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Fire resistance rating of outdoor inverters





Overview

Low Voltage Directive (LVD 2014/35/EU): Using EN 62109-1/-2 as the core evaluation criteria, outdoor inverters must meet IP65 protection ratings, all accessible metal parts must pass a 4kV surge test, and fire resistance must pass an 850°C glow-wire test. Why do premium inverters have a fire safety function?

This is a function of monitoring the DC cabling system and the earthing outside the inverter. This is an additional non-standard fire safety function of premium inverters and is there to detect inadequate installation of DC cabling and/or new faults that occur over time.

Can a solar PV inverter cause a fire?

If you install inverters with no DC isolation or Arc detection/Management built-in, you probably have NO fire protection or preventive management system for the biggest root cause of Solar PV fires. A DC fault that could cause a fire should be detectable months in advance if it is a DC cabling weakness.

Are rooftop PV systems safe?

Rumours about burning houses that can't be extinguished or firefighters who do not attack a fire if PV is involved put rooftop PV systems in a light they do not deserve. In fact, PV systems are of a very high safety level concerning preventative fire protection as well as operational safety and security in case of a fire.

Are PV modules fire rated?

Since at the international level fire rating classifications of PV modules or panels have not been agreed, the 2016 version of the 61,730-2 standard states that PV modules mounted in or on buildings should comply with national building and construction regulations and the related requirements .



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