

CEA I PV MAGAZINE TEST PROGRAM TEST REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

As part of CEA's engagement in developing and supervising PV Magazine's test program at Gsola, CEA has developed a testing protocol and flowchart, a scoring system, a methodology and a reporting structure that it will be used to run this program. This report presents the test results and scoring grades for this product.

2. SCORING SYSTEM

2.1. Test flowchart and protocol

The following is a high-level flowchart of the testing procedure, describing the steps, and tests to be followed. Detailed checklists have been delivered to Gsola, that will also serve as records of the process.



2.2. Scoring methodology

For every product, 5 samples have been shipped to Gsola's lab to conduct the tests and inspections according to the above flowchart.

The following table desc	ribes the inspections an	d tests that have b	peen applied on all	products:

	Test/inspection	# of samples	Method	Values	Average grade weight	Grades
1	Visual inspection	5	Inspection	RPN Scores	10%	1-100
2	EL image inspection	5	Inspection	RPN Scores	10%	1-100
3	Low irradiance efficiency loss	1	Test	%	25%	1-100
4	Pmax Temperature coefficient	1	Test	%/°C	25%	1-100
5	PID loss	1	Test	%	30%	1-100
6	LID loss (optional)	1	Test	%	NA	1-100
	Outdoor installation (under		Energy Yield		NA	Under
7	deployment)	1	Monitoring	NA		development

Notes:

- 1. The RPN scoring method has been developed by CEA and is used to evaluate, and create risk scores of Visual and EL defects.
- 2. The weights are used to calculate the average grade for tests 1-5.

A number within the 1-100 range will be used to grade the results, so that the overall ranking of the products will reflect general industry practices and requirements:

	Grade range:	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	0
	Visual inspection	_										
1	(RPN scores)	0	0.74	2.20	4.39	7.30	10.94	15.30	20.39	26.20	32.74	≥ 40
	EL image (RPN											
2	scores)	0.00	2.03	4.62	7.75	11.43	15.65	20.43	25.75	31.62	38.03	≥ 45.00
3	Low irradiance loss	≤ -2.00%	-0.02%	1.78%	3.41%	4.87%	6.16%	7.27%	8.21%	8.98%	9.58%	≥ 10.00%
	Pmax Temp.											
4	coefficient	≥ -0.300%	-0.343%	-0.382%	-0.417%	-0.448%	-0.475%	-0.498%	-0.517%	-0.532%	-0.543%	≤ -0.550%
5	PID loss	≤ 0.0%	0.7%	1.6%	2.7%	4.0%	5.5%	7.2%	9.1%	11.2%	13.5%	≥ 16.0%
6	LID loss (optional)	≤ -0.50%	0.35%	1.20%	2.05%	2.90%	3.75%	4.60%	5.45%	6.30%	7.15%	≥ 8.00%

Notes:

- 1. The Visual and EL Inspection RPN scores will be divided by the number of samples, to normalize the score, as the total number of samples may vary.
- 2. The correspondence of the scores/test results to the grades follows a binomial or linear relationship, anchored to certain key values that are generally accepted and employed in the PV industry. For example, a PID loss of 5%, which is the pass/fail threshold of the related IEC standard, will give a grade close to 50. In this sense, grades below 50 indicate a product performance that is below a generally acceptable threshold.

The above grading ranges are preliminary, and will be adjusted as the testing program develops, in order to better reflect the products standing per industry standards.

3. TEST RESULTS

The below tables and charts show the scoring of the tested product.

A sample lot consists of 5 modules, one of which has been used as a spare for the chamber and outdoor testing, in case a module is accidentally damaged during handling at the lab.

The following samples were received:

Sample #	Serial Number	Product code
1	17BM6K6041019012	JAM60S01-300/PR
2	17BM6K6041018089	JAM60S01-300/PR
3	17BM6K6041019011	JAM60S01-300/PR
4	17BM6K6041019015	JAM60S01-300/PR
5	17BM6K6041019000	JAM60S01-300/PR

3.1. Visual inspection

All 5 modules of each product sample lot have undergone visual inspection, according to CEA's quality criteria for visual inspection, and any defect found has been scored according to CEA's scoring system. The scoring system is a modified version of CEA's proprietary RPN (risk priority number) system, based on the formula RPN score = Severity x Detectability.

The following table shows the Visual Inspection results, normalized for the number of tested modules:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Score	Grade
Visual inspection	None	None	None	None	None	None	100

3.2. EL image Inspection

The same sample lot was inspected for EL defects.

This table shows the EL inspection results normalized for the number of tested modules:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Score	Grade
EL image inspection	H8	H8	H8	H2, H8	H8	20.6	40

Pictures of the defects:

Defect type	Sample	Defect description	Image
H8/Minor	Sample 1	Wafer pollution	
H8/Minor	Sample 2	Wafer pollution	
H8/Minor	Sample 3	Wafer pollution	

H8/Minor	Sample 4	Wafer pollution	
H2/Major	Sample 4	Microcrack	
H8/Minor	Sample 5	Wafer pollution	



3.3. Low irradiance efficiency loss

The table below depicts the low irradiance efficiency test results:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Low irradiance efficiency loss (%)		2.70%				74

The efficiency loss is calculated by the formula:

Efficiency loss = 1- [(Pmax at low irradiance conditions / Pmax at STC) * (1,000/200)]



3.4. Pmax temperature coefficient

The table below depicts the Pmax temperature coefficient test results:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Pmax Temperature coefficient (%/°C)			-0.43%		-	66



3.5. PID loss

The table below depicts the PID loss test results:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
PID loss (%)		1.95%				77



3.6. LID loss

The table below depicts the LID loss test results:

JAM60S01-300/PR	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
LID loss (%)	1.08 %					86

Test grades					
100		86			
80					
60					
40					
20					
0					
		LID loss (optional)			
		JAM60S01-300/PR			
		JA Solar			

3.7. Comparison charts and average grade



NOTE: The Average grade does NOT include the LID test, as it is optional and not performed for all products.

