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Safety requirements and tests**

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Exigences de sécurité et essais

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## 1 Scope

This Standard applies to connectors of application Class A according to EN 61730-1 for use in photovoltaic systems with rated voltages up to 1 000 V d.c. and rated currents up to 125 A per contact.

This standard applies to connectors without breaking capacity but might be engaged and disengaged under voltage.

NOTE For connectors according to Class B and C of EN 61730 as well as for protection for Class II equipment intended for use between 0 V and 120 V d.c. in photovoltaic-systems this standard may be used as a guide.

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