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- a) Title modified.
- b) This edition focusses on the design qualification of power conversion electronics (PCE), and eliminates the clauses associated with qualification testing of other balance of system components.
- c) While many clause titles remain the same as the first edition, substantial changes have been made.
- d) Whereas the first edition establishes requirements for the design qualification of balance-of-system components used in terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) systems, this edition is limited to power conversion equipment.

e) The test protocols have been changed.

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PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM POWER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT – DESIGN QUALIFICATION AND TYPE APPROVAL

1 Scope

This document lays down IEC requirements for the design qualification of power conversion equipment (PCE) suitable for long-term operation in terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) systems.

This document covers electronic power conversion equipment intended for use in terrestrial PV applications. The term PCE refers to equipment and components for electronic power conversion of electric power into another kind of electric power with respect to voltage, current, and frequency. This document is suitable for PCE for use in both indoor and outdoor climates as defined in IEC 60721-3-3 and IEC 60721-3-4. Such equipment may include, but is not limited to, grid-tied and off-grid DC-to-AC PCEs, DC-to-DC converters, battery charger converters, and battery charge controllers.

This document covers PCE that is connected to PV arrays that do not nominally exceed a maximum circuit voltage of 1 500 V DC. The equipment may also be connected to systems not exceeding 1 000 V AC at the AC mains circuits, non-main AC load circuits, and to other DC source or load circuits such as batteries. If particular ancillary parts whereby manufacturers and models are specified in the manual for use with the PCE, then those parts are tested with the PCE.

Exceptions:

- a) This document does not address characteristics of power sources other than PV systems, such as wind turbines, fuel cells, rotating machine sources, etc.
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- c) This document does not apply to power conversion equipment with integrated (built-in) electrochemical energy storage (e.g. lead acid or lithium-ion). It is, however, applicable to equipment where the manufacturer specifies and permits complete removal of the electrochemical energy storage from the PCE so that stand-alone assessment of the PCE with the storage removed becomes possible.

The object of the test sequences contained herein is to establish a basic level of durability and to show, as far as it is possible within reasonable constraints of cost and time, that the PCE is capable of maintaining its performance after prolonged exposure to the simulated environmental stresses described herein that are based on the intended use conditions specified by the manufacturer. Optional tests contained herein may be selected depending on the intended installation, market, or special environmental conditions that the PCE is anticipated to experience. The categorization imposes differentiated test sequences and test severity levels reflecting the different requirements of mechanical and electrical components in different environments.

PCEs are grouped into categories based on size and installation environment.

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