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The main technical changes with regard to EN 60904-2:1993 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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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	EN/HD	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60891	_1)	Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics of crystalline silicon photovoltaic devices	EN 60891	1994 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-1	_1)	Photovoltaic devices - Part 1: Measurement of photovoltaic current- voltage characteristics	EN 60904-1	2006 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-5	_1)	Photovoltaic devices - Part 5: Determination of the equivalent cell temperature (ECT) of photovoltaic (PV) devices by the open-circuit voltage method	EN 60904-5	1995 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-7	_1)	Photovoltaic devices - Part 7: Computation of spectral mismatch error introduced in the testing of a photovoltaic device	EN 60904-7	1998 <sup>2)</sup>
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IEC 61215	_1)	Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval	EN 61215	2005 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 61646	_1)	Thin-film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval	EN 61646	1997 <sup>2)</sup>

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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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