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HD 60364-7-712:2016 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to HD 60364-7-712:2005:

- the scope has been amended to provide explanation for which PV supply systems this Harmonization Document is suitable;
- terms and definitions are updated to the used wording for the technical definitions of PV-Systems;
- safety related requirements are brought in line with the latest editions of Harmonization Documents from the HD 60364-4 series, especially on the protection for safety HD 384.4/HD 60364-4. The respective structure has been adopted;
- calculation principles for the selection of protective devices are provided and brought in line with the product standards for PV modules;
- where HD 60364-4-443 is not appropriate, a method for a risk assessment is introduced;
- to ensure safety of the various operators (maintenance personnel, inspectors, public distribution network operators, emergency aid services, etc.), a warning symbol to indicate the presence of a photovoltaic installation on a building was introduced;
- particular usage of overvoltage devices and their selection is explained;
- Annex B provides calculation methods for $U_{OC\ MAX}$ and $I_{SC\ MAX}$.

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Introduction

For the purpose of this part, the requirements of HD 60364/HD 384 apply.

The Parts 7XX of HD 60364 contain particular requirements for special installations or locations which are based on the requirements of the general parts of HD 60364 (Part 1, Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6). These Parts 7XX have to be considered in conjunction with the requirements of the general parts.

The particular requirements of this part of HD 60364 supplement, modify or replace certain of the requirements of the general parts of HD 60364 being valid at the time of publication of this part.

The absence of reference to the exclusion of a part or a clause of a general part means that the corresponding clauses of the general part are applicable (undated reference).

Requirements of other Parts 7XX being relevant for installations covered by this part also apply. This part may therefore also supplement, modify or replace certain of these requirements valid at the time of publication of this part.

The clause numbering of this part follows the pattern and corresponding references of HD 60364. The numbers following the particular number of this part are those of the corresponding parts, or clauses of HD 60364 being valid at the time of publication of this part as indicated in the normative references of this document (dated reference).

If additional requirements or explanations are needed which have no direct relation to general parts or other Parts 7XX the numbering of such clauses are stated as 712.101, 712.102, 712.103 etc.

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HD 60364-7-712:2016**712 Photovoltaic systems (PV generator)****712.1 Scope**

This section applies to the electrical installation of PV generator intended to supply all or part of an installation and feeding of electricity into the public grid or local distribution.

In this section, the electrical equipment of a PV generator, like any other item of electrical equipment, is dealt with only so far as its selection and application in the installation is concerned.

The electrical installation of a PV generator starts from a PV module or a set of PV modules connected in series with their cables, provided by the PV module manufacturer, up to the user installation or the utility supply point.

Requirements of this document apply to

- PV generators for supply to an installation which is not connected to a system for distribution of electricity to the public,
- PV generators for supply to an installation in parallel with a system for distribution of electricity to the public,
- PV generators for supply to an installation as an alternative to a system for distribution of electricity to the public,
- appropriate combination of the above.

Requirements for PV generators with batteries or other energy storage methods are under consideration.

712.2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CLC/TS 50539-12, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Surge protective devices for specific application including d.c. – Part 12: Selection and application principles – SPDs connected to photovoltaic installations*

EN 50521, *Connectors for photovoltaic systems – Safety requirements and tests*

EN 50539-11, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Surge protective devices for specific application including d.c. – Part 11: Requirements and tests for SPDs in photovoltaic applications*

EN 50618, *Electric cables for photovoltaic systems*

EN 60269-6, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 6: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of solar photovoltaic energy systems* (IEC 60269-6)

EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)* (IEC 60529)

EN 60670 series, *Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories for household and similar fixed electrical installations* (IEC 60670 series)

EN 60898-2, *Electrical accessories – Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations – Part 2: Circuit-breakers for a.c. and d.c. operation* (IEC 60898-2)

EN 60947-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2: Circuit-breakers* (IEC 60947-2)

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