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The value of standard module formats in the n-type era

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N-Type Era – Trend and Value of the Optimum Product Design with Trina Solar Vertex PV Modules

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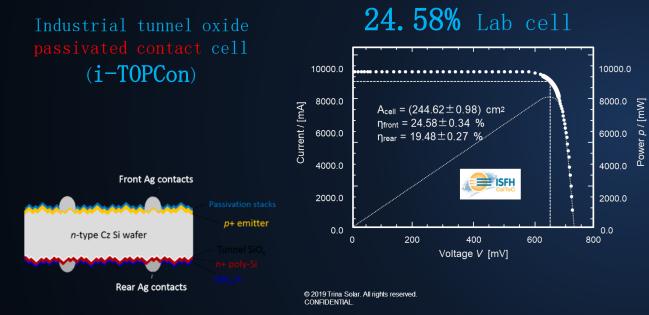
Trina Solar i-TOPCon technology development roadmap



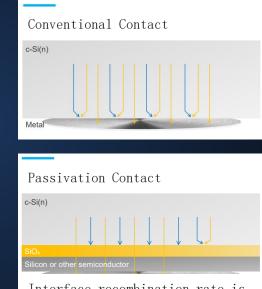




2019-2020, Trina Solar i-TOPCon: Mass production cell efficiency 23.5% (innovative hydrogen passivation technology)



In 2019, the i-TOPCon structure and technical route were first proposed The first TOPCon battery world record in China, the first mass production exceeded 23.5%(2019)



Interface recombination rate is 2 orders lower

The paper is published in Nature Energy



The first "Top Runner" technical leader project in China (Changzhi in Shanxi and Tongchuan in Shaanxi, 10% power generation gain)





2021-2022, Trina Solar i-TOPCon plus: Mass production capacity 24.5% (210mm solar cell, 18BB)

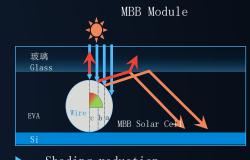
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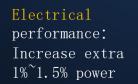
SMBB (18BB)

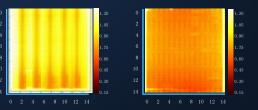
Optical performance: Increase extra 1%~1.5% optical absorb.



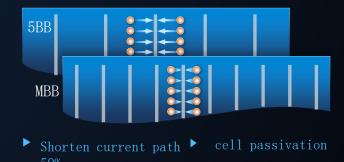


- Shading reduction
- Light trapping effect





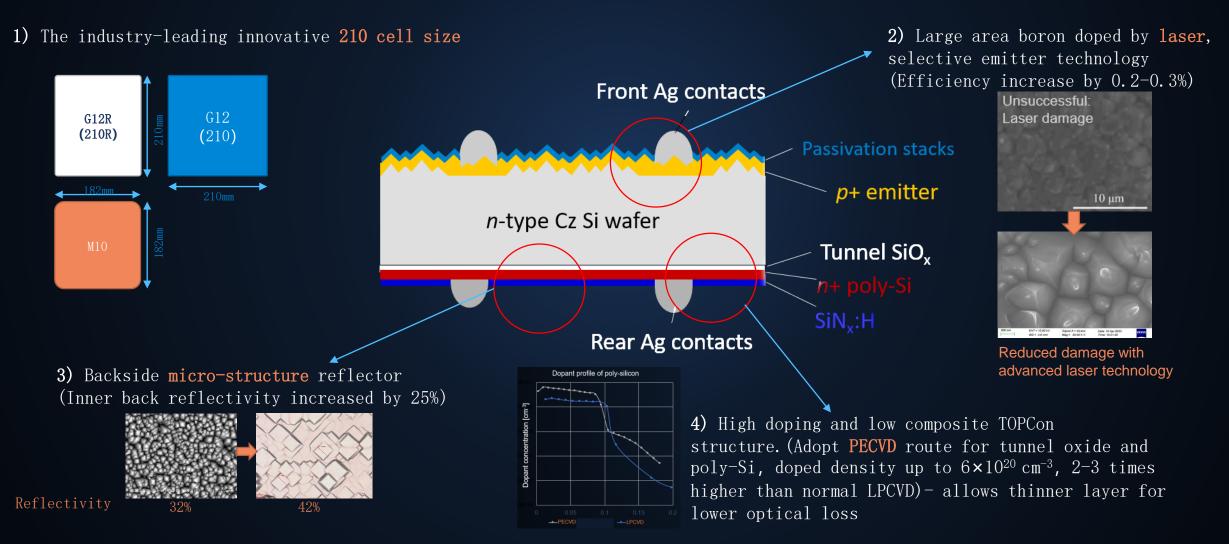
Distribution of resistance on P1 (photoluminescence) test







i-TOPCon advanced: Cell efficiency up to 26.2% (210R rectangle cell, selective emitter, back side microstructure reflector , high doping and low composite TOPCon structure.)



Vertex N i-TOPCon advanced high efficiency module Product Trinasolar 25



Trina solar N-iTOPCon Vertex high efficiency series solar modules , fit all kinds of application scenarios.



Vertex N Module Dimension Standardization



关于矩形硅片组件尺寸标准化的倡议

新一代矩形吐片可以提升组件功率,最大化利用集装箱,并降低系统成本, 成为行业发展的一个重要技术方向。为降低困矩形挂片组件尺寸的差异导致的产 业链供应困难、材料液管及客户系统设计的应用困视,推进矩形硅片组件尺寸的 标准化势在必行。

阿特斯、东方日升、晶溴、晶科、隆基、天合、通虞、一道、正泰9家组件企 业代表经过充分及深入地沟通,对新一代矩形硅片中版型 238Xmm*1134mm 组件标 准化尺寸达成了如下共识:

组件尺寸:2382mm*1134mm 组件长边纵向孔位距:400mm/790mm/1400mm

同时, 我们倡议行业现行的以及未来的 182 系列纽件与 210 系列组件尺寸设 计应遵循中 国光伏行业协会标准 (T/CPIA 0003-2022 地面用晶体生光发组件外 形尺寸及安装孔技术要求》(<u>中国光伏行业协会 CPIA (chinapv.org.cn</u>))中的 规定以及行业现有的尺寸。在这些尺寸种类范围内,各厂家根据自己的情况进行 采用,以满足不同客户的需求。

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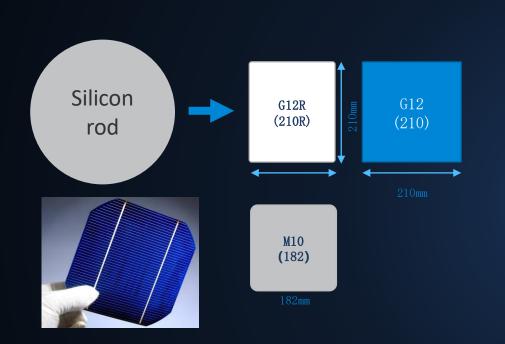
N-Topcon+ Rectangle wafer based standard size module

Vendor	Progress	Standard Medium-Size Module Design
Trina	Founder of rectangle 210R Cell and medium size module. First launch of 210R medium size module in 2021.First launch 210RN in 2023. Total shipment is over 15GW. Capacity >30GW	210x182 – 66
Jxkx	Coordinator of module size standardization. New product size is 2382x1134	210x182 -66
Jx	Based on 199 wafer, 2382x1134, 1762x1134, 2333x1134, 2465x1134 product.	Wafer: 199x182 210x182 -66
Cxnt	New product size is 2382x1134	210x182 -66
x斯		
x升		210x182 -66
×威	Based on Rectangular wafer size, released 2382x1134 products which have been exhibited on domestic and international trade shows	or
X基		191x182 -72
x道		

Medium size module: 2382 x1134, 210x182 Signed by 9 leading module manufactures' CEO in 7th July 2023

X N Trina Solar Vertex N Products Design Concept •1





Wafer & Cell

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Product	Vertex RN	182-72pcs N					
Design	210Rx66 half-cut	182x72 half-cut					
Dimension	2382x1134x30mm	2278x1134x30mm					
Weight	33.7kg	31kg					
Technology	i-TOPCon advanced	182 TOPCon					
Max Power	610W (+30W)	580W (BL)					
Module Efficiency	22.6% (+0.1%)	22.5%					
Voc	49.0V (-6.7%)	52.5V					
Impp	14.96A	13.22A					
Container capacity	720	720					
Container power	439.2kw (+5%)	417.6					
Container utilization rate	98.5%	94.5%					

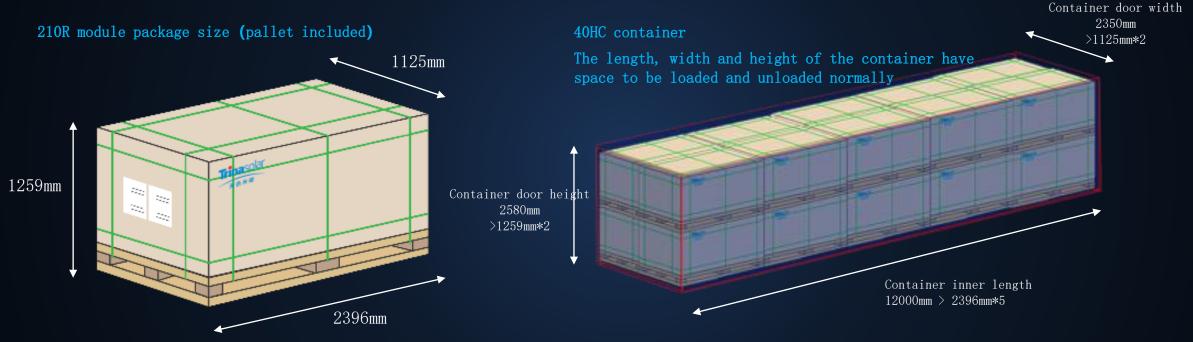
Module

- 210R wafer area, cell power increase about 15.7%, G12
 increased 33.6% compare to 182
- □ The advantage of large-scale production is obvious
- Medium size module's power increase 30W with 10.6cm* longer size.
- □ 210R-66 design, module open-circuit voltage is 6.7% lower
- Container utilization is 4% higher, reach to 98.5%. Lower carbon emission during transportation.

Modules with standard medium size (represented by 210R) are more competitive

* iPhone 15 长度约14.7cm





	Module power	Pieces per pallet	Pallets per container	Container space utilization	Power total per container	
182-N	580W	36	20	94.5%	417,600W	BL
210R-N	610W	36	20	98.5%	439,200W	+24, 200W (+5%)

Trina Solar Vertex N Products Design Concept • 2



String: High Power, Low Voc

210RN	
605Wp	

Product Name	Vertex RN
Module Power	610W (+30W)
Voc	49.0V (-6.7%)
Impp	14.96A

210RN 605W Voc 3.5V lower

Design Advantages According to 1500V system, each string length around 29 pieces, string power is 17.7kW.
 Each string increases 2 more modules, with

+13% increase in string power.



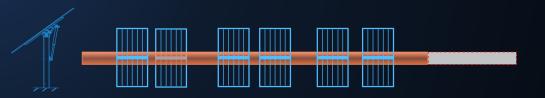
Product Name	182-72pcs N
Module Power	580W (BL)
Voc	52.5V
Impp	13.22A

- □ 182-72 module power is 30W lower
- 1500V system voltage, 27 modules/ string, string power about 15.7kW

System: The Best Partner for Tracking System



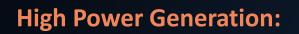
- □ 1P Tracker: 3 Strings on 1 tracker, Length tracker: ~ 101.0m
- □ Tracker power: 53.1 kW/Tracker, total power increase+13%
- □ Total quantity of strings& module: reduced -13%
- Installation load, quantity of DC cable, MC4 connector reduced by 5~8%



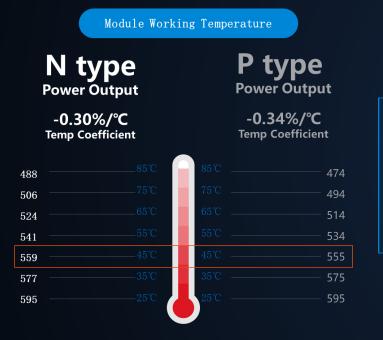
1P Tracker: 3 Strings on 1 tracker, Length tracker: ~94.2m
 Tracker power: 47.1 kW/Tracker

Vertex N is optimized designed product which is pushing for a lower LCOE!

Vertex N Trina Solar Vertex N Products Design Concept • 3

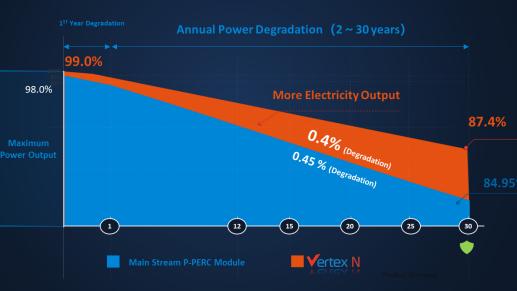


a) Lower Temperature Coefficient



N type module can help reduce the power loss by 0.8% compared with P type when cell temperature is 45 °C

b) Lower Degradation



Higher power generation during 30 year lifecycle

c) Higher Bifaciality

Ground Condition	PERC 70% (±5%)	N Topcon 80% (±5%)
Grass Land Albedo=0.2	BL	+3.34%
Sand Albedo=0.4	BL	+4.40%
White Paint Albedo=0.7	BL	+5.42%

Benefiting on the extra power gain from the rear side



Trina Solar Vertex N Products Design Concept • 4



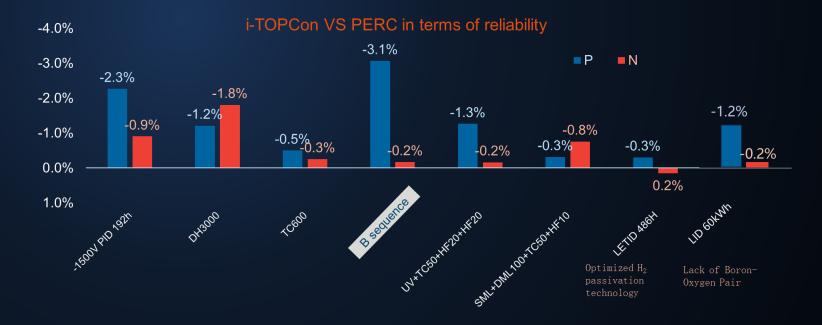
Higher Reliability:

5 Rigorous Tests - Mechanical

- 1. Non-uniform snow-load test Withstand uneven snow load of 2.8m
- 2. Extreme low-temperature Safe and Reliable under -40 °C Extreme temperature
- **3. Hail test** Withstand 35mm Hail Impact, no damage
- **DML test** Pass ±1500Pa Dynamic Load Test
 @ 20000 times
- 5. Extreme wind tunnel test Pass 17 Hurricane Wind Test

Aging Tests

- The reliability of i-TOPCon modules is generally better than PERC
- Low post-test degradation% leads to higher power generation during the lifecycle



Inverters Compatible With Vertex N Suitable for All Kinds of Applications







Commercial and Industry Roof 610W or 710W Vertex + String Inverter



Hundreds MW Utility 710W Vertex N + Central Inverter



Medium size 610W Vertex + String Inverter



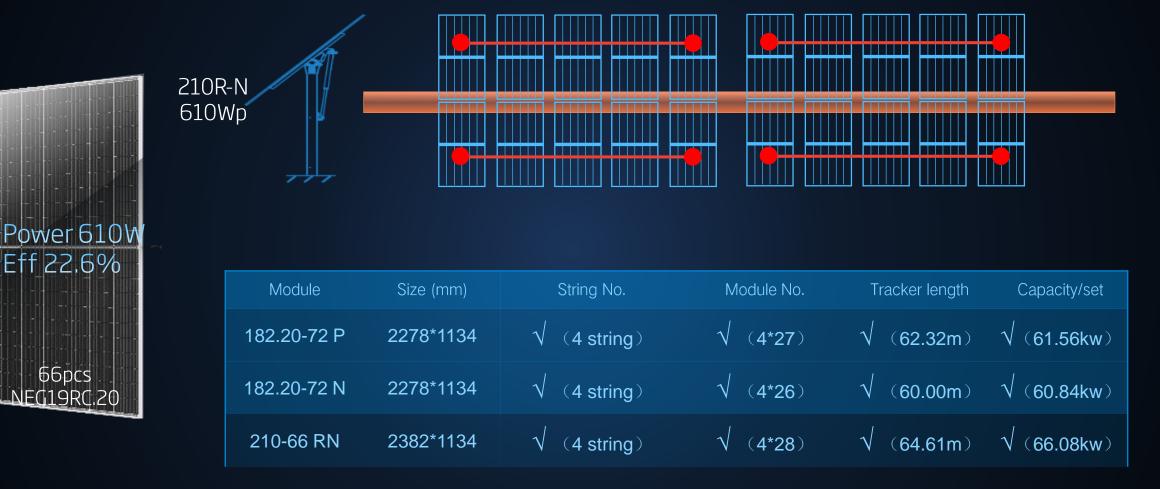
Power Beyond Solar



Trina Tracker N-Type Module Solution

Compatibility of N-type Module with 2P tracker



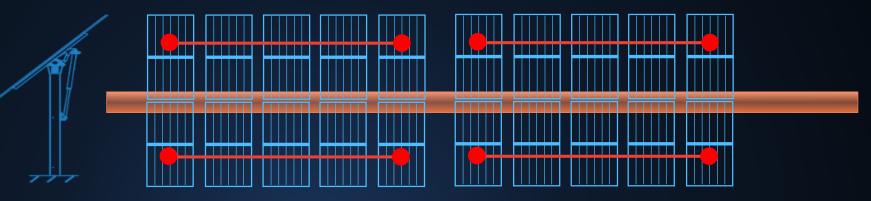


28/string . 2P tracker length: **1 set** power increase + 8.6%

Compatibility of N-type Module with 2P tracker







Tracker Length		Module type	Power (W)	Actual length(m)	Tracker cost	Cable cost	BOS cost
70m	4 string	182P-72	61.81	62.32	BL	BL	BL
	4 string	210RN-66	66.08	64.61	+0.00138	-0.0284	-0.027
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0.385cent

Tracker Length		Module type	Power (W)	Actual length(m)	Tracker cost	Cable cost	BOS cost
70m -	3 string	210P-66	59.24	59.42	BL	BL	BL
	4 string	210RN-66	66.08	64.61	-0.00416	-0.0244	-0.03574

0.51cent

Compatibility of N-type Module with 1P tracker



Capacity/set

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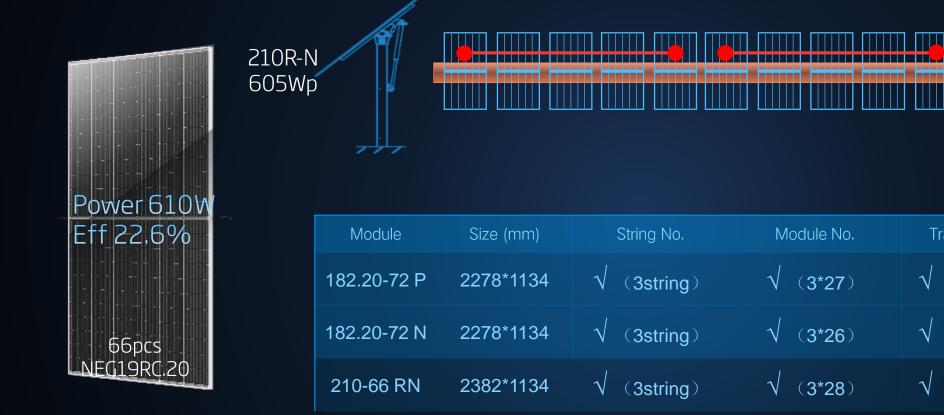
√ (50.13)

Tracker length

√ (96.40m)

√ (92.98m)

(**98.48m**)

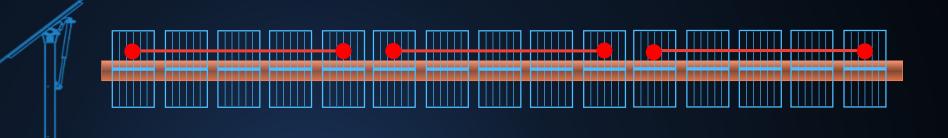


28/string . 1P tracker length: 1 set power increase +6.8%

Compatibility of N-type Module with 1P tracker







Tracker Length		Module type	Power (W)	Actual length(m)	Tracker cost	Cable cost	BOS cost
110-120m	3 string	182P-72pcs	44955	94	BL	BL	BL
	3 string	210RN-66pcs	51765	101	-0.0226	-0.0047	-0.0273
							0.00-0-04

0.39cent

Tracker Length		Module type	Power (W)	Actual length(m)	Tracker cost	Cable cost	BOS cost
110-120m	2 string	210P-66pcs	39600	80	BL	BL	BL
	3 string	210RN-66pcs	51765	101	-0.0250	-0.0035	-0.0285

0.40cent

Challenge



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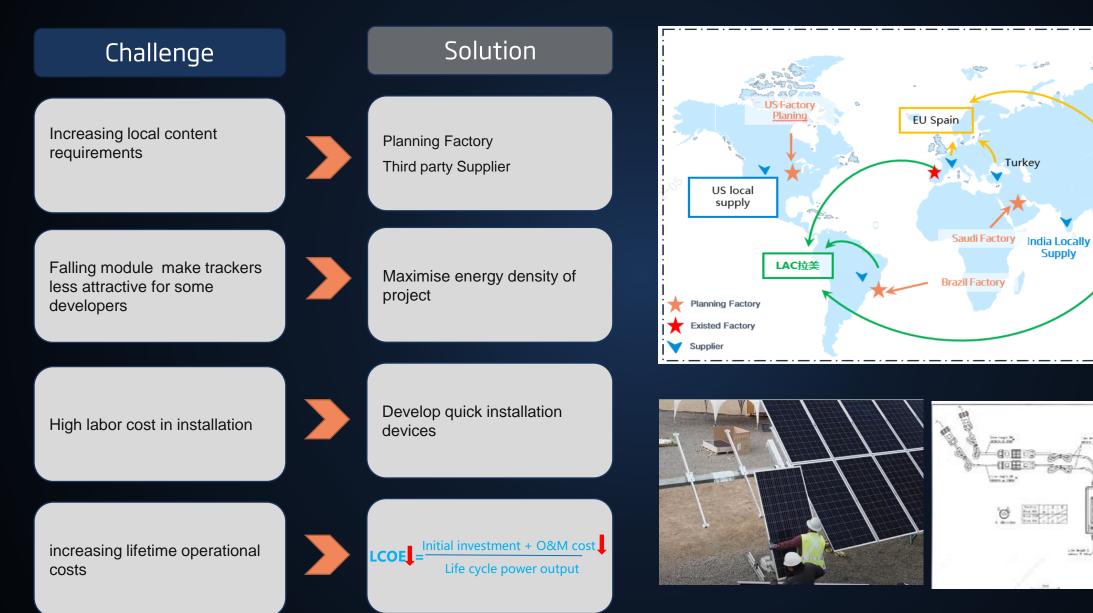
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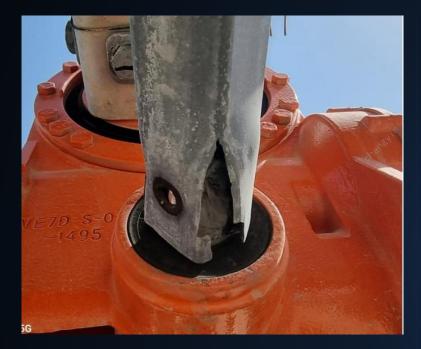
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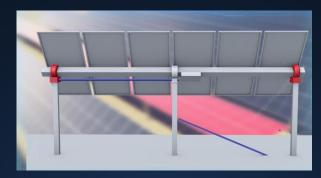
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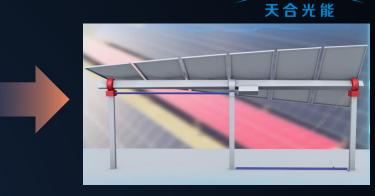
Multi-motor system reduce O&M cost







Mechanical failure cannot be self-monitored



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Tracker twisted,



Advantage: Electrical signal transmission via cable. Trackers will stop operating after 10 seconds of overload, current anomaly, no signal input, etc.

Results: No Tracker torsion occurred, protecting Tracker and Module.



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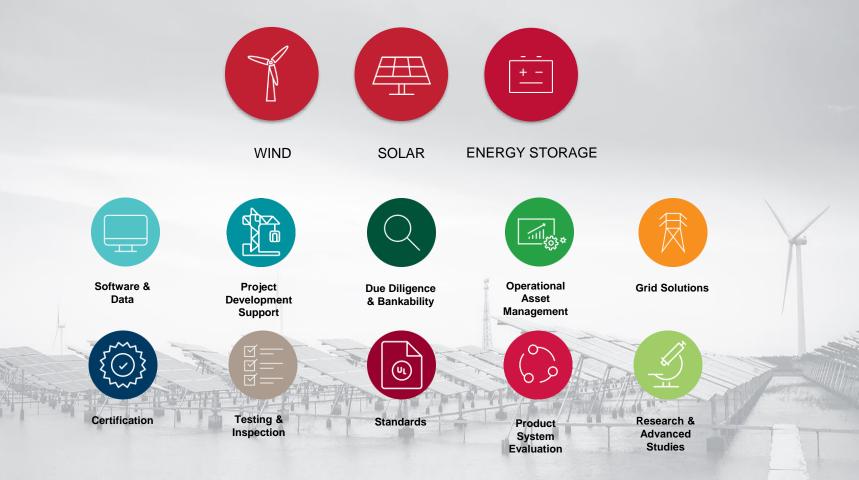


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Technology and Service Overview

Mitigate the risks associated with renewable energy project investment

Technical Due Diligence

- Lenders technical advisory.
- Acquisition due diligence.
- Vendor due diligence.
- Construction monitoring.
- Operational monitoring.

Areas of Expertise

- Wind Resource & Energy Yield Assessment.
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- Site Conditions.
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- Contracts Review.
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- O&M Strategy.
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- Acquisition Due Diligence
- Factory and component inspection
- PV module Bankability Study
- PV module LCOE assessment

Bankability Study APAC-MEA



Bankability Study Report

- Technical Bankability Study report is a fully comprehensive technology review covering OEM, storage system, Rack and Cells including the QA/QC review and factory review.
- Company Overview + Detailed Technology Description + Design Verification + Operating Experience
 Issues
- Best suitable if the client is a buyer, Bankability Study Report helps the client mitigate all equipment (PV module, bracket and tracker and etc.) related concerns.
- Detailed supplementary description of the Certification and Test results, and a comprehensive documents for financing.



Bankability Study Report

Table 2.1 Scope of Work

1.0	Introduction		
2.0	Module Technology Review		
	2.1	Key Specifications	
	2.2	Test certificates	
	2.3	Reliability and Performance	
	2.4	Field Performance Review (optional)	
	2.5	LCOE Report Review (optional)	
3.0	Company Review		
	3.1	Company History	
	3.2	Market Share and Competitiveness	
	3.3	Financial Status	
	3.4	Manufacturing Capacity	
	3.5	IP & Patents	
	3.6	Post-Sales Service and Warranty Support	
4.0	Manufacturing and QA/QC Review (Cell manufacturing plant + Module assembly plant)		
	4.1	Factory Environment	
	4.2	Manufacturing Process Review	
	4.3	QA/QC review	
5.0	Documentation Review, Project Coordination, and Communication		



The work described in Section 2 should be completed in the time schedule defined below. The schedule will begin when the Proposal is fully executed or when all required documentations are made available ("Project Initiation Date"), whichever is later.

Deliverables	Time to Complete
Draft Report	8 weeks from executed Agreement, receipt of all required documentation, and site visit.
Final Report	2 weeks after Client has provided feedback on the Draft report.



ESS Standard Establishment

- UL 1642 lithium battery cell;
- UL 2054 household and commercial battery;
- UL 2580 electric vehicle battery;
- UL 1973 battery for light electric rail application and stationary application (commonly adopted for grid-tied ESS standard);
- UL 2272 electrical system for personal e-mobility devices (PMD) such as e-scooter, ebike, etc. (adopted in Singapore as market-entry prerequisite for e-scooter);
- UL 9540 standard of energy storage systems and equipment (which covers a wider range of energy storage including battery, hydrogen, flywheel, thermal-storage, etc., for multiple applications)
- UL 9540A testing standard for evaluating battery thermal runaway / fire propagation of ESS;
- UL also contributes to the development and international harmonization of industry safety and performance standards, e.g. UN 38.3 – lithium battery testing and transportation, and IEC standards.

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Bankability Study for Trina Solar APAC-MEA

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Independent Engineering Bankability Study on N-Type PV Module

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UL STS ("UL Solutions") is pleased to be engaged by Trina Solar Co. Ltd. ("Trina Solar" or the "Client") to provide a Bankability Study services (the "Service") for 5 models of the Client's solar photovoltaic modules (the "Product"). The list of PV module models is presented in the table below.

No.	Туре	Peak Power (Wp)
1	TSM-NEG9R.28	450
2	TSM-NEG19RC.20	610
3	TSM-NEG9RC.27	440
4	TSM-NE09RC.05	430
5	TSM-NEG21C.20	700

Table 1.1: List of modules under review



The following table summarized UL Solution's work and the comments for each of the scope.

	Subject	Comment				
1.	Technology Review	Based on reviewed IEC and UL test certificates and reports, UL Solutions is in the view that the design and operating specifications of the Vertex S and Vertex N products under review are aligned with industry standards. Trina Solar PV modules under review have passed IEC61215 and IEC 61730-1				
		and -2, which is considered standard qualifications by the solar industry.				
2.	Company Review	Trina Solar's cumulative shipments by the first half of 2023 exceeded 150GW out of which the production capacity of 210mm modules accounted for over 95% of the total annual capacity.				
		Trina Solar presented a significant income and profit growth from 2020 to 2022. It is noted that the significant growth in operating income of more than 90% (as compared to 2021) and nearly 190% (as compared to 2020) was recorded in 2022.				
		Trins Solar offers 12 or 15 years of product warranty, and 25 to 30 years of performance warranty across its Vertex S+ and Vertex N series of modules.				
		UL Solutions considers the power performance warranty to be consistent with industry standard in terms of module degradation.				
3.	Manufacturing and QA/QC Review	UL visited Trina Solar Suqian cell factory and Huai'an module factory on 9 August 2023 and 4 August 2023, respectively. UL inspected the production line for 210R series PV cell and Vertex S and S+ series PV module and the workshop environment and found that the working environment to be clean, safe and conducive for workers.				
		UL reviewed the manufacturing process and verified the process during the manufacturing facility site visit. UL is in the view that the documented process matches the process observed on site.				
		UL observed that the cell fabrication and module manufacturing facilities have the proper safety procedure and did not identify any major HSE risks during the visit. Based on interviews with operators at the manufacturing facility, UL understands that the operators had proper training and qualification before their job assignments. Proper machine-specific safety warning and instructions were observed to be pasted in prominent places.				
		The automated testing procedures such as EL testing after cell layup and cell stringing were viewed as good practice to identify defects early in the manufacturing process so as to minimize wastage and rework.				

Table 2-1: Executive summary



Table 3.3: Product certifications and testing

Standard	TSM- NE09RC.05	TSM- NEG9R.28	TSM- NEG9RC.27	TSM- NEG19RC.20	TSM- NEG21C.20
IEC 61215: 2016	~	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark
IEC 61730: 2016	~	\checkmark	~	~	~
UL 61730: 2017	~	-	~	~	~
IEC 62716: 2013	~	~	~	~	~
IEC 60701: 2020	~	~	~	~	~
IEC 60068-2-68	~	\checkmark	~	~	~
Hail test – MQT 17 of IEC 61215-2: 2016 ¹	-	\checkmark	~	~	~
PPP 58042B:2015 according to IEC TS 62804-1: 2015	~	~	~	~	~

From the figures listed in Table 4.1, Trina Solar presented a significant income and profit growth from 2020 to 2022. It is noted that the significant growth in operating income of more than 90% (as compared to 2021) and nearly 190% (as compared to 2020) was recorded in 2022. Right after and during the global pandemic situation, Trina can still achieve strong financial performance only demonstrates the confidence that the PV market has in Trina Solar.

Trina Solar has also invested in world-class research facilities. Its Ministry of Science and Technology – approved Laboratory for PV Science and Technology was awarded two prestigious state-level accreditations, namely, National Enterprise Technology Center and National Model Enterprise for Intellectual Property. As the competition in the PV module market is expected to be more intense moving forward to 2025, UL Solutions believes it is crucial to continue investing in R&D to improve the products' performance and safety features.



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