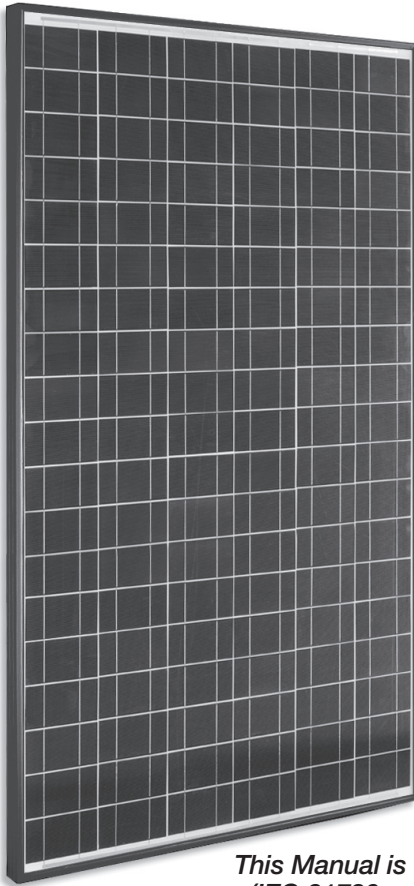


ES-A Series Photovoltaic Panels (Black and Silver Frames)

Safety, Installation and Operation Manual

Limited Warranty



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Evergreen Solar ES-A Series photovoltaic (PV, solar electric) panels are designed to produce DC electrical energy from light. This manual contains important safety, installation and operating information with which you should be familiar before using Evergreen Solar ES-A Series panels.

General Information

- All installation and safety instructions should be understood before attempting to install, wire, operate and maintain the panel.
- When installing, observe all local, regional, national and international statutory regulations, guidelines, norms and code requirements.
- Installation or maintenance should only be performed by licensed and qualified professionals.
- Panels produce voltage even when not connected to an electrical circuit or load. Panels produce nearly full voltage when exposed to as little as 5% of full sunlight, and both electrical current and power increase with light intensity.
- Panels can produce higher output than the rated specifications.
- Industry standard rated specifications are made at conditions of 1000W/m² irradiance and 25°C (77°F) solar cell temperature. Colder temperatures can substantially increase voltage and power.
- Ensure that panels are only subjected to ambient temperatures in the range -40 to +80°C (-40 to +176°F).
- Reflection from snow, water or other surfaces can increase light and therefore increase both the current and power generated by the panel.
- Do not artificially concentrate light on the panel.
- Panels are intended for outdoors, land-based applications only. Panels are not intended for indoor use or application on moving vehicles of any kind.
- Excluded applications also include, but are not limited to, installations where panels come into contact with salt water or where likely to become partially or wholly submerged in fresh or salt water, examples of which include boats, docks and buoys.
- Use only equipment, connectors, wiring and support frames suitable for use in a solar electric system.
- Follow all safety precautions of other used components.

Handling Safety

- Do not use the junction box to hold or transport the panel.
- Do not stand or step on the panel.
- Do not drop panel or allow objects to fall on panel.
- Do not damage or scratch the rear surface of the panel.
- Avoid setting the panel down hard on any surface, particularly when placing it on a corner.
- Do not disassemble, modify or adapt the panel or remove any part or labeling installed by Evergreen Solar. Doing so will void the warranty.
- Do not drill holes in the frame or glass of the panel. Doing so will void the warranty.
- Do not apply paint or adhesive to the rear surface of the panel.
- Never leave a panel unsupported or unsecured.
- Panels are constructed with tempered glass, but must still be handled with care.
- A panel with broken glass or torn back-skin cannot be repaired and must not be used since contact with any panel surface or the frame can produce electrical shock.
- Broken or damaged panels must be handled carefully and disposed of properly. Broken glass can be sharp and cause injury if not handled with the appropriate protective equipment.
- Work only under dry conditions, and use only dry tools. Do not handle panels when they are wet unless wearing the appropriate protective equipment.
- When storing un-connected panels outside for any length of time, always cover panels which have the glass facing down to stop water collecting inside the panel and causing damage to exposed connectors.

Installation Safety

- Keep children away from the system and panels when installing.
- Do not carry out installation work when there are strong winds.
- When installing panels above ground, avoid any possible falling or other safety hazards by following appropriate safety practices and using required safety equipment.
- Solar electric panels have no on/off switch. Panels can be rendered inoperative only by removing them from light, or by fully covering their front surface with an opaque material, or by working with panels face down on a smooth, flat surface.
- When working with panels in light, follow all applicable regulation regarding working with live electrical equipment.
- Do not touch electrical terminals or the ends of any wire while the panel is exposed to light or while installing the panel.
- Do not wear metallic jewelry while performing mechanical or electrical installation.
- Never open electrical connections or unplug connectors while the circuit is under load.
- Contact with electrically active parts of the panels, such as terminals, can result in burns, sparks and lethal shock whether the panel is connected or disconnected.
- Always use insulated tools and rubber gloves that are approved for working on electrical installations.

Fire Safety

- Refer to your local authority for guidelines and requirements for building or structural fire safety.
- The roof construction and installation may affect the fire safety of a building; improper installation may contribute to hazards in the event of fire.
- For roof application, the panels should be mounted over a fire resistant covering rated for the application.
- It may be necessary to use components such as earth ground fault circuit breakers, fuses and circuit breakers.
- Do not use panels near equipment or locations where flammable gases can be generated or can collect.

Electrical Installation

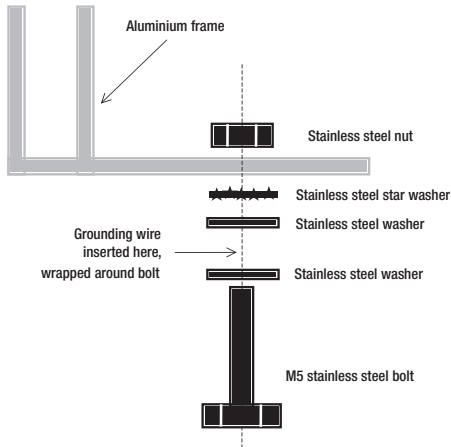
- Avoid all electrical hazards when installing, wiring, operating and maintaining a panel.

- If the total DC system voltage exceeds 100V, the system must be installed, commissioned and maintained by a licensed electrician unless local electrical codes determine otherwise.
- Contact with a DC voltage 30V or more is potentially hazardous.
- Do not use panels of different electrical or physical configurations in the same system.
- The maximum open circuit voltage of the system must not be greater than the specified maximum system voltage for the panel.
- All Evergreen Solar panels are equipped with factory-installed wires and quick connectors. Panels have been designed to be easily interconnected in series.
- Evergreen Solar ES-A series panels are equipped with Multi-Contact® Type 4 clickable connectors. The PV plug connection can additionally be secured with a pluggable safety lock clip (PV-SSH4) supplied by Multi-Contact®.
- The PV-SSH4 clip is not provided by Evergreen Solar and must be purchased separately. Once the clip is installed, the PV plug connection can only be unlocked with the use of the PV-MS tool, also supplied by Multi-Contact®.
- Use system wiring with suitable cross-sectional areas and connectors that are approved for use at the maximum short-circuit current of the panel.
- Match the polarities of cables and terminals when making the connections; failure to do so may result in damage to the panel.
- When reverse currents can exceed the value of the maximum protective fuse marked on the back of the panel, a properly rated and certified over-current device (fuse or circuit breaker) must be connected in series with each panel or string of panels.
- The rating of the over-current device shall not exceed the value of the maximum protective fuse marked on the back of the panel.
- The panel contains factory installed bypass diodes located inside the junction box.
- The junction box is not designed or certified to be field accessible or maintainable and should under no circumstances be opened. Opening the junction box may void the warranty.
- Panels with a suspected electrical problem should be returned to Evergreen Solar for inspection and possible repair or replacement as per the warranty conditions provided by Evergreen Solar.

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Grounding

- Evergreen Solar does not require the grounding of panel frames, however local or national regulations may require frame grounding. Frame grounding may also be required for lightening (over voltage) protection purposes.
- The panels can be grounded using the 5.5mm diameter holes provided in the frame. The grounding wire can be attached to the panels using a stainless steel bolt (size M5) with stainless steel washers, as shown in the following diagram. The grounding wire size and earthing method must be in accordance with local requirements.



Mechanical Installation

- Panels should be mounted to maximize direct exposure to sunlight and to eliminate or minimize shadowing.
- Even partial shadowing can substantially reduce panel and system output.
- Panels must be securely fastened using support frames or mounting kits specialized for PV applications.
- Panels may be mounted at any angle from vertical to horizontal orientation.
- Care must be taken to avoid low tilt angles which may cause dirt to build-up on the glass against the frame edge.
- Dirt build-up on the surface of the panel can cause active solar cells to be shaded and electrical performance to be impaired.
- Contact Evergreen Solar for more information regarding minimum recommended tilt angles for specific panel products.
- For roof mounted systems, provide adequate rear ventilation under a panel for cooling (100mm: 4 in. gap minimum).

- Clearance of 7mm:¼ in or more between panels is required to allow for thermal expansion of the frames.
- Always keep the back surface of the panel free from any foreign objects or structural elements which could come into contact with the panel, especially when the panel is under mechanical load.
- Ensure panels are not subjected to wind or snow loads in excess of the maximum permissible loads and are not subjected to excessive forces due to thermal expansion of the support structure.
- Evergreen Solar permits several different mounting methods. The permissible mounting methods and maximum permissible wind and snow loads are detailed in the Mounting Guide available from Evergreen Solar (IEC 61730 compliant version).
- For permission to use mounting methods not described in the Mounting Guide (IEC 61730 compliant version), please consult Evergreen Solar. Failure to do so will void the warranty and panel certification.
- Always follow the mounting equipment vendors' installation instructions in addition to the instructions found in the Mounting Guide (IEC 61730 compliant version). In cases where the vendors' instructions are more stringent than those detailed in the Mounting Guide (IEC 61730 compliant version), the vendors' instructions shall apply.
- In cases where the maximum permissible loading determined by the mounting equipment vendor is less than the maximum permissible load stated in the Mounting Guide (IEC 61730 compliant version), the maximum loads determined by the vendor should always be used.
- The maximum permissible loads apply to uniformly distributed wind or snow loading. Care should be taken to avoid mounting panels in areas that are prone to drifting snow, icicle and/or ice dam formation.

Operation and Maintenance

- No routine maintenance is required. However it is advisable to perform periodic inspection of the panels for damage to glass, back-skin, frame, junction box or external electrical connections.
- Check electrical connections for loose connections and corrosion.
- PV panels can operate effectively without ever being washed, although removal of dirt from the front glass can increase output.
- Evergreen Solar panels use front glass with a wear resistant and durable anti-reflection treatment designed to improve electrical performance.
- No abrasive materials (sand, hard particles) should be used on the glass.
- Water can be used for regular washing or rinsing of the treated front glass to remove dust, dirt or other deposits.

- Water with a pH value between 5.5 and 7 is recommended. Never use water with a pH value above 7.
- Water with a lower conductivity will leave fewer visible deposits on the glass after drying. A conductivity of 500 μS or less is recommended.
- Pressure washing is not recommended.
- To remove ingrained dirt, the treated glass can also be washed with a micro-fiber cloth and ethanol or a conventional glass cleanser.
- No aggressive and abrasive cleansers or chemicals should ever be used on the treated front glass.
- No alkali or acid based chemicals should be used, including ammonia or sulfuric acid based solutions.
- Always wear rubber gloves for electrical insulation while maintaining, washing or cleaning panels.
- Panel frames are made of architectural grade, hard-coat anodized aluminum which provides excellent protective properties and color stability.
- Deposits of foreign material on the frame surface can be cleaned using a wet sponge or cloth and dried in air or by using a clean chamois.
- Alternatively, a mild detergent or glass cleaner may be used. Never use aggressive alkaline or acid cleaners to clean any part of the panel.
- Foreign material on the frame may in some instances look like small scratches, but in most cases can be removed by cleaning.

IEC 61730 Required Information

- The Evergreen ES-A series panels have been qualified for Application Class A.
- Panels rated for use in Application Class A may be used in systems operating at greater than 50 V DC or 240 W, where general contact access is anticipated.
- Panels qualified to IEC 61730 within Application Class A are also considered to meet the requirements for safety class II.
- Under normal conditions, a photovoltaic panel is likely to experience conditions that produce more current and/or voltage than reported at Standard Test Conditions. Accordingly, the values of I_{sc} and V_{oc} marked on this panel should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining component voltage ratings, conductor capacities, fuse sizes, and size of controls connected to the PV output.
- Conductor recommendations: single conductor cable, type USE-2 (non-conduit), 10 AWG minimum (6mm² minimum).

- Maximum number of series/parallel panel configurations: a maximum of 2 strings in parallel may be used without an over-current protection device in series with each string. 3 or more strings in parallel may be used if a properly rated and certified over-current protection device is installed in series with each string.
- To ensure that the string voltage does not exceed 1000V, a maximum of 35 panels may be connected in series at an ambient temperature of -40°C.

Disclaimer of Liability

Since the use of this Safety, Installation and Operation Manual and the conditions or methods of installation, operation, use and maintenance of the panel are beyond Evergreen Solar control, Evergreen Solar does not assume responsibility and expressly disclaims liability for loss, damage, injury or expense arising out of or in any connected with such installation, operation, use or maintenance of the panel.

Evergreen Solar assumes no responsibility for any infringement of patents or other rights of third parties that may result from use of the panel. No license is granted by implication or otherwise under any patent or patent rights.

The information in this Manual is based on Evergreen Solar knowledge and experience and is believed to be reliable; but such information including product specifications (without limitations) and suggestions do not constitute a warranty, expressed or implied. Evergreen Solar reserves the right to make changes to the product, specifications or this Manual without prior notice.

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Electrical Characteristics

Standard Test Conditions (STC)¹

		ES-A-195 -fa2/-fc3	ES-A-200 -fa2/-fc3	ES-A-205 -fa2/-fc3	ES-A-210 -fa2/-fc3	ES-A-215 fa2/-fc3
P_{mp}	W	195	200	205	210	215
V_{mp}	V	17.9	18.1	18.2	18.3	18.4
I_{mp}	A	10.90	11.05	11.27	11.48	11.69
V_{oc}	V	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.8	22.9
I_{sc}	A	11.70	11.80	11.93	12.11	12.30

Nominal Operating Cell Temperature Conditions (NOCT)²

		ES-A-195	ES-A-200	ES-A-205	ES-A-210	ES-A-215
P_{mp}	W	142.7	146.4	150.1	153.8	157.4
V_{mp}	V	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.8
I_{mp}	A	8.70	8.87	9.04	9.21	9.37
V_{oc}	V	20.6	20.8	21.0	21.1	21.2
I_{sc}	A	9.32	9.44	9.57	9.76	9.95
T_{NOCT}	°C	45.4	45.4	45.4	45.4	45.4

Specifications

ES-A-195, 200, 205, 210 and 215-fa2/-fc3

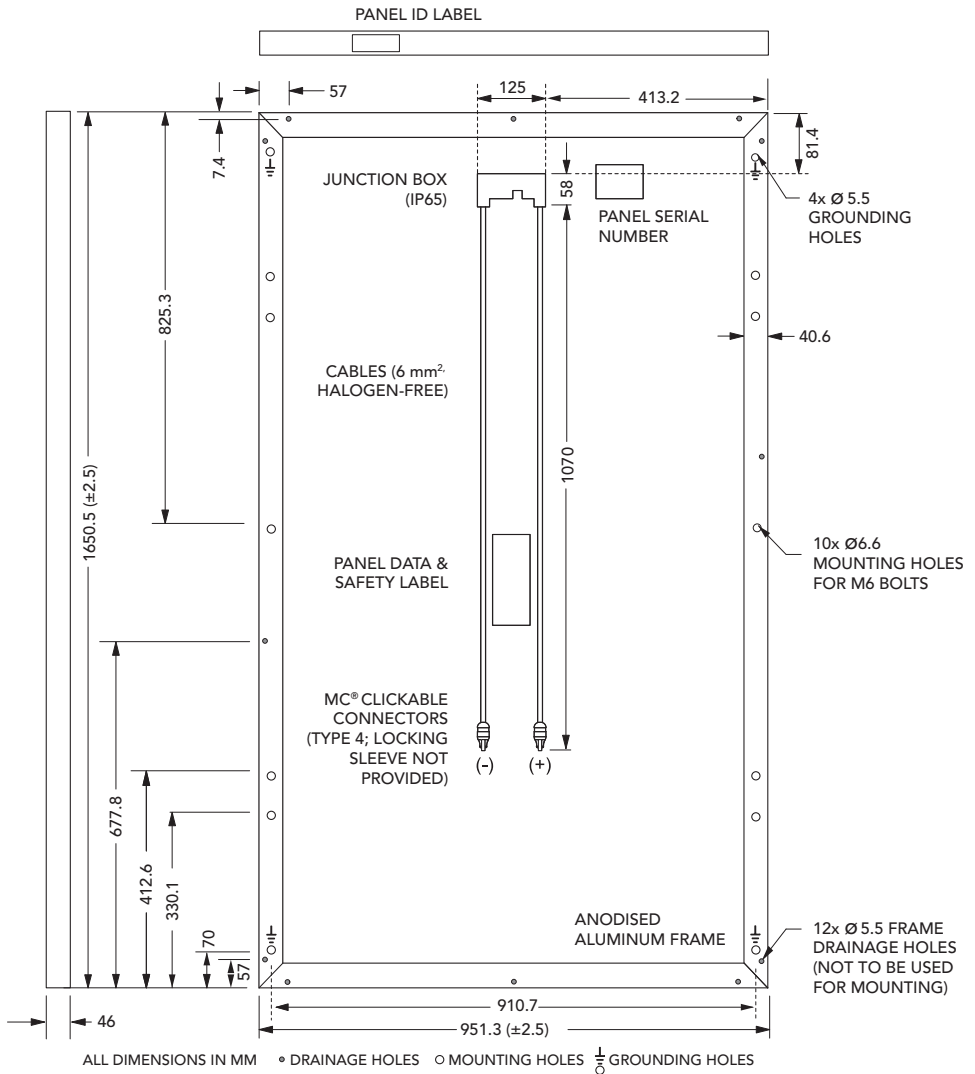
Bypass Diodes	2x Type Schottky UCQS30A04, 45 V, 30 A
Maximum Reverse Current ³	20 A
Maximum DC System Voltage (TÜV)	1000V
External Dimensions	1650.5 x 951.3 x 46 mm / 65.0" x 37.5" x 1.8"
Weight	18.6 Kg / 41 lbs
Solar Cells ⁴	114 Multi-Crystalline Silicon String Ribbon [®] Cells
Frame	Silver or Black Anodised Aluminum - Doubled Walled
Front Cover	Anti-Reflective Tempered Solar Glass 1/8" (3.2 mm) Thickness
Encapsulant / Back Cover	EVA / TPE
Maximum Certified Snow Load ⁵	5.4 kPa
Maximum Certified Wind & Snow Load ⁵	3.8 kPa
Hailstone Impact Test ⁶	ø 25mm (1") ice ball at 23 m/s 83 km/h (52 miles/h)

Temperature Coefficients

γP_{mp}	-0.43	(%/°C)
βV_{mp}	-0.40	(%/°C)
αI_{mp}	-0.03	(%/°C)
βV_{oc}	-0.31	(%/°C)
αI_{sc}	+0.05	(%/°C)

- At Standard Test Conditions: 1000W/m², 25°C cell temperature, AM 1.5 spectrum. Minimum specified power rating is 0% below P_{mp} for all products; other specifications are +/-10% of measured values per ASTM E 892. Specifications subject to change without notice. Warranty details available on request.
- At Nominal Operating Cell Temperature Conditions: 800W/m², 20°C ambient temperature, wind velocity 1m/s, AM 1.5 spectrum. The relative reduction of panel efficiency at 200 W/m² irradiance in relation to 1000 W/m² both at 25°C cell temperature and spectrum AM 1.5 is 0%.
- Also known as Series Fuse Rating.
- Cell color may vary due to our unique manufacturing process but does not affect the performance of the panel
- Per IEC 61215. When using Mounting Methods A3 (long side end mounting) or B (three rails) as described in the Mounting Guide for this product;
- Per IEC 61215.
 - * f—framed, c—medium voltage circuit design, 2— silver anodised aluminum frame matt blue (textured) cells, 3—matt blue (textured) cells, black anodised aluminum frame & white back-skin.

Mechanical Specifications ES-A-195, 200, 205, 210 and 215-fa2/fc3



Evergreen Solar Photovoltaic Panels

Limited Warranty

Limited Warranty: Materials or Workmanship

Evergreen Solar warrants the panels to be free from defects in materials or workmanship under normal application, installation, use, and service conditions. The panels must be installed according to the latest Safety, Installation and Operation Manual provided by Evergreen Solar otherwise this warranty will be void. If the product fails to conform to this warranty, then, for a period ending one hundred twenty (120) months from date of sale to the original consumer purchaser, Evergreen Solar will, at its option, either repair or replace the product or refund the purchase price. The repair, replacement, or refund remedy shall be the sole and exclusive remedy provided under this warranty.

Limited Warranty: Power Output

Evergreen Solar warrants for a period of ten (10) years from the date of sale to the original consumer purchaser that the power rating at Standard Test Conditions will remain at 90% or greater of Evergreen Solar's Minimum Specified Power Rating. Evergreen Solar further warrants for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of sale to the original consumer purchaser that the power rating at Standard Test Conditions will remain at 80% or greater of Evergreen Solar's Minimum Specified Power Rating.

Evergreen Solar will, at its option, repair or replace the product, refund the purchase price, or provide the purchaser with additional panels to make up lost power, provided that such degradation is determined to be due to defects in materials or workmanship under normal installation, application, and use. The panels must be installed according to the latest Safety, Installation and Operation Manual provided by Evergreen Solar otherwise this warranty will be void. The relevant Minimum Specified Power Rating is defined in Evergreen Solar's product data sheet at the time of shipment. Standard Test Conditions are irradiance of 1000 W/m², 25° C cell temperature, and AM 1.5 light spectrum.

Limitations and Conditions

The remedy set forth in these limited warranties shall be the sole and exclusive remedy provided under the extended term warranty, unless otherwise agreed by Evergreen Solar in writing. In Germany, these limited warranties are neither a "guarantee of the quality" of the panel pursuant to §443 BGB (German Civil Code) nor are they an "acceptance of a guarantee" pursuant to §276 BGB.

The limited warranties set forth herein do not apply to any panel which in Evergreen Solar's sole judgment has been subjected to misuse, neglect, or accident; has been damaged through abuse, alteration, improper installation or application, or negligence in use, storage, transportation, or handling; has not been installed in accordance with the latest Safety, Installation and Operation Manual provided by Evergreen Solar or has in any way been tampered with or repaired by anyone other than Evergreen Solar or its authorized agent.

Given the variability in testing equipment and testing methodologies, Evergreen Solar cannot and does not warrant that its panels will deliver any particular results when tested by the consumer or a third party testing agency

The limited warranties do not cover costs associated with panel installation, removal, testing, packaging, transportation, or reinstallation; other costs associated with obtaining warranty service; or costs, lost revenues, or lost profits associated with the performance or nonperformance of defective panels.

Any panels repaired or replaced by Evergreen Solar under a warranty claim shall be covered by the same warranties and original term as the first product purchased under said claim. The term shall not be prolonged or reset from the date of sale to the original consumer purchaser. Any replaced parts or products become the property of Evergreen Solar.

These limited warranties apply only to the first end-user purchaser of the panels or to any subsequent owners of the original building or site where the panels were first installed. The limited warranties set forth herein are expressly in lieu of and exclude all other express or implied warranties, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability and of fitness for particular purpose, use, or application and all other obligations or liabilities on the part of Evergreen Solar, unless such other warranties, obligations, or liabilities are expressly agreed to in writing signed and approved by Evergreen Solar.

Evergreen Solar shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for damage or injury to persons or property, or for other loss or injury resulting from any cause whatsoever arising out of or related to the product, including, without limitation, any defects in the panel, or from use or installation. Under no circumstances shall Evergreen Solar be liable for incidental, consequential, or special damages, howsoever caused.

Evergreen Solar's aggregate liability, if any, in damages or otherwise, shall not exceed the payment, if any, received by seller for the unit of product or service furnished or to be furnished, as the case may be, which is the subject of claim or dispute. Some jurisdictions do not allow limitations on implied warranties or the exclusion or limitation of damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

If a part, provision, or clause of terms and conditions of sale, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, void, or unenforceable, such holding shall not affect and leave all other parts, provisions, clauses, or applications of terms and conditions remaining, and to this end the terms and conditions shall be treated as severable.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights; and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state and country to country. Neither party shall be in any way responsible or liable to the other party, or to any third party, arising out of nonperformance or delay in performance of the terms and conditions of sale due to acts of God, war, riot, strikes, unavailability of suitable and sufficient labor, and any unforeseen event beyond its control, including, without limitations, any technological or physical event or condition which is not reasonably known or understood at the time of sale.

Any claim or dispute regarding these warranties shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York (US).

Obtaining Warranty Performance

If you feel you have a claim covered by warranty, you must promptly notify the dealer who sold you the panel of the claim. The dealer will give advice handling the claim. If further assistance is required, write Evergreen Solar for instructions.

The customer must submit a written claim, including adequate documentation of panel purchase or ownership, serial number and product failure. Evergreen Solar will determine in its sole judgment the adequacy of such claim. Any testing to determine the validity of a warranty claim shall be done at an approved Evergreen Solar testing site. Evergreen Solar may require that product subject to a claim be returned to the factory, at the customer's expense, for testing. Testing completed by the consumer or third parties will not be accepted by Evergreen Solar as evidence of a warranty claim. If product is determined to be defective and is replaced but is not returned to Evergreen Solar, then the customer must submit adequate evidence that such product has been destroyed or recycled.

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