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

- extends edition 1 translation procedure to irradiance change during I-V measurement;
- adds 2 new translation procedures;
- revises procedure for determination of temperature coefficients to include PV modules;
- defines new procedure for determination of internal series resistance;
- defines new procedure for determination of curve correction factor.

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PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES – PROCEDURES FOR TEMPERATURE AND IRRADIANCE CORRECTIONS TO MEASURED I-V CHARACTERISTICS

1 Scope

This standard defines procedures to be followed for temperature and irradiance corrections to the measured I-V (current-voltage) characteristics of photovoltaic devices. It also defines the procedures used to determine factors relevant for these corrections. Requirements for I-V measurement of photovoltaic devices are laid down in IEC 60904-1.

NOTE 1 The photovoltaic devices include a single solar cell with or without a protective cover, a sub-assembly of solar cells, or a module. A different set of relevant parameters for I-V correction applies for each type of device. Although the determination of temperature coefficients for a module (or sub-assembly of cells) may be calculated from single cell measurements, it should be noted that the internal series resistance and curve correction factor should be separately measured for a module or subassembly of cells.

NOTE 2 The term “test specimen” is used to denote any of these devices.

NOTE 3 Care should be taken regarding the use of I-V correction parameters. The parameters are valid for the PV device for which they have been measured. Variations may occur within a production lot or the type class.

2 Normative references

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

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

IEC 60904-7, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 7: Computation of the spectral mismatch correction for measurements of photovoltaic devices*

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

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

3 Correction procedures

3.1 General

Three procedures for correcting measured current-voltage characteristics to other conditions of temperature and irradiance (such as STC) can be applied. The first is identical to the procedure given in Edition 1 of this standard, but the equation has been rewritten for easier understanding. The second procedure is an alternative algebraic correction method which yields better results for large irradiance corrections (>20 %). Both procedures require that correction parameters of the PV device are known. If not known they need to be determined prior to performing the correction. The third procedure is an interpolation method which does not require correction parameters as input: It can be applied when a minimum of three current-voltage curves have been measured for the test device. These three current-voltage curves span the temperature and irradiance range for which the correction method is applicable.