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1 Scope and object

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

This standard applies to photovoltaic (PV) reference solar 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 solar device is required in the application of IEC 60904-1 and IEC 60904-3.

This standard has been written with single junction PV reference solar devices in mind, in particular crystalline Silicon. However, the main part of the standard is sufficiently general to include other technologies. The methods described in Annex A, however, are limited to single junction technologies.

2 Normative references

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

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

ISO 9059, *Solar energy – Calibration of field pyrheliometers by comparison to a reference pyrheliometer*

ISO 9846, *Solar energy – Calibration of a pyranometer using a pyrheliometer*

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 following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE The different reference instruments for the traceability chain of solar irradiance are defined in this Clause. Table 1 lists and compares them with those in use for time. Figure 1 shows schematically the most common traceability chains, based on the methods described in Annex A.

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a device, which implements physically one of the SI units or directly related quantities. They are usually maintained by national metrology institutes (NMIs) or similar organisations entrusted with maintenance of standards for physical quantities. Often referred to also just as the «primary», the physical implementation is selected such that long-term stability, precision