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(IEC 61643-31:2018 , modifiziert)

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The text of document 37A/306/FDIS, future edition 1 of IEC 61643-31, prepared by SC 37A: "Low-voltage surge protective devices", of IEC/TC 37: "Surge arresters" was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and approved by CENELEC as EN 61643-31:2019.

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Clauses, subclauses, notes, tables, figures and annexes which are additional to those in IEC 61643-31:2019 are prefixed "Z".

EN 61643-31:2019 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50539-11:2013: It includes also guidance for verification of conformity for products already tested according EN 50539-11:2013.

The main changes with respect of EN 50539-11:2013 are the complete restructuring and improvement of the test procedures and test sequences.

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The text of the International Standard IEC 61643:2018 was approved by CENELEC as a European Standard with agreed common modifications.

COMMON MODIFICATIONS

Modify as follows:

Through the complete document: *Replace all IEC 61643 references by EN 61643*
Replace all IEC references by EN when relevant standard is listed in either the Normative reference or in the Bibliography sections.

Foreword *Add to the Foreword the following:*

This standard covers the principle elements and objectives for electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (LVD - 2014/35/EU) and for electromagnetic compatibility (EMCD - 2014/30/EU).

Introduction *Delete the last sentence in the Introduction.*

Scope *Modify the 5th paragraph to read:*

SPDs with separate input and output terminal(s) that contain specific series impedance between these terminal(s) (so called two-port SPDs according to EN 61643-11) are not covered. As test class III in EN 61643-11 was primarily developed to cover two-port SPDs, SPDs tested according to this test class are not intended to be used in PV-systems.

3.1.19 *Add the following note:*

NOTE EN 62475 provides the current impulse definitions of front time, time to half values and waveshape.

5.3 *Replace 5.3 by the following:*

Types 1 and 2 SPDs- Class I and II tests

Information required for class I and class II tests is given in Table Z1.

Table Z1 – Tests of types 1 and 2 SPDs

Type of SPD	Tests	Required information
Type 1	Class I	I_{imp}
Type 2	Class II	I_n

6.5 *Add new requirement:*

6.5.4 Vibration and shock

Information on vibration and shock tests for transportation and special applications can be found in Annex ZB of EN 61643-11.

7.4.4.2.2

Replace:

in less than 60 s when PV₄ with I_{SCPV} or DC₃ with 2,7 times I_{SCPV} is applied. During the tests when DC₃ with 2,7 times I_{SCPV} is applied, the fuse for detection shall not operate;

in less than 5 min when DC₃ with a prospective short-circuit current of equal to I_{SCPV} is applied.

by:

in less than 20 s when PV₄ with I_{SCPV} or DC₃ with 2,7 times I_{SCPV} is applied. During the tests when DC₃ with 2,7 times I_{SCPV} is applied, the fuse for detection shall not operate;

in less than 1 min when DC₃ with a prospective short-circuit current of equal to I_{SCPV} is applied.

7.4.4.3.2

Replace:

In less than 60 s during the test when PV₄ with a prospective short-circuit current of I_{SCPV} is applied;

by:

In less than 20 s during the test when PV₄ with a prospective short-circuit current of I_{SCPV} is applied;

Annex ZA

Add Annex ZA (See annexes)

Annex ZB

Add Annex ZB (See annexes)

Annex ZZ

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Bibliography

Modify Bibliography (See Annexes)

Add the following annexes:

Annex ZA (informative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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IEC 60060-1	2010	High-voltage test techniques - Part 1: General definitions and test requirements	EN 60060-1	2010
IEC 60112	2003	Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials	EN 60112	2003
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	1991
IEC 60664-1	2007	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
IEC 61000	series	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)	EN 61000	series
IEC 61000-6-1	2005	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-1: EN 61000-6-1 Generic standards – Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments		2007
IEC 61000-6-3	2006	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-3: EN 61000-6-3 Generic standards – Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments		2007
IEC 60068-2-78	2012	Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state	EN 60068-2-78	2013
IEC 61180-1	1992	High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment - Part 1: Definitions, test and procedure requirements	EN 61180-1	1994
IEC 60364-5-51	-	Electrical installation of buildings – Part 5-51: Selection and erection of electrical equipment; Common rules	HD 60364-5-51	2009

IEC 61643-11	2011	Low-voltage surge protective devices –Part 11: EN 61643-11 Surge protective devices connected to low- voltage power systems –Requirements and test + A11 methods	2012 2018
IEC 62475	-	High-current test techniques - Definitions and requirements for test currents and measuring systems	EN 62475 2010

Annex ZB (normative)

Reduced test procedure

This annex addresses the number of samples to be submitted and test sequence to be applied for verification of conformity for products already tested according EN 50539-11:2013.

The simplified test procedure according to Table ZB.1 may then be applied for verification of conformity.

For new products complete type tests and samples according to Clause 7 are required.

Table ZB.1 - Simplified test procedure for SPDs already complying with EN 50539-11

Test sequence	Test description	Subclause	Testing required
1	Identification and marking	6.1.1 / 6.1.2 / 7.2	Yes ^a
	Mounting	6.3.1	No
	Terminals and connections	6.3.2 / 6.3.3	No
	Testing for protection against direct contact	6.2.1	Yes ^b
	Environment, IP code	6.4	No
	Residual current	6.2.2 / 7.4.1	No
	Continuous current	6.2.8 / 7.4.6	Yes
	Operating duty test	6.2.4 / 7.4.2	No
	Operating duty test for test classes I and II	7.2.3.2 / 7.4.2.3 / 7.4.2.4	No
	Additional duty test for test class I	7.4.2.5	No
	Thermal stability	6.2.5.3 / 7.4.3.2	Yes
	Air clearances and creepage distances	6.6.3.4 / 7.5.1	No
	Ball pressure test	6.4	No
	Resistance to abnormal heat and fire	6.4	No
Tracking resistance	6.4	No	
2	Voltage Protection level	6.2.3	No
3	Insulation resistance	6.2.6	No
	Dielectric withstand	6.2.7 / 7.4.5	No
3a	See below - only if applicable		
	Mechanical strength	6.3.5	No
3b	See below - only if applicable		
	Temperature withstand	6.2.5 / 7.4.3.1	No
4	Heat resistance	6.4	No
5 ^c	SPD failure mode test	6.2.5.4 / 7.4.4	Yes ^d
6	Live test under damp heat	7.6.1	No
7	Total discharge current test for multipole SPDs	6.2.9	No
Additional tests for one-port-SPDs with separate input / output terminals			
3b	Rated load current	6.5.1 / 7.7.1.1	No
Additional tests for outdoor use SPDs			
8	Environmental tests for outdoor SPDs	6.5.2 / 7.7.2	No
Additional tests for SPDs with separate isolated circuits			
3a	Isolation between separate circuits	6.5.3 / 7.4.5	No
^a This is related to 6.1.1 only. ^b This is related to SPDs having a U_{CPV} equal to or below 120 V only. ^c For this test sequence more than one set of samples may be needed. ^d This is related to combination SPDs only (no additional test for other types of SPDs).			

Annex ZZ
(informative)

Relationship between this European standard and the safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardisation request relating to harmonised 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 harmonisation 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].

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZZ.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding safety objectives of that Directive, and associated EFTA regulations.

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)(a)	Clauses 6.1, 6.3.1 Clause 7.3	
(1)(b)	Clause 6.1	
(1)(c)	Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and refer to 2a) to 2d) below and 3a) to 3c) below	
(2)(a)	Clause 5.5, 6.2.1, 6.2.2 Clause 7.1, 7.2, 7.4.1, 7.2.1 table 5 and table 4 pass criteria c, e, h, l, j, and clause 8	
(2)(b)	Clauses 6.5.1, 6.2.5.3, 6.2.5, 6.2.4, 6.5.1 Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.4.2, 7.4.3.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.4, 7.7.1, 8	
(2)(c)	Clauses 6.4.3.1, 6.4.3.2 Clause 8	
(2)(d)	Clauses 6.3.4, 6.2.6, 6.2.7, 6.5.2 Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.5.1, 7.5.2, 7.4.5, 7.7.2, 8	
(3)(a)	Clause 6.3.5 Clause 7.1, 7.2, 8	

(3)(b)	Clauses 6.4.2, 6.4.1, 6.5.2 Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.6.1, 7.6.2, 7.7.2, 8 Clause 8.5.2, 8.5.3, 8.3.5.1	
(3)(c)	Clauses 6.2.5 Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.4, 8	

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ISO 4892-1, Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 1: General guidance

ISO 4628-3, Paints and varnishes - Evaluation of degradation of coatings - Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance - Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting

by:

EN ISO 4892-2, Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps (ISO 4892-2)

EN ISO 4892-1:2000, Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 1: General guidance (ISO 4892-1)

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61643 addresses safety and performance tests for surge protective devices (SPDs) to be installed on the DC side of photovoltaic installations to protect against induced and direct lightning effects.

There are three classes of tests:

- 1) The Class I test is intended to simulate partial conducted lightning current impulses. SPDs subjected to Class I test methods are generally recommended for locations at points of high exposure, e.g., line entrances to buildings protected by lightning protection systems.
- 2) SPDs tested to Class II or Class III test methods are subjected to impulses of shorter duration.
- 3) SPDs are tested on a “black box” basis as far as possible.

Tests take into account that photovoltaic generators:

- behave like current generators,
- that their output current depends on the incident light intensity and temperature,
- that their short-circuit current is slightly higher than the operating output current,
- are connected in series and/or parallel combinations leading to a great variety of voltages, currents and powers from a few hundreds of W (in residential installations) to several MW (photovoltaic fields).

The specific electrical parameters of PV installations on the DC side require specific test requirements for SPDs.

IEC 61643-32 addresses the selection and application principles of SPDs in practical situations for PV application (work in progress).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61643 is applicable to Surge Protective Devices (SPDs), intended for surge protection against indirect and direct effects of lightning or other transient overvoltages. These devices are designed to be connected to the DC side of photovoltaic installations rated up to 1 500 V DC.

These devices contain at least one non-linear component and are intended to limit surge voltages and divert surge currents. Performance characteristics, safety requirements, standard methods for testing and ratings are established.

SPDs complying with this standard are exclusively dedicated to be installed on the DC side of photovoltaic generators and the DC side of inverters.

SPDs for PV systems with energy storage (e.g. batteries, capacitor banks) are not covered.

SPDs with separate input and output terminals that contain specific series impedance between these terminal(s) (so called two-port SPDs according to IEC 61643-11:2011) are not covered.

SPDs compliant with this standard are designed to be permanently connected where connection and disconnection of fixed SPDs can only be done using a tool. This standard does not apply to portable SPDs

NOTE 1 In general SPDs for PV applications do not contain a specific series impedance between the input/output terminals due to power efficiency considerations.

NOTE 2 Wherever reference is made to the electric power system or the power system within this document, this refers to the DC side of the photovoltaic installation.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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