

What are the standards for photovoltaics?

There are numerous national and international bodies that set standards for photovoltaics. There are standards for nearly every stage of the PV life cycle, including materials and processes used in the production of PV panels, testing methodologies, performance standards, and design and installation guidelines.

What are the installation requirements for a PV array?

Installation requirements are also critically dependent on compliance with the IEC 60364 series (see Clause 4). PV arrays of less than 100 W and less than 35 V DC open circuit voltage at STC are not covered by this document. PV arrays in grid connected systems connected to medium or high voltage systems are not covered in this document.

What is the scope of a photovoltaic system?

The scope includes all parts of the PV array up to but not including energy storage devices, power conversion equipment or loads. The object of this Technical Specification is to address the design safety requirements arising from the particular characteristics of photovoltaic systems.

Do PV modules need to be updated?

As the work of IEC TC 82 has progressed, a number of new standards for PV components and balance of system equipment have been introduced. Accordingly, the requirements for the safety of PV modules must also be updated to reference these new standards and to fully leverage the benefits that can be achieved by compliance with their requirements.

Why are international standards important in the photovoltaic industry?

ABSTRACT: International standards play an important role in the Photovoltaic industry. Since PV is such a global industry it is critical that PV products be measured and qualified the same way everywhere in the world. IEC TC82 has developed and published a number of module and component measurement and qualification standards.

What is IEC 61730 & how does it affect a PV module?

However, the IEC 61730 places greater emphasis on safety aspects related to protection against electric shock, as well as fire hazards. It is important to note that PV module components can't be assessed in isolation from the rest of a PV module.

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