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INTRODUCTION

This part 3 of IEC 62109 gives requirements for products which consist of an electronic element and a PV element or PV module. For this type of equipment, specific safety aspects must be considered that arise from the combination of these two product types. This part 3 gives safety requirements by: referring to other parts of IEC 62109 and to PV module standards like IEC 61730, defining tests and requirements that are in addition to these product standards of the sub elements, defining modifications to the test procedures in IEC 62109 and IEC 61730, and providing guidance to apply these tests to the combination of PV module and electronics.

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Part 3: Particular requirements for electronic devices in combination with photovoltaic elements

1 Scope

This Part 3 of IEC 62109 covers the particular safety requirements for electronic elements that are mechanically and/or electrically incorporated with photovoltaic (PV) modules or systems.

Mechanically and/or electrically incorporated means that the whole combination of electronic device with the photovoltaic element is sold as one product. Nevertheless, tests provided in this document may also be used to evaluate compatibility of PV modules and electronic devices that are sold separately and are intended to be installed close to each other.

Items included in the scope:

Electronic devices combined with PV modules that perform functions such as, but not limited to, DC-DC or DC-AC power conversion, active diodes, protection, control, monitoring, or communication. These requirements specifically address such electronic devices used in combination with flat-plate photovoltaic (PV) modules.

NOTE It is acknowledged that the physical design of products covered by this scope may vary widely, it is anticipated that the requirements of this document may need to evolve to meet the unique safety requirements of such products, particularly if the photovoltaic element of the product is not of a flat-plate configuration. As an example, this document does not fully address the safety requirements of building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV) and building-attached photovoltaics (BAPV) products, although they would fall under the scope of this document.

The purpose of the requirements of this part of IEC 62109 is to provide additional safety-related testing requirements for the following types of integrated electronics, collectively referred to as module integrated equipment (MIE):

- a) Type A MIE where the PV element can be evaluated as a PV module according to IEC 61730-1 and IEC 61730-2 independently from the electronic element;
- b) Type B MIE where the PV element cannot be evaluated as a PV module according to IEC 61730-1 and IEC 61730-2 independently from the electronic element.

Items excluded from the scope:

PV modules with only one or more bypass diodes as the combined or integrated element. Such products are covered by IEC 61730-1 and IEC 61730-2.

Aspects included and excluded from scope:

All aspects of IEC 62109-1:2010 apply. Addition to the list “excluded from the scope” is evaluating the MIE to IEC 61215-1.

2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 62109-1:2010 and IEC 62109-2:2011 is applicable with the following additions:

IEC 61215-2:2016, *Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval – Part 2: Test procedures*

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

IEC 61730-2:2016, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 2: Requirements for testing*

IEC 61853-2:2016, *Photovoltaic (PV) module performance testing and energy rating – Part 2: Spectral responsivity, incidence angle and module operating temperature measurements*

IEC 62109-1:2010, *Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62109-2:2011, *Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems – Part 2: Particular requirements for inverters*

IEC 62790:2014, *Junction boxes for photovoltaic modules – Safety requirements and tests*

3 Terms and definitions

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Modification:

In all cases where the term “PCE” is used in a definition in Clause 3 of IEC 62109-1:2010 or IEC 62109-2:2011, it is replaced in this part with the term “MIE”, except for 3.66.

3.39

Isc PV

Modification:

Replace “array” with “PV element”.

3.58

Pluggable equipment type B

Modify Note:

Note 1 to entry: MIE PV AC and DC circuits that use connectors are considered pluggable equipment type B MIE and may also be considered fixed equipment.

3.97

Vmax PV

Modification:

Replace “array” with “PV element”.

Additional subclauses:

3.300

module integrated equipment

MIE

minimally, the complete combination of photovoltaic elements, electronic devices, wiring with connector(s), and mechanical mounting means

Note 1 to entry: This document uses two designations for MIE only for the purpose of describing test methods and what tests apply: Type A MIE and Type B MIE. These type designations have no meaning outside of this document.