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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.

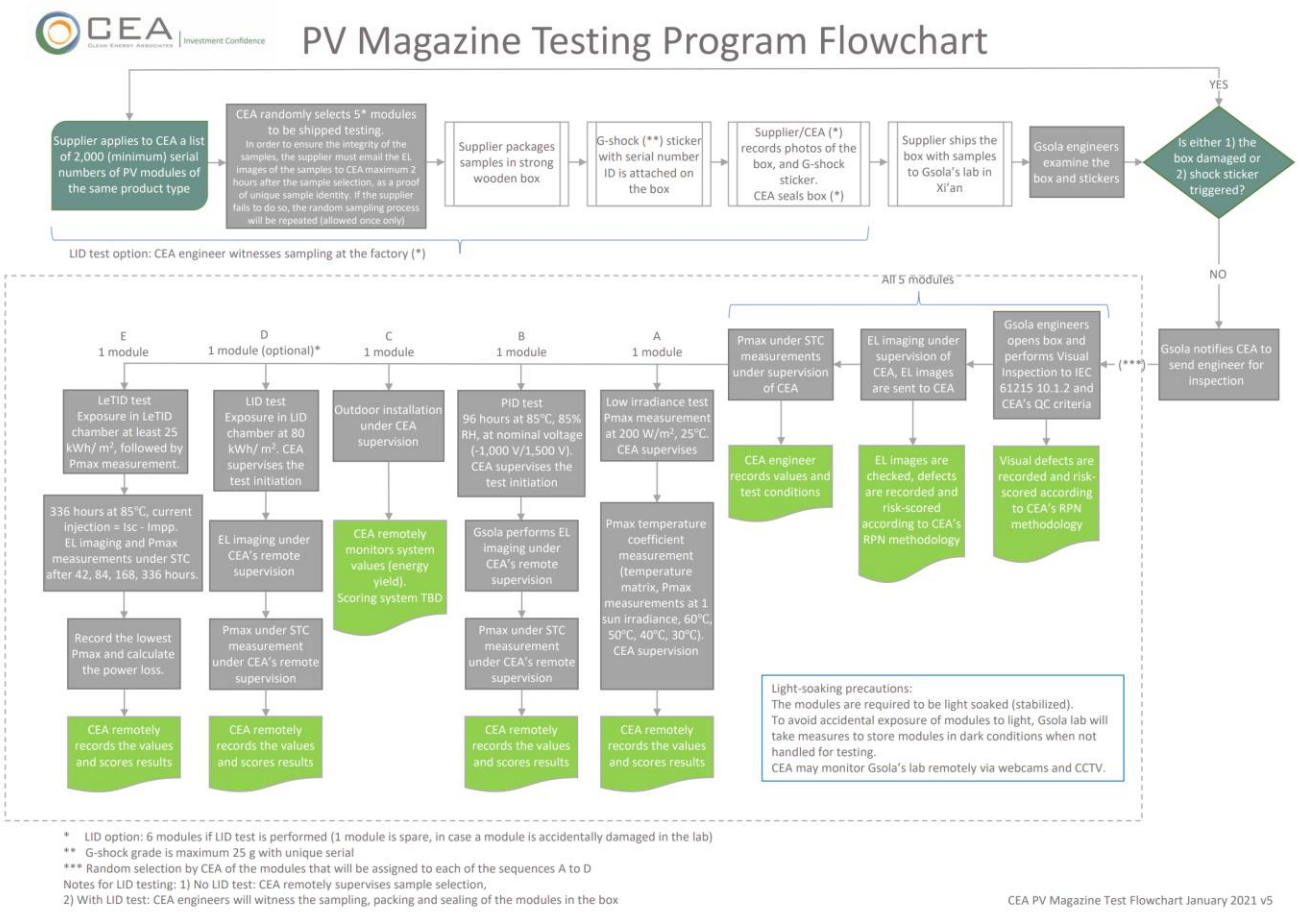


Figure 1 Test flowchart

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 describes the inspections and tests that have been applied on all products:

Table 1 Test/inspection grading system overview

	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
7	LeTID	1	Test	%	NA	1-100
8	Outdoor installation and yield measurement	1	Energy Yield Monitoring	Periodic kWh/kWp	NA	NA

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:

Table 2 Detailed scoring system

	Grade range:	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	0
1	Visual inspection (RPN scores)	0	0.74	2.20	4.39	7.30	10.94	15.30	20.39	26.20	32.74	≥ 40
2	EL image (RPN 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%
4	Pmax Temp. 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%
7	LeTID	≤ 0%	0.30%	0.60%	0.90%	1.20%	1.50%	1.80%	2.10%	2.40%	2.70%	≥ 3.00%

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 scoring system shown in Table 2 is preliminary, and will be adjusted as the testing program develops, in order to better reflect the products standing per industry standards.

2.3. Selection methodology

We follow three testing sample selection methods:

1: Sample randomly selected by CEA from a large production lot

2: Sample purchased from the market by CEA

3: Sample provided by supplier, without random selection

The CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580 testing samples were selected according to method 3.

3. TEST DETAILS

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. Refer to Table 3 and Table 4 for test sample and product information.

Table 3 Test sample information

Sample #	Serial number
1	A212260641E700000259
2	A212260641E700000258
3	A212260641E700000278
4	A212260641E700000254
5	A212260641E700000263

Table 4 Product information

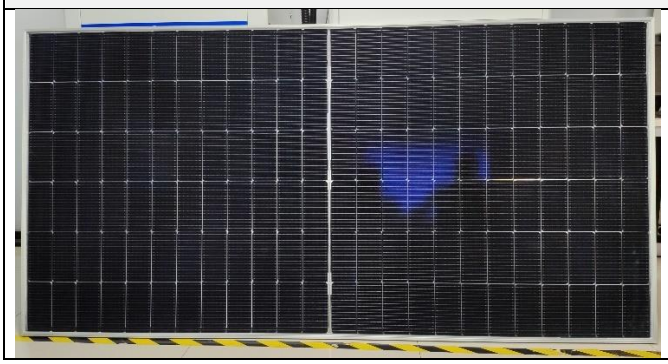
Model	CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580
Cell technology	TOPCon
Cell number	144
Cell format	182x182 mm
Number of busbars	11
Junction box	IP68, 3 bypass diodes
Laminate construction	Glass
Bifaciality ratio	/

Figure 2 Product nameplate

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. The defects found has been evaluated 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.

Table 5 Product picture

Front Side	Rear Side
	

The following table shows the visual inspection results, normalized for the number of tested modules:

Table 6 Visual inspection results

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Score	Grade
Visual inspection	None	None	None	None	None	0	100

3.2. EL image Inspection

The same sample lot was inspected for EL defects.
Table 7 shows the EL inspection results normalized for the number of tested modules. Visual and EL inspection scores are shown below in Figure 3.

Table 7 EL image inspection results

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Score	Grade
EL image inspection	None	None	None	None	None	0	100

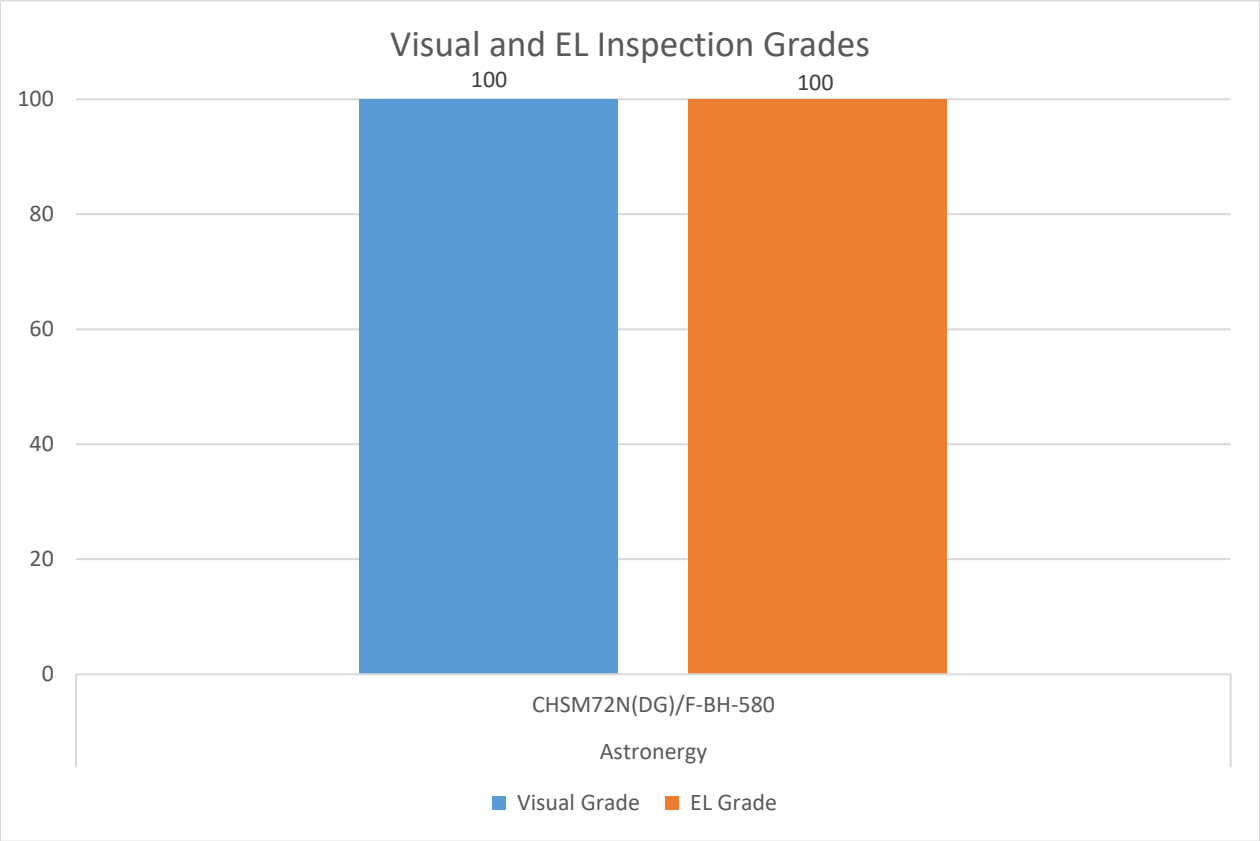


Figure 3 Visual and EL inspection results

3.3. Low irradiance efficiency loss test

The efficiency loss is calculated by the following formula:

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

Table 8 and Figure 4 show the low irradiance efficiency test results for the front side.

Table 8 Low irradiance test results

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Front side low irradiance efficiency loss (%)	4.47%					63

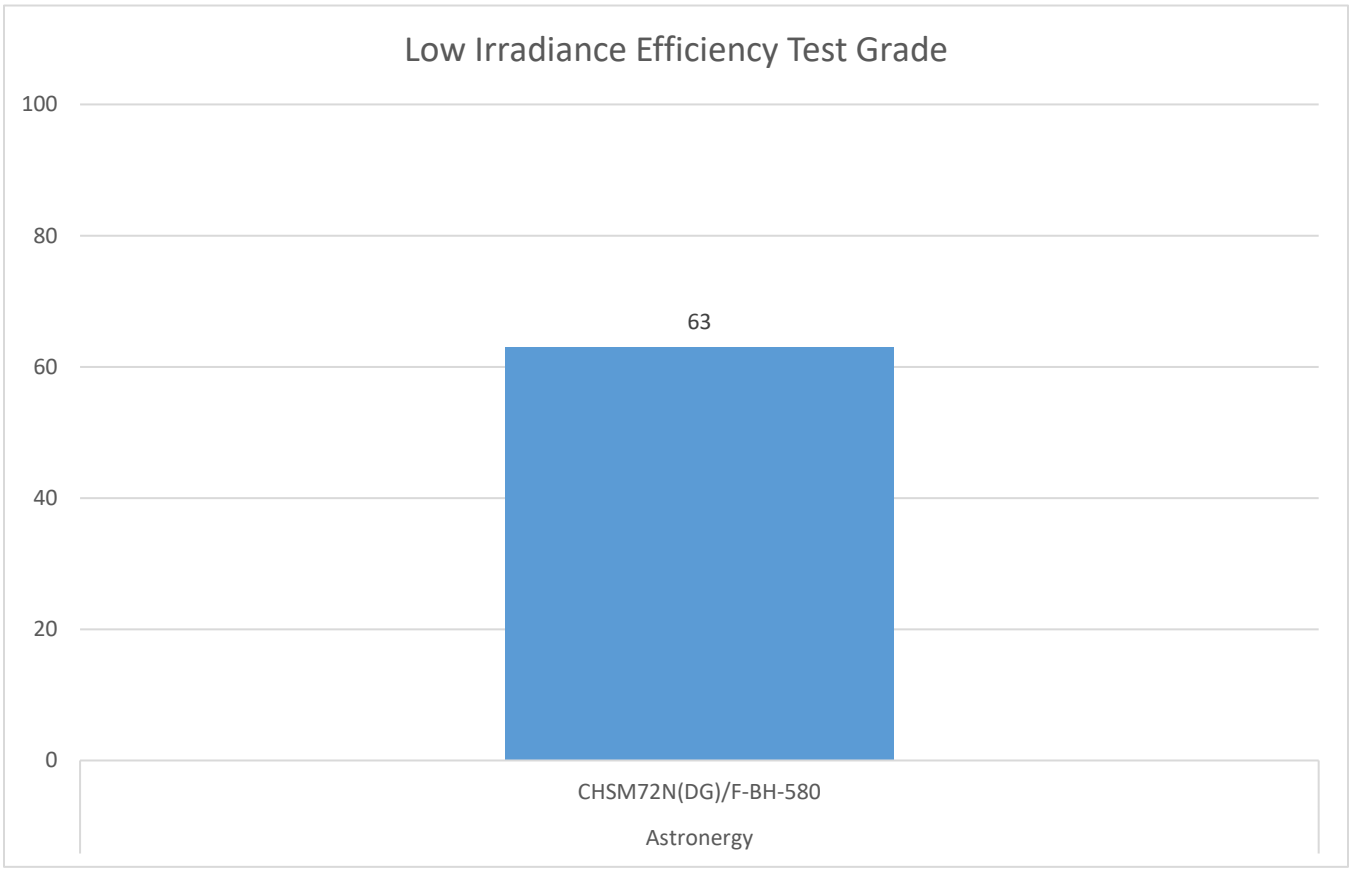


Figure 4 Low irradiance test result

3.4. Pmax temperature coefficient test

Table 9 and Figure 5 depict the Pmax temperature coefficient test results.

Table 9 Pmax temperature coefficient test result

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Pmax Temperature coefficient (%/°C)	-0.285%					103

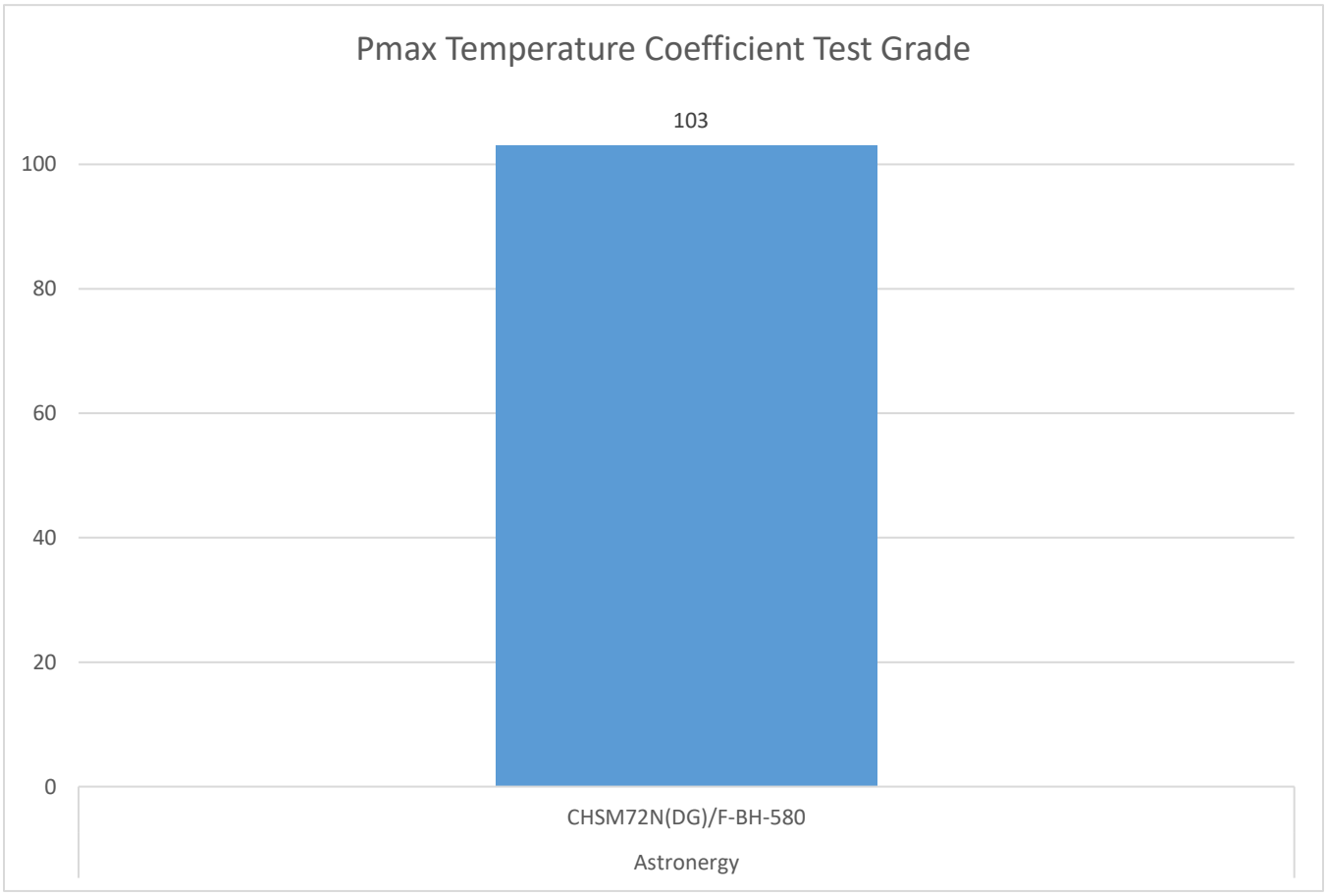


Figure 5 Pmax temperature coefficient test result

3.5. PID loss test

Table 10 and Figure 6 depicts the PID loss test results for the front side at **1500 V**:

Table 10 PID loss test result

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Front side PID loss (%)		0.95%				87

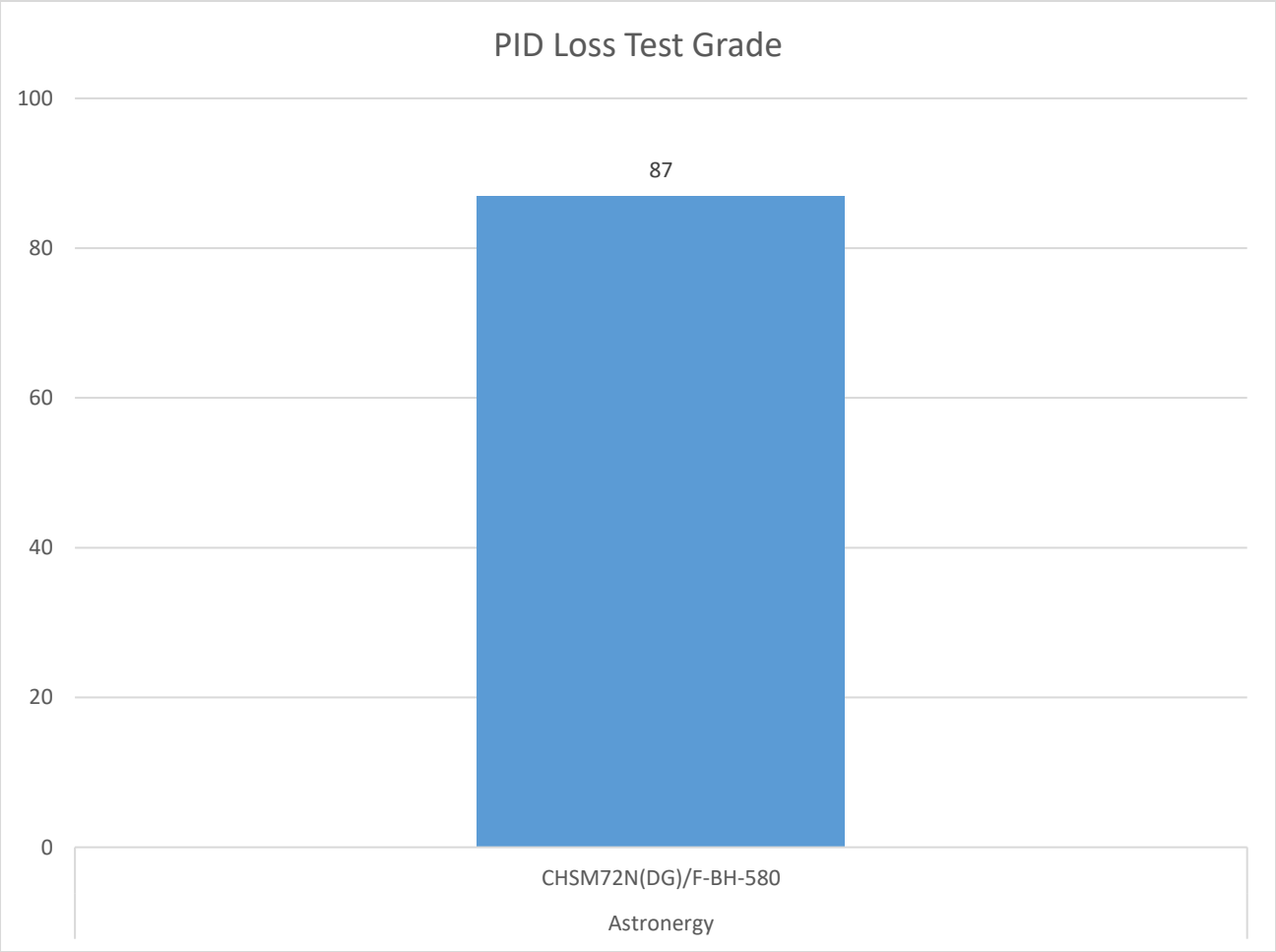


Figure 6 PID loss test result

3.6. LID loss test

Table 11 and Figure 7 depicts the LID loss test results for the front side:

Table 11 LID loss test result

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Front side LID loss (%)				0.39%		90

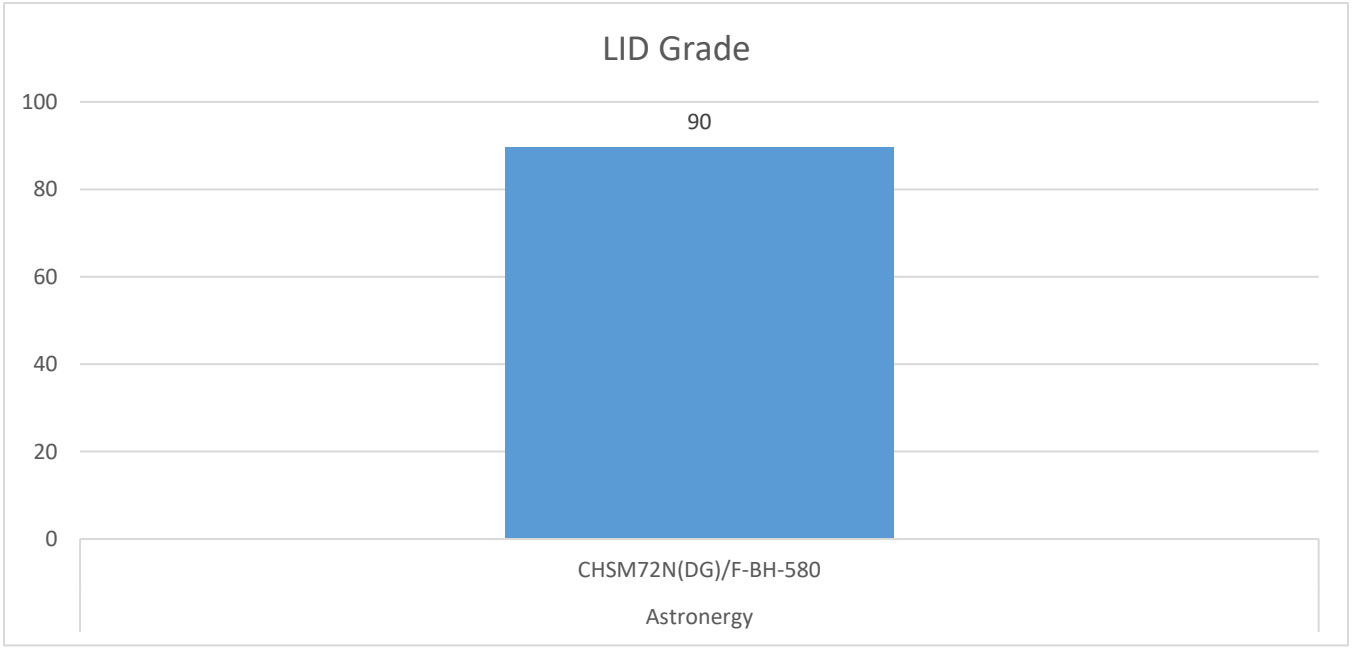


Figure 7 LID loss test result

3.7. LeTID loss test

Table 12 and Figure 8 depicts the LeTID loss test results:

Table 12 LeTID loss test result

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Grade
Front side LeTID loss (%)						

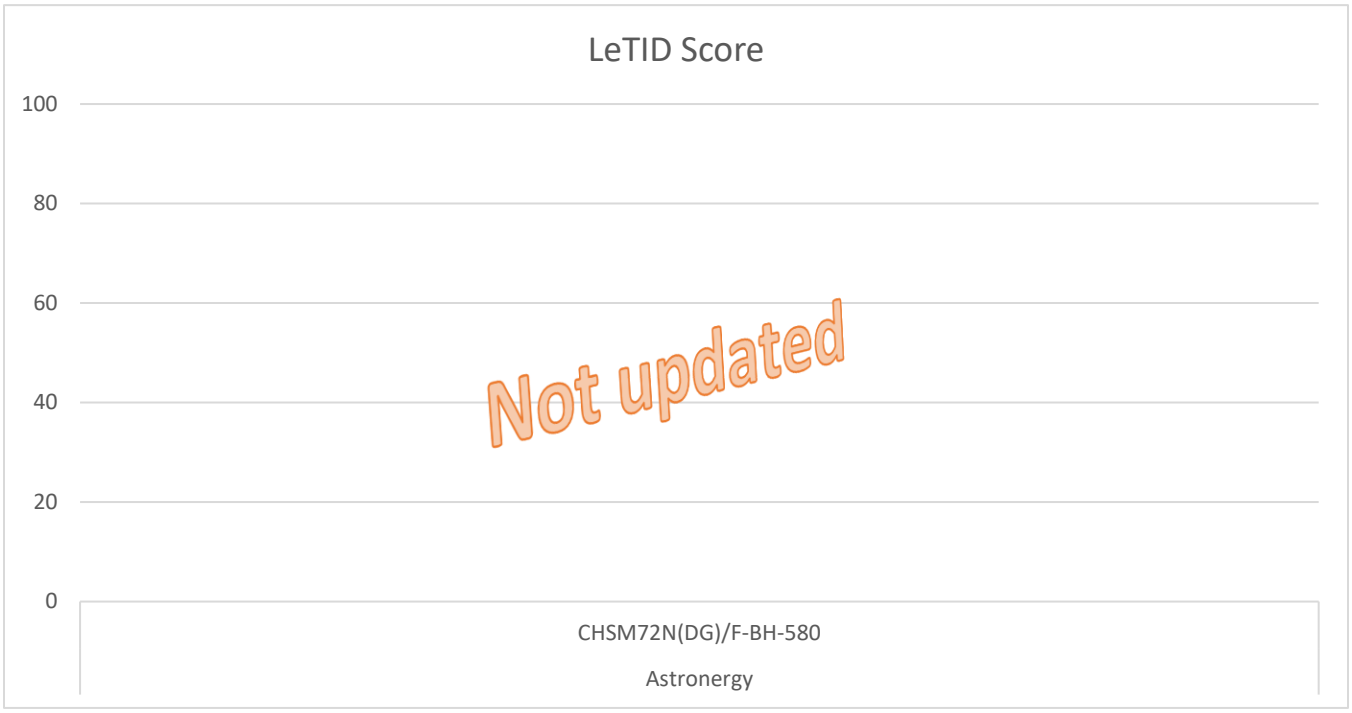


Figure 8 LeTID loss test result

3.8. Bifaciality ratio

The bifaciality ratio test result is not graded. We list the results here for informational purposes. The table below shows the bifaciality ratio results:

Table 13 Bifaciality ratio test results

CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Average
Bifaciality ratio (%)	74.87%	75.31%	75.32%	75.08%	75.31%	75.18%

The bifaciality ratio is calculated from the following formula:

Bifaciality ratio = (Pmax rear surface / Pmax front surface) * 100%

3.9. Score overview

Figure 9 shows the overview of the test scores. Figure 10 shows the average score.

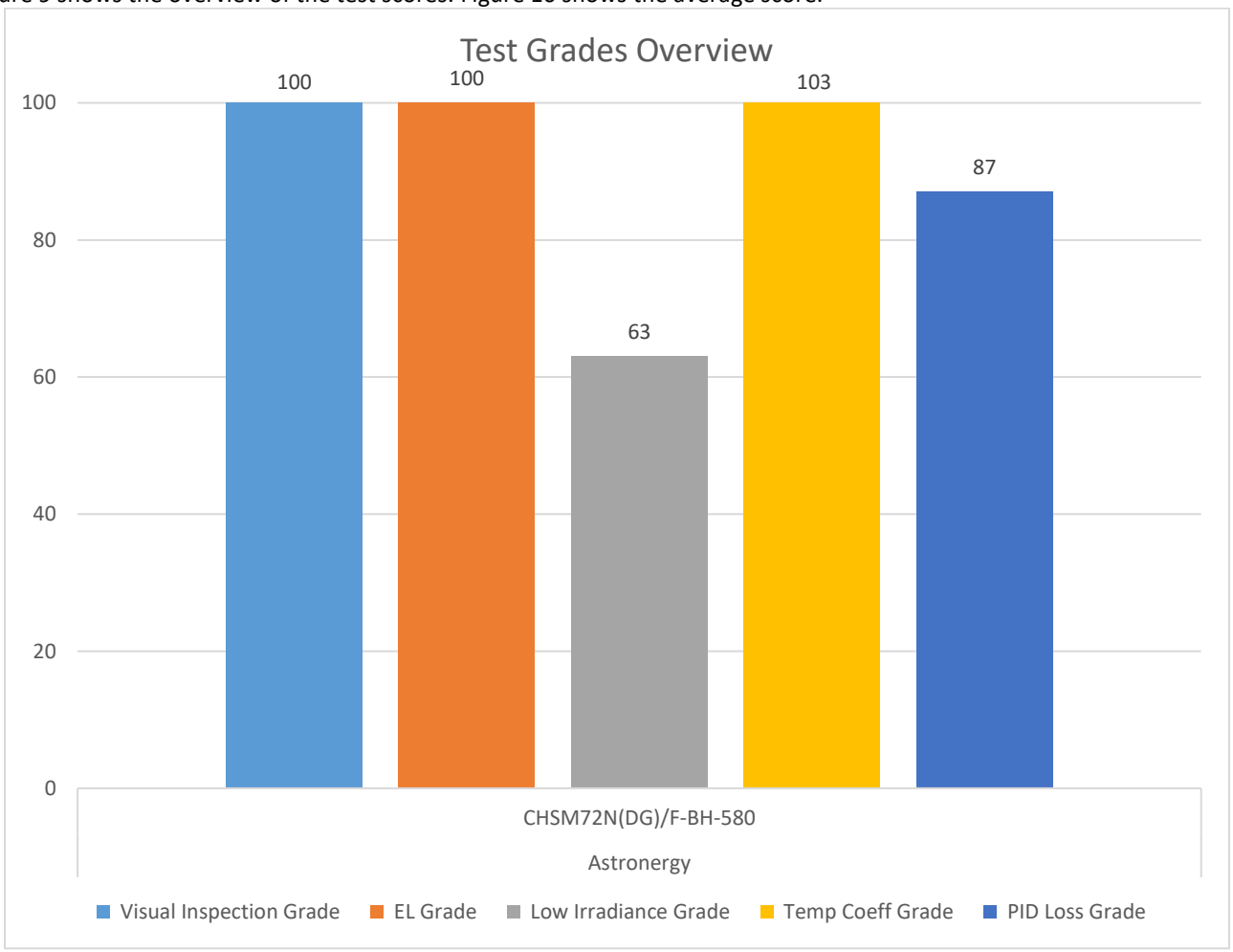


Figure 9 Test results overview

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

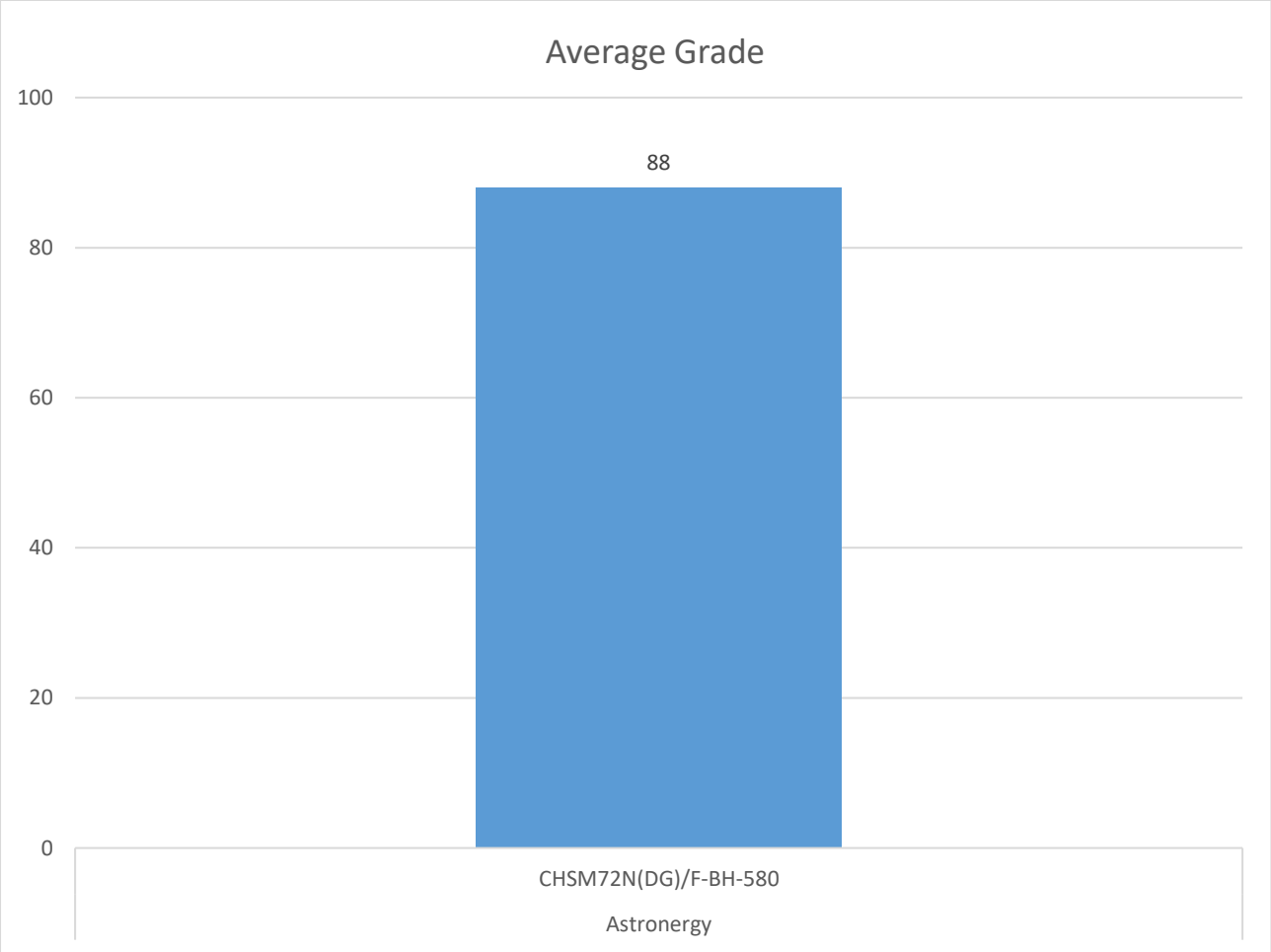


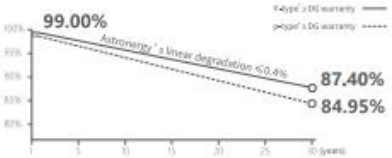
Figure 10 Average test grade

Appendix 1 – CHSM72N(DG)/F-BH-580 Datasheet

Warranty

15 15-year Product Warranty

30 30-year Linear Power Warranty



Key Features

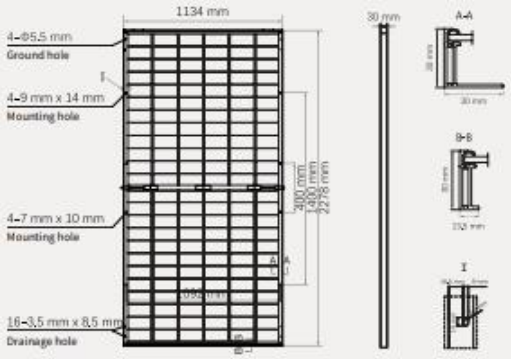
- TOPCon / Half-cut
- Low temperature coefficient (Pmpp)
- Non-destructive cutting
- PID resistance
- Low BOS cost & LCOE
- Bifacial gain

560~580W	0~+5W	22.5%	≤ 1.0%	≤ 0.4%
POWER RANGE	POWER SORTING	MAX MODULE EFFICIENCY	FIRST YEAR POWER DEGRADATION	YEAR 2-30 POWER DEGRADATION

Mechanical Specifications

Outer dimensions (L x W x H)	2278 x 1134 x 30 mm
Cell type	n-type mono-crystalline
No. of cells	144 (6*24)
Frame technology	Aluminum, silver anodized
Front / Back glass	2.0+2.0 mm
Cable length (Including connector)	Portrait: (+)350 mm,(-)250 mm; Customized length
Cable diameter (IEC/UL)	4 mm^2 / 12 AWG
① Maximum mechanical test load	5400 Pa (front) / 2400 Pa (back)
Connector type (IEC/UL)	HCB40 (Standard) / MC4-EVO2A (Optional)
Module weight	32.1 kg
Packing unit	36 pcs / box
Weight of packing unit (for 40'HQ container)	1207 kg
Modules per 40' HQ container	720 pcs (Subject to sales contract)

① Refer to Astronergy crystalline installation manual or contact technical department.
Maximum Mechanical Test Load=1.5×Maximum Mechanical Design Load.



Electrical Specifications

STC: Irradiance 1000W/m^2, Cell Temperature 25° C, AM=1.5

Rated output (Pmpp / Wp)	560	565	570	575	580
Rated voltage (Vmpp / V)	42.44	42.61	42.77	42.94	43.11
Rated current (Impp /A)	13.20	13.26	13.33	13.39	13.45
Open circuit voltage (Voc / V)	50.50	50.70	50.90	51.10	51.30
Short circuit current (Isc /A)	13.93	14.02	14.10	14.19	14.28
Module efficiency	21.7%	21.9%	22.1%	22.3%	22.5%

NMOT: Irradiance 800W/m^2, Ambient Temperature 20° C, AM=1.5, Wind Speed 1m/s

Rated output (Pmpp / Wp)	421.1	424.9	428.6	432.4	436.2
Rated voltage (Vmpp / V)	39.94	40.10	40.26	40.42	40.59
Rated current (Impp /A)	10.54	10.60	10.65	10.70	10.75
Open circuit voltage (Voc / V)	47.97	48.16	48.35	48.54	48.73
Short circuit current (Isc /A)	11.25	11.32	11.39	11.46	11.53

Electrical Specifications (Integrated power)

Pmpp gain	Pmpp / Wp	Vmpp / V	Impp /A	Voc / V	Isc /A
5%	599	42.77	13.99	50.90	14.10
10%	627	42.77	14.66	50.90	15.48
15%	656	42.78	15.32	50.91	16.18
20%	684	42.78	15.99	50.91	16.88
25%	713	42.78	16.65	50.91	17.58

Electrical characteristics with different rear power gain (reference to 570W)

Temperature Ratings (STC)

Temperature coefficient (Pmpp)	-0.29%/°C
Temperature coefficient (Isc)	+0.043%/°C
Temperature coefficient (Voc)	-0.25%/°C
Nominal module operating temperature (NMOT)	41±2°C

Operating Parameters

No. of diodes	3
Junction box IP rating	IP 68
Max. series fuse rating	30 A
Max. system voltage (IEC/UL)	1500V_{DC}

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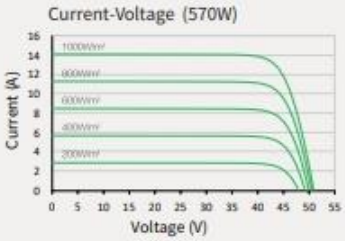

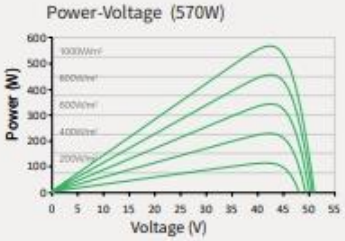

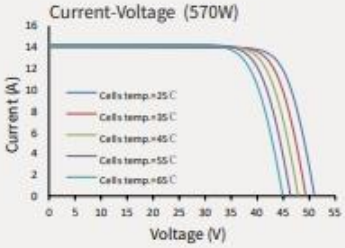

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