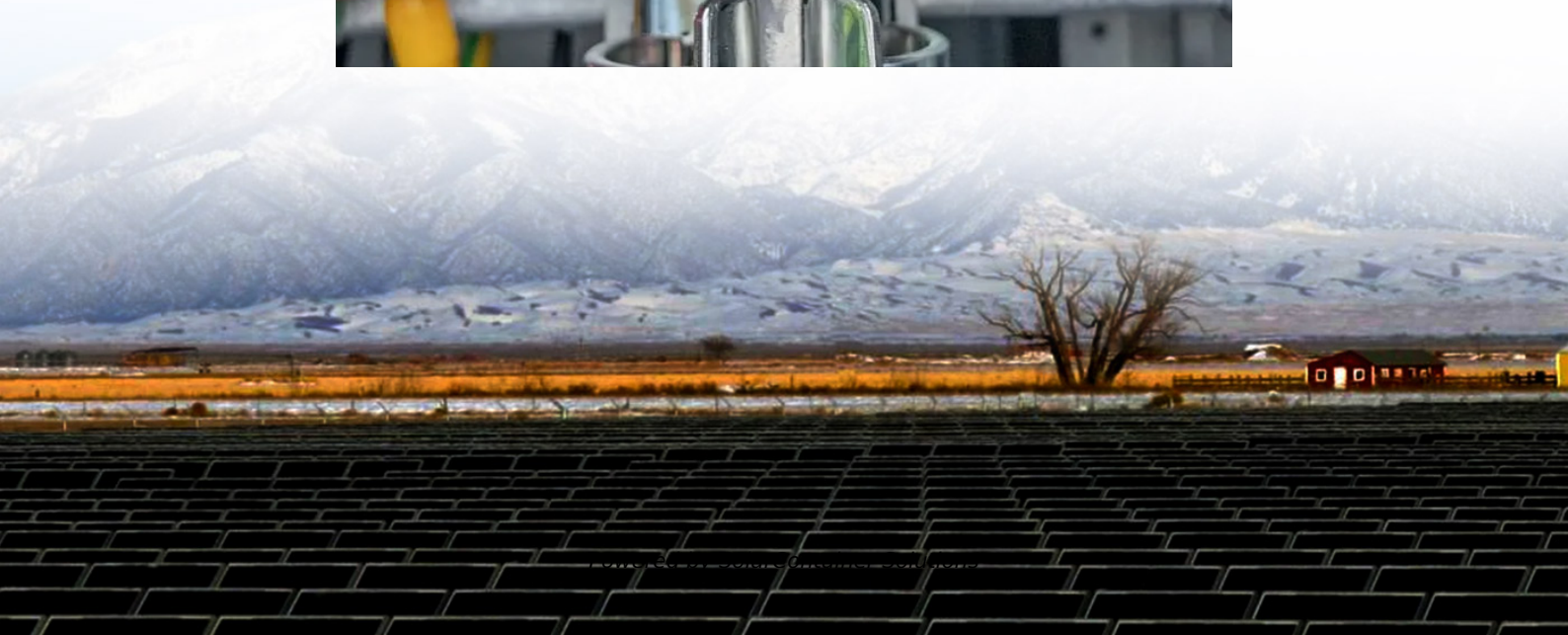


# Photovoltaic thin film module industry standards





## Overview

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A special certification for Concentrator PV (CPV) modules is necessary because the high concentration of the solar irradiance through lenses or mirrors causes higher stress on the equipment. The IEC 62108 standard specifies the criteria for the design qualification and type approval of concentrator photovoltaic.

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) certifications are widely recognized quality standard certifications throughout the solar.

The IEC 61215 covers the parameters which are responsible for the ageing of PV modules. This includes all forces of nature: 1. Sunlight incl. UV. 2. Climate (changing of climate, coldness, warmth, humidity). 3. Mechanical load (hail, wind suction, wind pressure, snow).

Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification, which was later issued as the European standard EN 61730 (almost similar). The IEC /.

The IEC 61646 certification is for Thin-Film PV modules and is in many aspects identical to the international standard IEC 61215 for crystalline modules. An additional test takes the degradation behavior of amorphous silicon due to temperature and.

Comprised of leading industrial and governmental experts from 40 countries, IEC TC 82 International Standards cover terms and symbols, PV module testing, design qualification and type approval of crystalline silicon, compound semiconductors and thin-film modules and characteristic parameters of grid-connected systems and stand-alone systems, among other elements. Why are international standards important in the photovoltaic industry?

**ABSTRACT:** International standards play an important role in the Photovoltaic industry. Since PV is such a global industry it is critical that PV products be measured and qualified the same way everywhere in the world. IEC TC82 has developed and published a number of module and component measurement and qualification standards.

Can amorphous silicon technology be applied to other thin-film PV modules?

It is written with amorphous silicon technology in mind, but may also be



applicable to other thin-film PV modules. Modifications to this test sequence may be necessary due to the specific characteristics of these other new technologies.

What are the major IEC PV module certifications?

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Do thin-film modules need a wet leakage current test?

For thin-film technologies other than amorphous silicon, pretreatments such as light-soaking and annealing may differ or may prove unnecessary. A wet leakage current test has been added because all types of thin-film modules are susceptible to moisture-induced corrosion.

Why is PV module manufacturing important?

PV module manufacturing has become a vital component of the global energy market as demand for clean, renewable energy continues to grow. As more players enter the renewable energy space, competition rises. In this increasingly competitive market, it is crucial to meet the standards and certification requirements for a solar manufacturer.



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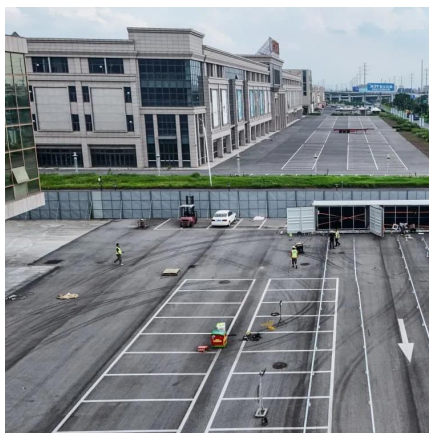
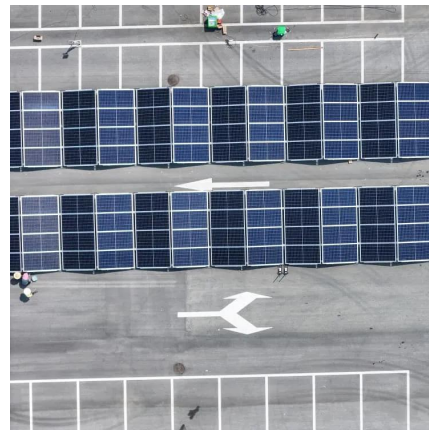
In the latest editions, these measurement standards have been modified to incorporate





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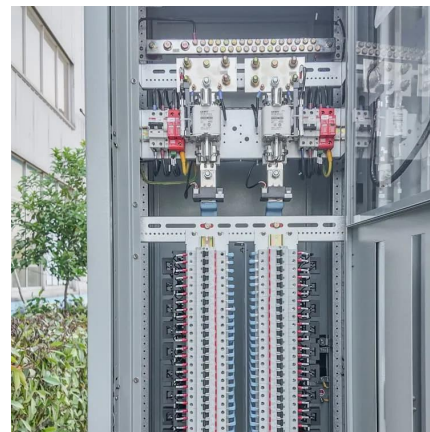
MNRE divides CdTe thin-film modules into three categories: utility or grid-scale power plants, rooftop and solar pumping, and solar lighting.

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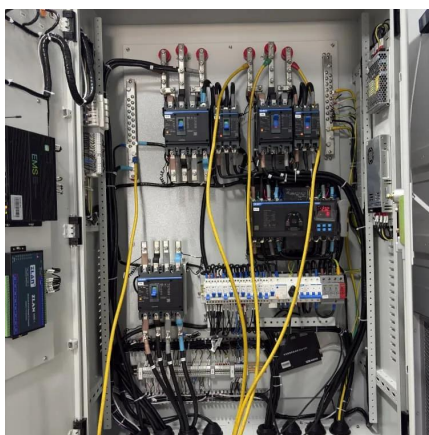




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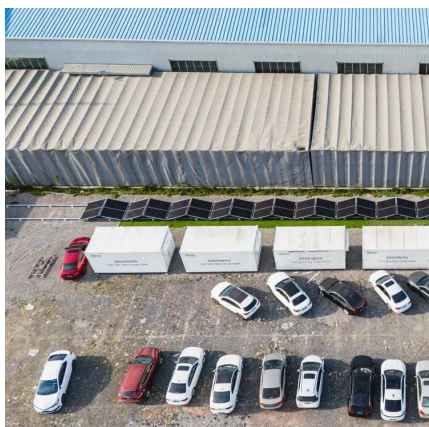
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