# eArc – Doing more with less

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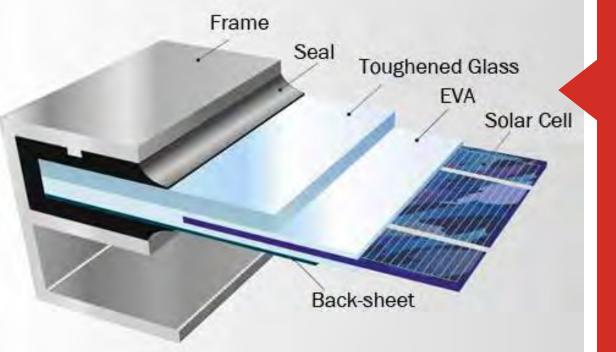


# IN THE LAST 40YFARS

solar panels have remained unchanged



# Weight / Thickness – Conventional Solar panel



Weight of solar panel = 20 kg Weight of solar cells = 720 g

Only 3.6% makes electricity

Thickness of panel = 40 mm Thickness of cell = 0.5 mm

Only 1.25% makes electricity



# **SMF430F-12X12UW**

7.3kg, 70% lighter than glass panel

2054 \* 1080 \* 2 mm

VOC: 46.6









# SMF 215 / SMF 100



215w 1605mm x 710mm x 2mm VOC: 27.4 100w 1093mm x 552mm x 2mm VOC: 25.2



# In field performance

## Since 2014 SunMan have installed over 400 MW of eArc globally



Sunman is the first PV module of its type, made with a fibreglass reinforced composite material to pass IEC 61215 durability test twice – SunMan modules have the advantage of strength and endurance combined with lightness.



## What is the IEC 61215 durability test?

----- Accelerated UV testing

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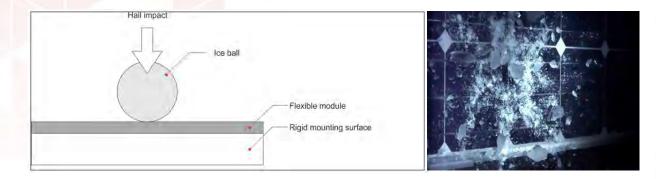
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- ---- Thermal cycling: -40 °C to + 85 °C 250 cycles
- ---- Humidity Freeze: -40 °C to + 85 °C at relative humidity of 85%
- ---- Damp heat test: + 85 °C at relative humidity of 85% for 1000 hours
- Hail test : stones 35mm in diameter mass of 200g @ 39.5 m/s
- ---- Mechanical load / wind test



## How to test?



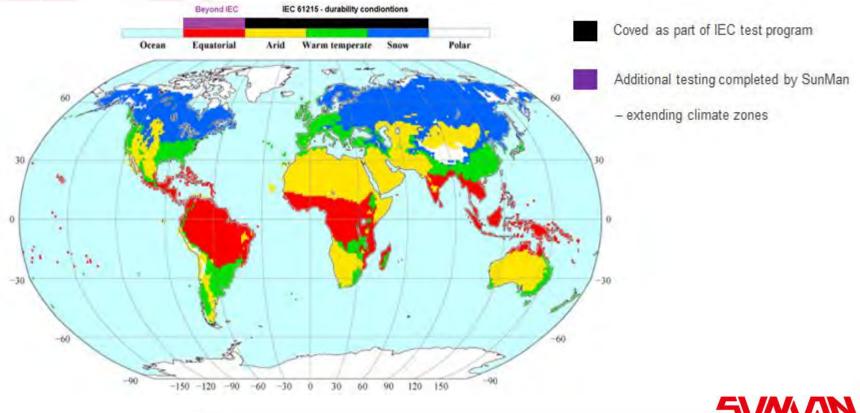




-40 ∘C to + 85 ∘C



## IEC61215 has been designed to test for "General Open-air Climates"



Lightweight Solar Pioneer

## SunMan going beyond IEC61215

Independent Extended UV Exposure Extended UV exposure testing to insure polymer material longevity for 25 years







3000 Hours of Damp Heat Testing  $85\ {\circ}C$  at relative humidity @ 85% passed with no new failure modes identified

Proven performance in extended damp heat makes product suitable for use in hotter and more extreme climatic zones

**PID Free** 

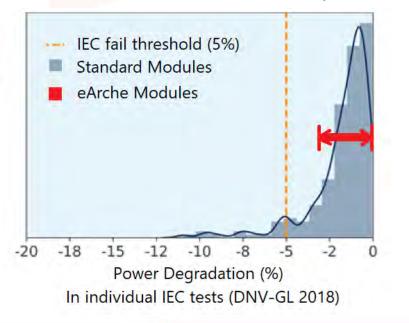
Independently tested eArche is PID free in all fielded situations



## **Benchmarking IEC 61215: glass modules Vs eArc**

eArche compared to expected behaviour of conventional glass modules from the published scientific literature.

eArche compared to expected and best in class behaviour of conventional glass modules as documented in the "PVEL module reliability scorecard 2019"



Performance changes for the eArche modules during IEC tests are well below the pass / fail threshold and solidly within the expected range for standard glass modules with well-established durability.



## **Certifications and Award**



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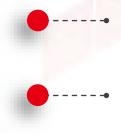
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## The science and technology of composite materials



Composite materials have been used in a wide range of applications for the past 30 years – Proven real world performance

The greatest advantage of composite materials is strength and endurance combined with lightness. Composite materials also stand up well to heat and corrosion



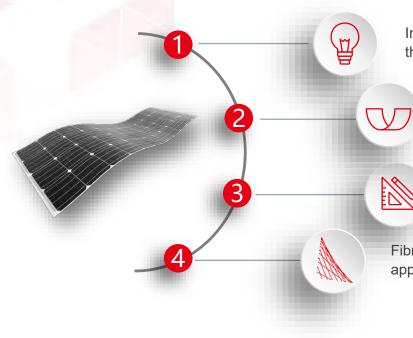
Products used every day with composites







## More than just strength - The Solar Skin



Innovation in module construction allows the eArche module to be semi flexible

Crystalline silicon solar cells do have a small bending tolerance

Module design allows for the module to bend rather than the cells

Fibreglass reinforced composite material applies equal load across the cell when flexed



# SMF / Installation method – Quick Bonding

SMF: Quick Bonding – No mounting hardware – Installed weigh @ 3.3 kg /m2

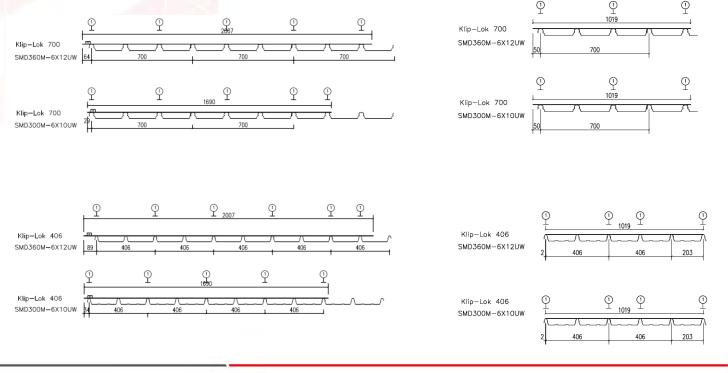






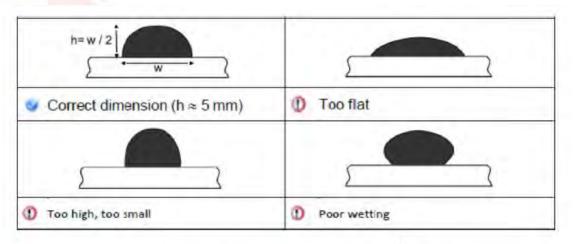
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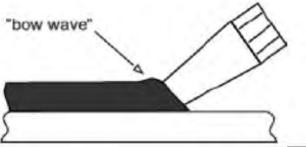
### Quick Bonding – CEC approved. Certified to wind region D 30m high



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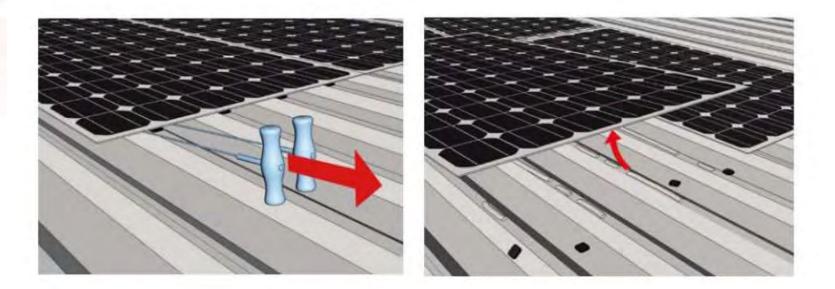






# **Installation Method: Quick Bonding**

SMD : Quick Bonding – Uninstall





# **Off Grid Installation: Recent case studies**









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Australia | SMF35M-2x6UW | Gluing via silicone sealant for PV modules The world's first solar-powered train, blending heritage with modern technology.





Lightweight Solar Pioneer









## **Recent case studies**







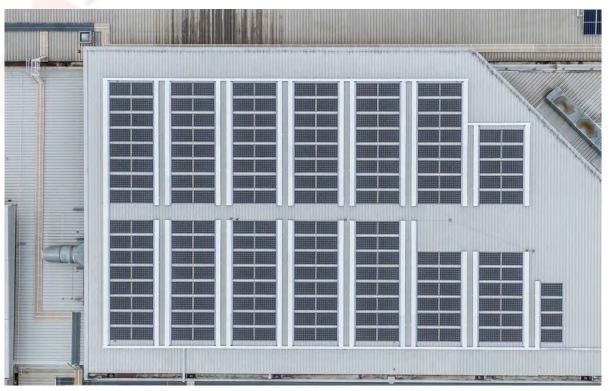
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