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The main technical changes with regard to EN 60904-5:1995 are as follows:

— added and updated normative references;

— added reporting section;

— added method on how to extract the input parameters;

— rewritten method on how to calculate ECT;

— reworked formulae to be in line with EN 60891.

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Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
IEC 60891	-	Photovoltaic devices - Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics	EN 60891	-
IEC 60904-1	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 1: Measurement of photovoltaic current-voltage characteristics	EN 60904-1	-
IEC 60904-2	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 2: Requirements for reference solar devices	EN 60904-2	-
IEC 60904-7	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 7: Computation of the spectral mismatch correction for measurements of photovoltaic devices	EN 60904-7	-
IEC 60904-10	-	Photovoltaic devices - Part 10: Methods of linearity measurement	EN 60904-10	-
IEC 61215	-	Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval	EN 61215	-
IEC 61829	-	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic (PV) array - On-site measurement of I-V characteristics	EN 61829	-
ISO/IEC 17025	-	General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories	EN ISO/IEC 17025	-

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INTRODUCTION

When temperature sensors, such as thermocouples, are used to determine the cell temperature of PV devices under natural or simulated steady-state irradiance, two main problems arise. First, a considerable spread of temperature can be observed over the area of the module. Second, as the solar cells are usually not accessible, sensors are attached to the back of the module and the measured temperature thus is influenced by the thermal conductivity of the encapsulant and back materials. These problems are aggravated when determining the equivalent cell temperature for on-site measurements of array performance where all cells have slightly different temperatures and one cannot easily determine the average cell temperature.

The equivalent cell temperature (ECT) is the average temperature at the electronic junctions of the device (cells, modules, arrays of one type of module) which equates to the current operating temperature if the entire device were operating uniformly at this junction temperature.

PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

Part 5: Determination of the equivalent cell temperature (ECT) of photovoltaic (PV) devices by the open-circuit voltage method

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60904 describes the preferred method for determining the equivalent cell temperature (ECT) of PV devices (cells, modules and arrays of one type of module), for the purposes of comparing their thermal characteristics, determining NOCT (nominal operating cell temperature) and translating measured I-V characteristics to other temperatures.

This standard applies to linear devices with logarithmic V_{OC} dependence on irradiance and in stable conditions. It may be used for all technologies but one has to verify that there is no preconditioning effect influencing the measurement.

2 Normative references

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

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

IEC 61215, *Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval*

IEC 61829, *Crystalline silicon photovoltaic (PV) array – On-site measurement of I-V characteristics*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Measurement principle and requirements

3.1 Principle

The method described below is based on the fact that the open-circuit voltage (V_{OC}) of a solar cell changes with temperature in a predictable fashion. If the open-circuit voltage of the device at standard test conditions is known, together with its temperature coefficient, the