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**Part 1: Standard conditions**

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard series establishes IEC requirements for evaluating concentrator PV performance. It is written to be applicable to all concentrator PV technologies that have a geometric concentration ratio greater than 3X and require tracking.

Included in the IEC 62670 series of standards are definitions of the standard conditions and methods to be used for assessing CPV performance.

IEC 62670-1 defines a standard set of conditions so that power ratings noted on data sheets and nameplates will have a standard basis.

IEC 62670-2 describes an on-sun, measurement-based method for determining the energy output and performance ratio for CPV arrays, assemblies and power plants.

IEC 62670-3 describes methods for providing a CPV power assessment under the sets of standard conditions, enabling assessments both indoors and outdoors.

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# PHOTOVOLTAIC CONCENTRATORS (CPV) – PERFORMANCE TESTING –

## Part 1: Standard conditions

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62670 defines standard conditions for assessing the power produced by CPV systems and their photovoltaic subcomponents. The object of this part of IEC 62670 is to define a consistent set of conditions so that power ratings noted on data sheets and nameplates will have a standard basis. Two sets of conditions are included to characterize:

- a) operating conditions that represent on-sun performance relative to commonly measured meteorological conditions, and
- b) test conditions that represent performance when the module is in a readily reproducible environment.

### 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.

IEC 60904-3, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 3: Measurement principles for terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) solar devices with reference spectral irradiance data*

### 3 Standard conditions

Any power rating shall indicate the standard conditions used.

- a) CSOC (concentrator standard operating conditions)
  - Irradiance:  $900 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  direct normal irradiance.
  - Temperature:  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ambient temperature.
  - Wind speed:  $2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .
  - Spectrum: Direct normal AM1.5 spectral irradiance distribution consistent with conditions described in IEC 60904-3.
- b) CSTC (concentrator standard test conditions)
  - Irradiance:  $1\,000 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  direct normal irradiance.
  - Temperature:  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  cell temperature.
  - Spectrum: Direct normal AM1.5 spectral irradiance distribution consistent with conditions described in IEC 60904-3.

DNI (direct normal irradiance) is to be corrected for angle of incidence for devices using single-axis tracking.

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