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IEC 60068-2-70	-	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Xb: Abrasion of markings and letterings caused by rubbing of fingers and hands	EN 60068-2-70	-
IEC 60068-2-75	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-75: Tests - Test Eh: Hammer tests	EN 60068-2-75	-
IEC 60068-2-78	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state	EN 60068-2-78	-
IEC 60228	-	Conductors of insulated cables	EN 60228	-
IEC 60352-2	-	Solderless connections - Part 2: Crimped connections - General requirements, test methods and practical guidance	EN 60352-2	-
IEC 60512-12-1	-	Connectors for electronic equipment - Tests and measurements - Part 12-1: Soldering tests - Test 12a: Solderability, wetting, solder bath method	EN 60512-12-1	-

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IEC 60664-1	2007	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
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IEC 60695-11-10	-	Fire hazard testing - Part 11-10: Test flames - 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods	EN 60695-11-10	-
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IEC/TR 60943	-	Guidance concerning the permissible temperature rise for parts of electrical equipment, in particular for terminals	-	-
IEC 60947-7-1	-	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment - Terminal blocks for copper conductors	EN 60947-7-1	-
IEC 60998-2-1	-	Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 2-1: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screw-type clamping units	EN 60998-2-1	-
IEC 60998-2-2	-	Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units	EN 60998-2-2	-

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IEC 60999-2	-	Connecting devices - Electrical copper conductors - Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units - Part 2: Particular requirements for clamping units for conductors above 35 mm <sup>2</sup> up to 300 mm <sup>2</sup> (included)	EN 60999-2	-
IEC 61032	-	Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures - Probes for verification	EN 61032	-
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IEC 61730-1	-	Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification - Part 1: Requirements for construction	EN 61730-1	-
IEC 61730-2 (mod)	2004	Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification - Part 2: Requirements for testing	EN 61730-2	2007
IEC 62852	-	Connectors for DC-application in photovoltaic systems - Safety requirements and tests	EN 62852	-
ISO 868	2003	Plastics and ebonite - Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)	EN ISO 868	2003
ISO 4892-2	2013	Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps	EN ISO 4892-2	2013
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### 1 Scope

This International Standard describes safety requirements, constructional requirements and tests for junction boxes up to 1 500 V dc for use on photovoltaic modules according to class II of IEC 61140:2001.

This standard 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 standard does not apply to the electronic circuits of these devices, for which other IEC-standards apply.

NOTE For junction boxes according to classes 0 and III of IEC 61140:2001, in photovoltaic-systems, this standard can be used as a guideline.

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IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

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