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CURRENT-VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

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#### **Foreword**

The text of document 82/433/FDIS, future edition 2 of IEC 60904-1, prepared by IEC TC 82, Solar photovoltaic energy systems, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60904-1 on 2006-10-01.

This European Standard supersedes EN 60904-1:1993.

The main changes with respect to EN 60904-1:1993 are as follows:

- Added object.
- Added normative references.
- Updated original Clause 2 (General Measurement Requirements), removing Figure 1 as it is obsolete.
- Provided more detail and guidance on how to measure in sunlight or simulated sunlight.
- Expanded original Clause 6 (Test Report) with requirements based on ISO 17025.

The following dates were fixed:

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(dop) 2007-07-01

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(dow) 2009-10-01

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# Annex ZA (normative)

# Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	EN/HD	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60891	_1)	Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics of crystalline silicon photovoltaic devices	EN 60891	1994 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-2	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 2: Requirements for reference solar cells	EN 60904-2	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-3	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 3: Measurement principles for terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) solar devices with reference spectral irradiance data	EN 60904-3	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-5	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 5: Determination of the equivalent cell temperature (ECT) of photovoltaic (PV) devices by the open-circuit voltage method	EN 60904-5	1995 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-6	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 6: Requirements for reference solar modules	EN 60904-6	1994 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-7	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 7: Computation of spectral mismatch error introduced in the testing of a photovoltaic device	EN 60904-7	1998 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60904-9	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 9: Solar simulator performance requirements	-	-
IEC 60904-10	_1)	Photovoltaic devices Part 10: Methods of linearity measurement	EN 60904-10	1998 <sup>2)</sup>
ISO/IEC 17025	_1)	General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories	EN ISO/IEC 17025	2005 <sup>2)</sup>

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