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1 Domaine d'application

Le présent document décrit les exigences de sécurité, les exigences de construction et les essais relatifs aux boîtes de jonction jusqu'à 1 500 V en courant continu utilisées sur des modules photovoltaïques conformes à la classe II de l'IEC 61140:2016.

Le présent document s'applique également aux enveloppes montées sur des modules photovoltaïques comportant des circuits électroniques pour la conversion, le contrôle, la surveillance ou opérations similaires. Des exigences supplémentaires concernant les opérations correspondantes sont appliquées en considérant les conditions d'environnement des modules photovoltaïques. Le présent document ne s'applique pas aux circuits électroniques de ces dispositifs pour lesquels d'autres normes IEC s'appliquent.

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