.	EN 61730-1, 5.2 refer to 2a) to 2d) and 3a) to 3c) of this table cl. 5.4 (intended use)	

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Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
2. Protection against hazards arising from the electrical equipment Measures of a technical nature shall be laid down in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure that:		
2 (a) persons and domestic animals are adequately protected against the danger of physical injury or other harm which might be caused by direct or indirect contact;		
	EN 61730-1, 5.2.2, 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.5.4, 5.6.4.2 EN 61730-2, 4.4 EN 61730-2, 10.9, (MST 11) EN 61730-2, 10.11, (MST 13) EN 61730-2, 10.12, (MST 14) EN 61730-2, 10.13, (MST 16) EN 61730-2, 10.14, (MST 17)	
2 (b) temperatures, arcs or radiation which would cause a danger, are not produced;	EN 61730-1, 5.1, 5.2.2.1, 5.2.3, 5.3, 5.5 and Annex B (B6) EN 61730-2, 4.2 EN 61730-2, 10.15, (MST 21)	
2 (c) persons, domestic animals and property are adequately protected against non-electrical dangers caused by the electrical equipment which are revealed by experience;	EN 61730-1, 5.2.3 EN 61730-2, 10.7, (MST 06) EN 61730-2, 10.10, (MST 12) EN 61730-2, 10.21, (MST 32) EN 61730-2, 10.23, (MST 34)	
2 (d) the insulation is suitable for foreseeable conditions.	EN 61730-1, 5.2.2.1 k) and MST 26 EN 61730-1, 5.2.2, 5.2.2.1, 5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.5.4, 5.6 and 5.6.4.2 EN 61730-2, 4.4 EN 61730-2, 10.13, (MST 16) EN 61730-2, 10.14, (MST 17)	

Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
3. Protection against hazards which may be caused by external influences on the electrical equipment Technical measures shall be laid down in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure that the electrical equipment:		
3 (a) meets the expected mechanical requirements in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered;	EN 61730-1, 5.1, 5.2.3, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 EN 61730-2, 4.2 EN 61730-2, 10.7, (MST 06) EN 61730-2, 10.21, (MST 32) EN 61730-2, 10.23, (MST 34)	
3 (b) is resistant to non-mechanical influences in expected environmental conditions, in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered;	EN 61730-2, 4.5 EN 61730-2, 10.15, (MST 21) EN 61730-2, 10.17, (MST 23)	No remote access to modules to influence function. There are no mandatory requirements for fire tests, spread of flame and burning-brand tests for PV modules in this standard.
3 (c) does not endanger persons, domestic animals and property in foreseeable conditions of overload.	EN 61730-1, 5.2 EN 61730-1, 5.2.2.1 k) and MST 26	

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Rearrange test sequences.
- b) MST 01: Visual inspection: added nameplate requirement and modified pass criteria.
- c) Added sharp edge test MST 06.
- d) Added insulation thickness test MST 04.
- e) MST 11: Accessibility test: defined force for test finger.
- f) MST 12: Cut susceptibility test: defined blade radius for cut test.

- g) MST 14: removed preconditioning requirement TC200 from Figure 1.
- h) MST 15: Partial discharge test removed.
- i) Renamed dielectric breakdown test MST 16 to insulation test.
- j) MST 21: Temperature test: rewritten test procedure; removed short circuit mode; allow alternative indoor test method.
- k) MST 23: Fire test: subclause rewritten; fire test requirements related to national building codes; moved optional test description to informative annex.
- l) Added ignitability test MST 24.
- m) MST 26: Reverse current overload test: changed specification of wooden board.
- n) MST 32: Module breakage test: defined new dimensions of impactor to allow other filling compounds; consider variety of mounting techniques for glass breakage test; reduced impact height to only 300 mm; corrected diameter of opening according to referenced standard (65 cm² instead of 6,5 cm²).
- o) Added screw connection test MST 33.
- p) Added peel test MST 35 for proof of cemented joints.
- q) Added lap shear strength test MST 36 for proof of cemented joints.
- r) Added materials creep test MST 37.
- s) Added PV module test sequence with moisture and UV to stress polymers to Figure 1. The new UV sequence was added as a response to the Kyoto meeting, where it was decided to add a coupon test and a PV module test sequence. As it is not possible to perform the ISO UV test on PV modules (no affordable equipment available) it was decided to rely on already available PV module test equipment. R&D work has shown that cycling UV and HF are best to age polymers in PV modules.
- t) Added new sequence for Pollution Degree (PD) testing (sequence B1).
- u) Added annex: Recommendations for testing of PV modules from production.

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PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) MODULE SAFETY QUALIFICATION –

Part 2: Requirements for testing

1 Scope

The scope of IEC 61730-1 is also applicable to this part of IEC 61730. While IEC 61730-1 outlines the requirements of construction, this part of the standard lists the tests a PV module is required to fulfill for safety qualification. IEC 61730-2 is applied for safety qualification only in conjunction with IEC 61730-1.

The sequence of tests required in this standard may not test for all possible safety aspects associated with the use of PV modules in all possible applications. This standard utilizes the best sequence of tests available at the time of its writing. There are some issues – such as the potential danger of electric shock posed by a broken PV module in a high voltage system – that should be addressed by the system design, location, restrictions on access and maintenance procedures.

The objective of this standard is to provide the testing sequence intended to verify the safety of PV modules whose construction has been assessed by IEC 61730-1. The test sequence and pass criteria are designed to detect the potential breakdown of internal and external components of PV modules that would result in fire, electric shock, and/or personal injury. The standard defines the basic safety test requirements and additional tests that are a function of the PV module end-use applications. Test categories include general inspection, electrical shock hazard, fire hazard, mechanical stress, and environmental stress.

The additional testing requirements outlined in relevant ISO standards, or the national or local codes which govern the installation and use of these PV modules in their intended locations, should be considered in addition to the requirements contained within this standard.

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 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

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

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

IEC 60068-3-5, *Environmental testing – Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance; Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers*

IEC 60598-1:2014, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation co-ordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60904-2, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference devices*

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

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

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IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

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IEC 61215-2, *Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval – Part 2: Test procedures*

IEC 61730-1:2016, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 1: Requirements for construction*

IEC 62790, *Junction boxes for photovoltaic modules – Safety requirements and tests*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 813, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of adhesion to a rigid substrate – 90 degree peel method*

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ISO 4587:2003, *Adhesives – Determination of tensile lap-shear strength of rigid-to-rigid bonded assemblies*

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ISO 8124-1, *Safety of toys – Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties*

ISO 11925-2:2010, *Reaction to fire tests – Ignitability of products subjected to direct impingement of flame – Part 2: Single-flame source test*

ISO 23529, *Rubber – General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

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ANSI/UL 1703:2015, *Flat-plate photovoltaic modules and panels*

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