

Installation and assembly instructions

Framed high performance modules



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These installation and assembly instructions are applicable to the following Megasol high performance modules:

Megasol Mxxx-60-x(BF) GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC120-x (BF) GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC120-bRC GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC108-x (BF) GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC96-x (BF) GG U30b

Megasol Mxxx-72-x GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC144-x GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC144-bRC GG U30b

The following regulations and standards, among others, must be observed during the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of grid-connected photovoltaic systems:

European standards

- EUROCODE 1 (EN 1991-1)
Impacts on supporting structures
- EN 13501
Fire behavior of building materials and components
- EN 60728-11
Installation and operation (grounding) of antenna systems
- EN 62305
Lightning protection
- EN 62446
Grid-connected photovoltaic systems
- IEC 60364
Erection of low voltage installations

VDE regulations

- VDE 0100
Erection of low voltage installations
- VDE 0105-100
Operation of electrical equipment

National regulations (CH)

- SIA 261
Impacts on supporting structures
- NIN 2020
Low voltage installation standard
- VKF Fire Protection Regulations 2015

National regulations (DE)

- German Institute for Structural Engineering
Building Rules List B Part 1
Model administrative regulation
Technical building regulations

Disclaimer

The warranty conditions available at www.megasol.ch apply.

Check www.megasol.ch for the current status of the instructions.

Congratulations on the purchase of your Megasol solar module

These instructions describe the assembly, connection, maintenance, and disposal of solar modules. Please read them carefully and comply with them accordingly. The installation and electrical connection of photovoltaic systems may only be carried out by specialist personnel, who are familiar with this work through their professional qualifications. For the operation, installation, use and maintenance of the other components, comply with the relevant installation instructions from the manufacturer.

Incorrect installation can cause damage to property, which could consequently pose a risk to people. Megasol accepts no responsibility or liability for losses, damage, or costs resulting from incorrect installation, operation, use, or maintenance or losses, damage, or costs which are connected to any of the above in any way. The Megasol installation instructions should be made available to the operator as part of the solar power system documentation and stored by the operator.



WARNING: Failure to comply with the installation and assembly instructions results in the warranty and guarantee becoming null and void.

Comply with the guidelines, laws, and regulations valid in the relevant country when planning, setting up, and operating grid-connected PV systems. For information on additional requirements, please contact the responsible local authorities and the network operator. Megasol solar modules are made from high quality materials and high-performance solar cells, and are therefore extremely reliable. The quality of the solar modules is ensured by multiple tests carried out on the products throughout the entire production process.

Megasol solar modules fulfil the requirements of the extended test standard IEC 61215, as well as the safety standard IEC 61730. In Megasol's own research and development department, tests are carried out using measuring, testing, and environmental simulation equipment which go above and beyond the current valid standards and enable us to optimize our products continually. If treated correctly, your Megasol solar modules will offer you several decades of service.

Megasol recommends insuring the PV system against reduced yields or damage with full coverage for complete security. Further information is available from your Megasol partner or online at www.megasol.ch.

Information on the solar module

Detailed electrical and mechanical properties for your specific module type can be found on the relevant data sheet. The key technical data under standard test conditions [STC, solar cell temperature: 25°C, irradiation: 1,000 W/m², air mass: 1.5 (corresponds to a sun elevation angle of 41.8°)] can also be found on the nameplate of the solar module.

Transport and storage

Megasol solar modules are made from high-quality materials and are therefore extremely stable and long-lasting. The solar modules should nevertheless be left in the packaging until installation to help prevent any damage. The modules should be stored in a dry place and protected from weather conditions. The packaging (film, tape, pallet, etc.) should be recycled. Contact the responsible local waste disposal company. You are responsible for checking the goods and packaging for transport damage immediately on receipt. If any damage is discovered, note it on the shipping papers describing each pallet in detail, and take photographs as documentary evidence. Have the driver countersign these notes. If more than a third of the solar modules on one pallet are damaged, refuse to accept the pallet. Please return a complaint notice incl. complete documentation by e-mail to Megasol.

Installation

During installation, please take into account the locally valid construction regulations, accident prevention regulations, the relevant, generally accepted rules of technology and safety regulations for working on roofs and buildings, as well as electrical installations. Megasol solar modules must be fixed to suitable substructures, which are designed for the relevant mechanical wind and snow loads, as well as the weight of the solar modules. The instructions from the installation system manufacturer must also be complied with. No mechanical stresses from the actual building (e.g., roof truss) must be transferred to the solar module. Have the structural suitability of the building for the installation of a solar power system checked by a specialist. The frame must not be mechanically or chemically processed.



NOTE: Do not remove any parts or nameplates from the solar module. Do not install damaged solar modules.

Also not allowed are modifications of the solar module, such as the conversion to the use of the heat generated in the form of a thermal solar collector. If there is no approval in the form of a manufacturer's declaration or exceptional approval, the solar modules may not be installed in locations where there are aggressive ambient conditions. Furthermore, the use of the products on mobile units such as vehicles or ships is not permitted. Make sure that there are no components such as cable ties, fasteners or similar materials between the mounting rails and the backside of the module. When the modules are installed vertically (portrait), the bottom row modules must be positioned with the junction box towards the ridge. During installation, avoid creating shades with the module clips or installation system to improve the energy yield. Comply with the minimum distance of 5 mm between the solar modules to allow the material to expand without tension.



WARNING: The solar module is a glass product and should be handled with appropriate care. Do not stand on the solar module. Do not allow any objects to fall or place any objects on the solar module, as it can cause microcracks in the cells. Never hold or transport the solar module by the junction box or connection cables. For installation Megasol strongly recommends the usage of clean, fat and silicone oil free gloves!



WARNING: The solar modules are not designed for concentrated irradiation. Bundling or concentrating solar irradiation through lenses or mirrors is therefore not permitted and can damage the solar modules.

Megasol solar modules fulfil all the requirements of the extended test standard IEC 61215 2nd Ed. The local regulations or the standard EUROCODE 1 (EN 1991-1) should be used for the calculation of the snow loads on the module. It is important to note that these standards are designed for impact on structures and do not explicitly take into account the installation of solar modules.



NOTE: The solar module heats up during operation. Ensure that there is sufficient rear ventilation to avoid reductions in yield. Also ensure that no flammable gases can escape or accumulate close by.

In regions with particularly high snowfall, the pressure load calculated in accordance with the standard based on local snow load information may be significantly exceeded due to snow overhang or build-up on the solar modules, which could result in above-average stress on the bottom frame edge. Megasol therefore tests its modules above and beyond the standard IEC 61215 and in accordance with additional standards, taking into account additional loads in the event of snow overhang or build-up to reflect the actual loads encountered in practice and to ensure that our products work safely throughout their entire service life. For system documentation, note the positions of the modules and their serial numbers. Before commissioning, a final inspection of the entire system is recommended.

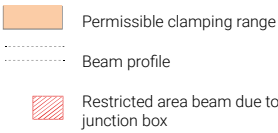
For the approved installation situations, the areas approved for fastening to the module frame and the maximum recommended pressure loads on the module, please refer to the following tables.

Information on the tightening torque can be found in the documentation of the clamp manufacturer. Fastenings must not deform the solar modules. Clamps must not touch the front glass.

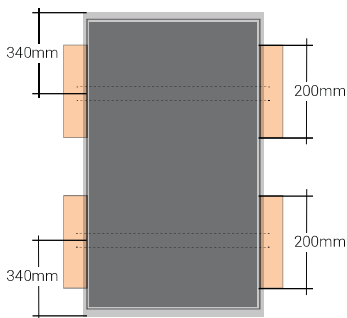
The structural analysis must be confirmed by a specialist before installation.

Horizontal beam course valid for:

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Megasol Mxxx-HC120-bRC GG U30b, Megasol Mxxx-HC108-x (BF) GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC96-x (BF) GG U30b



Portrait montage I

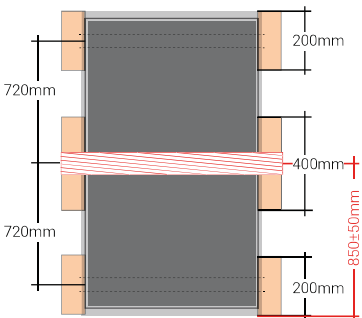


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	5400

The values given are test loads (Test Load = Design Load x 1.5).
IEC/EN 61215 2nd Ed. Higher loads can be released on a project-specific basis

Portrait montage II

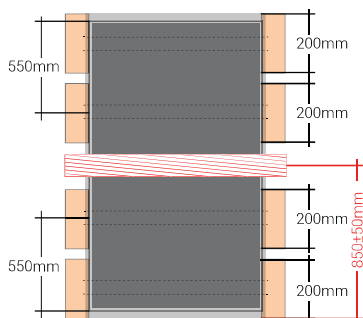


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 6

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	4000
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	5400

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Portrait montage III



Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 8

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	5400
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	6000

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Landscape montage



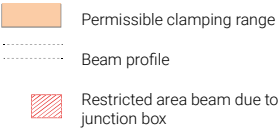
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Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	2400

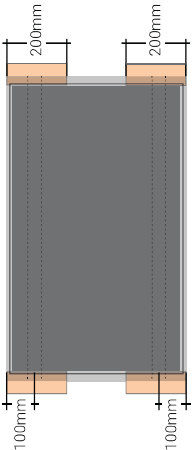
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Fastening with clamping system

Vertical beam course valid for:
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Megasol Mxxx-HC96-x (BF) GG U30b



Portrait montage

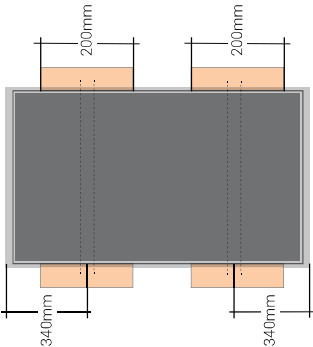


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	1600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	2400

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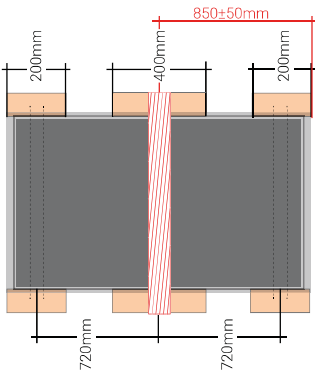


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	5400

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Landscape montage II

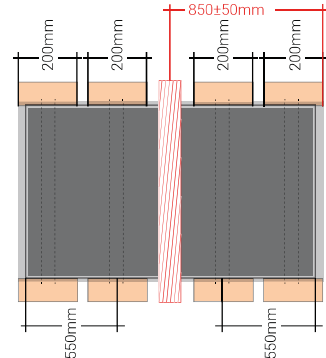


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 6

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	4000
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	5400

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Landscape montage III



Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 8

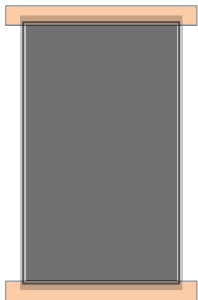
Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	6000

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Fastening with Inlaying system

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Megasol Mxxx-HC96-x (BF) GG U30b

Portrait montage



Mounting short side

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	2400

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Landscape montage I



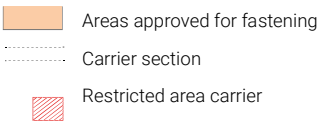
Mounting long side

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	5400

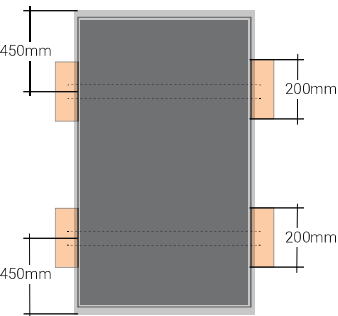
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Fastening with clamping system

Horizontal beam course valid for:
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Megasol Mxxx-HC144-x GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC144-bRC GG U30b



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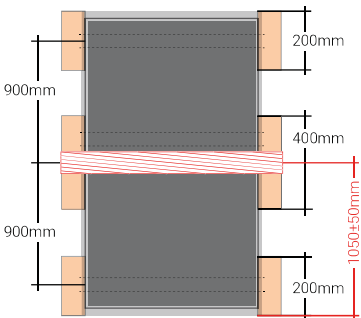


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	3600

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Portrait montage II

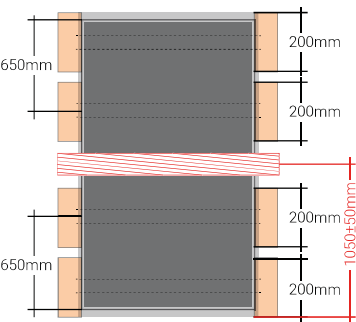


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 6

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	2400
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	5400

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Portrait montage III



Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 8

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	6000

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Landscape montage



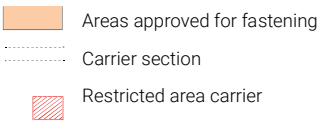
Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1000
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	1000

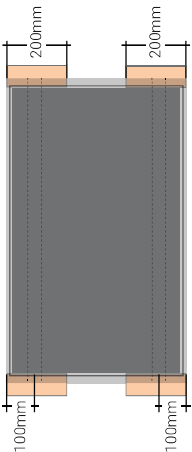
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Fastening with clamping system

Vertical beam course valid for:
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Megasol Mxxx-HC144-x GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC144-bRC GG U30b



Portrait montage

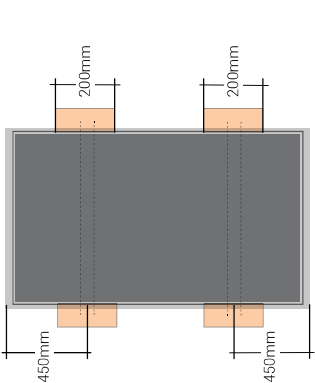


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1000
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	1000

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Landscape montage I

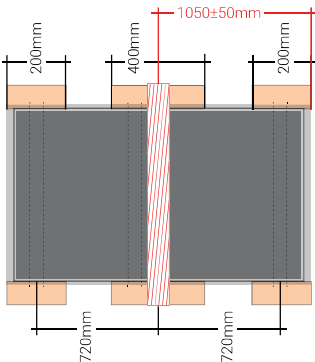


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 6

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	1600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	3600

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Landscape montage II

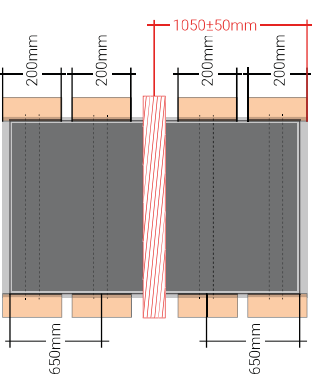


Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 8

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	2400
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	5400

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Landscape montage III



Clamping: long side
Fixing points: 4

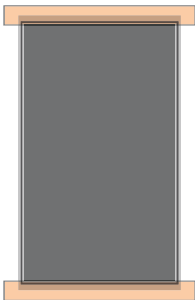
Max. Area load suction *	[N/m ²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m ²]	6000

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Fastening with insertion system

Applicable to:
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Megasol Mxxx-HC144-x GG U30b
Megasol Mxxx-HC144-bRC GG U30b

Portrait montage



Mounting long side

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	800
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	1000

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Landscape montage I



Mounting long side

Max. Area load suction *	[N/m²]	3600
Max. Area load pressure *	[N/m²]	5400

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NOTE: It is not permitted to use Megasol solar modules with U-frame as overhead glazing. For roof installation, these solar modules may only be installed over a fire-resistant roof covering.



NOTE: Under mechanical load, no contact between solar glass and hard materials (e.g. metal, glass) may occur. The drainage holes in the module frame must not be covered, as it could cause frost damage on the module frame. Do not place any plug connectors in the frame.

Electrical connection and potential equalization

Megasol solar modules are equipped at the factory with high-quality solar cables and reverse-polarity protected, shock proof plug connectors. The connection of the string line has to be done with identical connectors manufacture and type as to the module connecting cable. To be able to ensure this the module connector at the beginning and the end of the string may be removed and replaced (more information at www.megasol.ch). The allowed cross-section and outer-diameter of the cable and instruction of the manufacturer have to comply. The Megasol pricelist contains matching cable sets, plugs, cables and installation accessories. When connecting the modules, ensure that the plugs engage with an audible click. The common bending radii of at least 5 times the outer cable diameter must be complied with. It is recommended to lay the cable firmly so that they are not subjected to mechanical loads. The cable and connector must not be exposed to moisture and will not rest on the ground or floor.



WARNING: Solar modules generate electrical energy on the front side during incidence of light. A system with multiple solar modules can generate life-threatening voltages and electrical currents. Do not touch the electrical connections or cable ends while the solar module is exposed to light.

To ensure safety and compliance with the technical data of the products, only original tools of the manufacturer may be used in the self-assembly of solar cables. Connection of modules in series is only permitted up to the maximum system voltage as listed in applicable data sheet. The maximum number of solar modules installed parallel without string fuse is two. Please comply with the value specified in the data sheet for reverse current feed and only use standardized photovoltaic cables (recommendation: at least 4 mm² cable cross-section). The modules must not be allowed to operate on a short circuit permanently. The solar modules correspond to application class II and can therefore be operated in systems with dangerous DC voltages (larger than 120 VDC in accordance with IEC 61730). Solar modules in this application class can be used in systems with unrestricted access, the relevant regulations must be complied with. Megasol solar modules qualified within this application class in accordance with IEC 61730 fulfil the requirements of protection rating II with correct electrical installation.

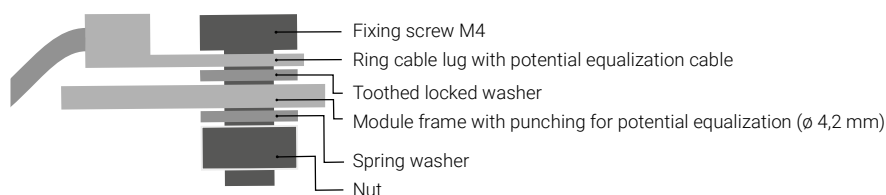
Under normal installation conditions, a solar module can deliver a higher current and/or higher voltage than under standardized test conditions. Consequently, the specified values on the solar module for short circuit current I_{sc} should be multiplied by 1.25 and the open circuit voltage U_{oc} should be multiplied by a factor of up to 1.25, based on the lowest expected ambient temperature for the given installation location, to determine the rated voltage values of components, the rated current values of conductors, the size of fuses and for dimensioning control units connected to the solar modules. Any type of soiling on the plug contacts before or after installation (dust, moisture, aerosols containing salt, etc.) has a negative influence on the system function over the intended service period. For this reason it is necessary to pay particular attention to cleanliness during installation. The use of lubricants is not permitted. Always protect unplugged connectors against soiling of any type during transport, storage, and during installation, as the connectors only satisfy the requirements for their protection category when plugged in. It is forbidden to open the junction box or modify or remove the cable or frame. The cables must be laid so that mechanical strain on the conductors and connections is ruled out. Take into account the product-specific length of the connection cable specified in the relevant data sheets at www.megasol.ch.



WARNING: The plug contacts must not be connected or disconnected under load. Failure to comply with this warning could result in DEATH!

Potential equalization of the solar generator is prepared in the factory and is recommended. It can be carried out using the existing punchings for potential equalization on the long sides of the frame (see figure) or suitable clamps with integrated grounding pins in accordance with the relevant local regulations.

Detailed view potential equalization



NOTE: It is advisable to install lightning protection in exposed locations. The solar modules should be incorporated in existing lightning protection equipment. For this, take into account the relevant valid regulations.

Maintenance and servicing

A photovoltaic system needs practically no maintenance, as the solar modules are cleaned by the rain at the recommended minimum angle of 15°. To avoid reductions in yield, we do, however, recommend carrying out a regular visual check on the module surfaces. Particularly heavy soiling (e.g., leaves) can cause shades which reduce performance and should therefore be removed. Clean the glass surface with softened water, a water-ethanol- or water-isopropanol intermixture and a soft nonabrasive cloth only. In exceptional cases, a conventional cleaning agent may also be used in the recommended dose. Do not use aggressive cleaning agents or metal objects, as they can be particularly damaging to the hardened glass surface. The electric cables should (where accessible) be checked regularly for damage, corrosion, and firm hold. When doing so, follow the relevant valid regulations.

Disposal

Dispose of defective or old solar modules properly; they should never be disposed of with domestic waste. The national disposal directive must be observed. Old solar modules can be mostly returned in usual commercial quantities to nearby municipal collection sites and local civic waste collection points at no charge. The WEEE Directive is nationally oriented, meaning that each Member State has its own legal regulations and practical handling for the sale and return of PV modules. Contact us by e-mail at info@megasol.ch and specify the number and type of modules to be returned. We will then coordinate all further details for returning your modules.

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