



Photovoltaic tester **IV 600** is a multifunction **I-V curve tracer** meeting IEC/EN60891. **IV 600** tests performance and functionality of **single face** and **bifacial** modules in PV systems.

#### **IV 600: I-V curve tracing (performance/acceptance test)**

IV 600 verifies the performance of PV strings in accordance with IEC/EN60891 by **tracing the I-V curve up to 1,500V and 40A**. Through the solar radiation and PV module temperature measurements (main unit wirelessly connected and/or synchronized to the remote unit SOLAR03), IV 600 extrapolates curves to the STC (Standard Test Conditions: 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25°C, AM 1.5) and compares them to the nominal values provided by the module manufacturer. The wide internal database already stores more than **40,000** modules, more modules can be added. Finally, IV 600 provides a positive or negative outcome (OK/NO).

#### **IV 600: Functionality checks**

IV 600 verifies the functionality of PV strings in accordance with IEC/EN62446 by measuring the open circuit voltage and short-circuit current under operating conditions **up to 1,500V and 40A**. According to the requirements of IEC/EN62446, IV 600 displays measures as well as their comparison to the previously tested PV strings. Through the solar radiation and PV module temperature measurements (main unit wirelessly connected and/or synchronized to the remote unit SOLAR03), IV 600 extrapolates measures to the STC (Standard Test Conditions: 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25°C, AM 1.5) and compares them to the nominal values provided by the module manufacturer. The wide internal database already stores more than **40,000** modules, more modules can be added. Finally, IV 600 provides a positive or negative outcome (OK/NO).

#### **IV 600: A green solution that never runs out of battery**

To minimize battery consumption and allow battery recharging under any condition, IV 600 includes a revolutionary, **patent pending BMS (Battery Management System)** that automatically recovers energy from the test procedure to recharge the batteries. In addition, IV 600 is powered by the PV module/string under test that also recharges the instrument's batteries to never run out of power.

## **1. GENERAL FEATURES**

| <b>Feature</b>                                                                                                                   |                               | <b>Note</b>                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ratings                                                                                                                          |                               | CAT III 1500VDC             |
| PV module type - all most common types of photovoltaic module                                                                    | • Single face                 | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Bifacial                    | ✓                           |
| I-V curve – voltage range                                                                                                        |                               | 15V – 1500V DC              |
| I-V curve – current range                                                                                                        |                               | 0.1A – 40A DC               |
| DMM (input voltages)                                                                                                             |                               | ✓                           |
| Wireless environmental parameters measurement (free field; max 100m, bluetooth connection with SOLAR03 required)                 | • Irradiance                  | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Module temperature          | ✓                           |
| Commissioning tests @ OPC (OPerating Conditions)                                                                                 | • Open circuit voltage (Voc)  | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Short circuit current (Isc) | ✓                           |
| Commissioning tests @ STC (Standard Test Conditions) (free field; max 100m, bluetooth connection with SOLAR03 required)          | • Open circuit voltage (Voc)  | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Short circuit current (Isc) | ✓                           |
| Performance/Acceptance tests @ OPC (OPerating Conditions) – I-V curve:                                                           |                               | ✓                           |
| Performance/Acceptance tests @ STC (Standard Test Conditions) (free field; max 100m, bluetooth connection with SOLAR03 required) | • I-V curve                   | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Outcome (OK/NO)             | ✓                           |
| PV module datasheet data base                                                                                                    |                               | > 40,000 internal           |
| Memory                                                                                                                           |                               | 9999 Test                   |
| Data transfer / Communication port                                                                                               |                               | USB-C and WiFi              |
| Touch screen colour graphic LCD                                                                                                  |                               | 800 x 600 pxl               |
| Help on line                                                                                                                     |                               | ✓                           |
| Buzzer                                                                                                                           |                               | ✓                           |
| Power supply                                                                                                                     | • Internal batteries          | ✓ <b>with BMS</b>           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • Instrument inputs           | ✓ <b>with BMS</b>           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • External power supply       | ✓                           |
| Batteries                                                                                                                        | • 8 x 1.5V alkaline AA        | ✓                           |
|                                                                                                                                  | • 8 x 1.2V rechargeable AA    | ✓                           |
| Temperature range                                                                                                                |                               | -10°C – +50°C               |
| Waterproof                                                                                                                       |                               | IP67 (closed) – IP40 (open) |



## 2. ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Accuracy is calculated as  $\pm [\% \text{ readings} + (\text{no. of digits}) * \text{resolution}]$  at  $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity <80%HR

### 2.1. DMM

#### DC Voltage

| Range (V) | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty                             |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3 ÷ 1500  | 1              | $\pm (1.0\% \text{rdg} + 2 \text{dgt})$ |

#### AC TRMS Voltage

| Range (V) | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty                             |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3 ÷ 1000  | 1              | $\pm (1.0\% \text{rdg} + 3 \text{dgt})$ |

Frequency range: 42.5 ÷ 69Hz ; Voltages zeroed for measured value <3V

### 2.2. FUNCTIONAL TEST

#### IV CHECK - DC Voltage @ OPC

| Range (V)    | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty                             |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3.0 ÷ 1500.0 | 0.1            | $\pm (0.2\% \text{rdg} + 2 \text{dgt})$ |

Minimum VPN voltage to start the test: 15V

#### IV CHECK - DC Current @ OPC

| Range (A)    | Resolution (A) | Uncertainty                             |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 0.10 ÷ 40.00 | 0.01           | $\pm (0.2\% \text{rdg} + 2 \text{dgt})$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF

#### IV CHECK - DC Voltage @ STC

| Range (V)    | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty                             |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3.0 ÷ 1500.0 | 0.1            | $\pm (4.0\% \text{rdg} + 2 \text{dgt})$ |

#### IV CHECK - DC Current @ STC

| Range (A)    | Resolution (A) | Uncertainty                             |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 0.10 ÷ 40.00 | 0.01           | $\pm (4.0\% \text{rdg} + 2 \text{dgt})$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF



## 2.3. PERFORMANCE TEST

### IV TEST- DC Voltage @ OPC

| Range (V)    | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty          |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 3.0 ÷ 1500.0 | 0.1            | $\pm(0.2\%rdg+2dgt)$ |

Minimum VPN voltage to start the test: 15V

### IV TEST - DC Current @ OPC

| Range (A)    | Resolution (A) | Uncertainty          |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 0.10 ÷ 40.00 | 0.01           | $\pm(0.2\%rdg+2dgt)$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF

### IV TEST - DC Voltage @ STC

| Range (V)    | Resolution (V) | Uncertainty          |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 3.0 ÷ 1500.0 | 0.1            | $\pm(4.0\%rdg+2dgt)$ |

### IV TEST - DC Current @ STC

| Range (A)    | Resolution (A) | Uncertainty          |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 0.10 ÷ 40.00 | 0.01           | $\pm(4.0\%rdg+2dgt)$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF

### IV TEST - DC Power @ OPC

| Range (W)       | Resolution (W) | Uncertainty          |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 50 ÷ 9999       | 1              | $\pm(1.0\%rdg+6dgt)$ |
| 10.00k ÷ 99.99k | 0.01k          | $\pm(1.0\%rdg+6dgt)$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF

### IV TEST - DC Power @ STC (ref. to 1 PV module)

| Range (W) | Resolution (W) | Uncertainty          |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 50 ÷ 9999 | 1              | $\pm(4.0\%rdg+2dgt)$ |

PV module stray capacitance: max 30uF

### PV module type

All most common types of photovoltaic module, single face as well as **bifacial**



### 3. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

**DISPLAY AND MEMORY:**

|                                  |                                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Features:                        | Color graphic touch screen LCD 800x600 |
| Memory:                          | max 9999 test, 3 levels of marker      |
| Internal Data Base of PV module: | > 40,000                               |

**POWER SUPPLY:**

|                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Internal:                                                                                                                                                                             | 8x1.5V type AA alkaline or<br>8x1.2V type AA NiMH rechargeable battery                  |
| External:                                                                                                                                                                             | PV inputs (Vmin 40V)<br>Power supply adapter A0061 (100-415V, CAT IV 300, CAT III 600V) |
| Battery life:                                                                                                                                                                         | IV and IVCK: >1,000 tests                                                               |
| IV 600 battery life is also extended by BMS ( <b>Battery Management System – patent pending</b> ) that recovers energy absorbed while tracing the IV curve to recharge the batteries. |                                                                                         |

**OUTPUT INTERFACE**

|                         |                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| PC communication:       | USB Type C and WiFi                                       |
| SOLAR-03 communication: | BT communication (max distance 100m – outdoor free field) |

**MECHANICAL FEATURES**

|                              |                                          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Dimensions (L x W x H):      | 335 x 289 x 155mm; (13.1 x 11.4 x 6.1in) |
| Weight (batteries included): | 6kg; (212 ounces)                        |
| Mechanical protection:       | IP67 (case closed), IP40 (open)          |

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reference temperature:       | 23°C ± 5°C ; (73°F ± 41°F)    |
| Operating temperature:       | -10°C ÷ 50°C ; (14°F ÷ 122°F) |
| Allowable relative humidity: | <80%RH                        |
| Storage temperature:         | -20°C ÷ 60°C ; (-4°F ÷ 140°F) |
| Storage humidity:            | <80%RH                        |
| Max. operating altitude:     | 2000m (6562ft)                |

**GENERAL REFERENCE STANDARDS:**

|                                    |                                                      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Safety:                            | IEC/EN61010-1, 61010-2-030                           |
| EMC:                               | IEC/EN61326-1                                        |
| Safety of measurement accessories: | IEC/EN61010-031                                      |
| Measurements:                      | IEC 60891, IEC/EN62446-1 (PV performance, IVCK)      |
| Technical documentation:           | IEC EN 61187                                         |
| Insulation:                        | double insulation                                    |
| Pollution degree:                  | 2                                                    |
| Overvoltage category:              | CAT III 1500V to ground,<br>Max 1500VDC among inputs |
| Max. operating altitude:           | 2000m (6562ft)                                       |

**This instrument satisfies the requirements of Directives:**  
**RED: Directive 2014/53/EU, LVD: Directive 2014/35/EU, EMCD: Directive 2014/30/EU**  
**RoHS: Directive 2011/65/EU, WEEE: Directive 2012/19/EU**