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- a) Modifications in normative references and terms and definitions;
- b) Improvement of declaration of categories for junction boxes in 4.1;
- c) Clarification for ambient temperature in 4.1;
- d) Addition of requirement to provide information concerning RTE/RTI or TI in 4.2;
- e) Reference to IEC 62930 instead of EN 50618 in 4.6;
- f) Addition of "Functional insulation" in Table 1;

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- i) Requirement for approval of RTE/RTI or TI for insulation parts in 4.16.1 and 4.16.2;
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- l) Addition of test voltage for cemented joints in 5.3.6 and 5.3.16;
- m) Addition of detailed description on how to prepare the test sample for the thermal cycle test in 5.3.9.1;
- n) New test procedure for bypass diode thermal test (5.3.18) in accordance with MQT 18.1 of IEC 61215-2:2016;
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JUNCTION BOXES FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND TESTS

1 Scope

This document describes safety requirements, constructional requirements and tests for junction boxes up to 1 500 V DC for use on photovoltaic modules in accordance with class II of IEC 61140:2016.

This document applies also to enclosures mounted on PV-modules containing electronic circuits for converting, controlling, monitoring or similar operations. Additional requirements concerning the relevant operations are applied under consideration of the environmental conditions of the PV-modules. This document does not apply to the electronic circuits of these devices, for which other IEC standards apply.

NOTE For junction boxes in accordance with classes 0 and III of IEC 61140:2016, in photovoltaic-systems, this document can be used as a guideline.

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