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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) modification of standard title;
b) inclusion of working reference in traceability chain;
c) update of WRR with respect to SI;
d) revision of all methods and their uncertainties in Annex A;
e) harmonization of symbols and formulae with other IEC standards.

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This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60904 sets the requirements for calibration procedures intended to establish the traceability of photovoltaic (PV) reference devices to SI units as required by IEC 60904-2.

This document applies to PV reference devices that are used to measure the irradiance of natural or simulated sunlight for the purpose of quantifying the performance of PV devices. The use of a PV reference device is required in many standards concerning PV (e.g. IEC 60904-1 and IEC 60904-3).

This document has been written with single-junction PV reference devices in mind, in particular crystalline silicon, but it is sufficiently general to include other single-junction technologies.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60904-1, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 1: Measurement of photovoltaic current-voltage characteristics*

IEC 60904-2, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference devices*

IEC 60904-3, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 3: Measurement principles for terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) solar devices with reference spectral irradiance data*

IEC TS 61836, *Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Terms, definitions and symbols*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3: 2008, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM: 1995)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 61836 and the following apply.

NOTE The different reference instruments for the traceability chain of solar irradiance are defined in this clause. Typical examples for each category are listed in Table 1, which also refers to relevant standards (where available). Figure 1 then shows schematically the most common traceability chains linking these instruments and the relevant standards (where available). Methods for the implementation of this document are described in Annex A.

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