

# Leading the World in PV Test Solutions



# The Seaward Solar range of electrical safety test solutions enables PV installers to meet all testing and certification requirements safely and efficiently.

Our market-defining range of PV test and measurement equipment makes meeting the requirements of MCS and BS EN 62446 quicker and easier. From site-survey to commissioning tests and periodic inspection, Seaward Solar has it covered.

Specialised test equipment for PV installations has been long-anticipated within the industry. We have responded with a range of products specifically designed to meet the needs of solar installers.

The PV150 installation tester improves safety and efficiency for solar PV installers when carrying out the required commissioning tests. It combines all of the tests into a handheld unit, making testing easier and much faster.

To complement the PV150, the Solar Survey range of multifunction irradiance meters offer a uniquely versatile solution to site-surveys; featuring compass bearing, inclination and temperature measurements in addition to irradiance.

The software program, SolarCert Elements has been developed to enable easy completion of certificates through manual data entry or USB download from the PV150 tester.

Once PV systems are installed, the Solar Power Clamp is ideal for advanced power analysis for efficiency measurements and troubleshooting.

With our complete range of PV electrical test equipment, you can be sure we have a solution for you.



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SolarCert Software



Survey 100/200R  
Irradiance Meters



PV150 Installation Tester



AC/DC  
Power Clamp



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INSTALLATION PV150

A close-up photograph of a hand gripping the edge of a solar panel. The panel's surface is highly reflective, creating bright, diagonal streaks of light. The background is a clear, deep blue sky. The overall composition is dynamic and emphasizes the physical nature of solar energy.

“The PV150 has revolutionised the way we work. Our installers now use one piece of equipment instead of three. We can test a system quickly, simply and we can ensure it's doing what we want it to do.”

Martin Cotterell - Sundog Energy and IEC Convenor



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# Solar PV Installation.

## 4 step commissioning process.

### 1. Solar Site-Survey

Irradiance, orientation and roof tilt must be measured and recorded as part of the solar site-survey which is a requirement of MCS and BS EN 62446.



#### Solar Survey 100/200R Irradiance Meters

- Irradiance is measured using a reference cell to offer a more representative reading
- The Solarlink™ feature of the Solar Survey 200R enables irradiance to be measured and displayed on the PV150 tester via wireless connectivity
- Measures inclination and roof tilt
- Measures ambient air and module temperature

### 2. Commissioning Tests

A series of commissioning safety tests are required by MCS and BS EN 62446;

- Earth Continuity
- Polarity
- PV String Open Circuit Voltage
- PV String Short Circuit Current
- Array Insulation Resistance
- PV String Operational Current



#### Solar Installation PV150 Test Kit

- Includes the comprehensive PV150 multifunction tester which combines all MCS electrical tests
- Connects wirelessly with the Solar Survey 200R to display irradiance measurement on its screen
- USB port enables direct download of test readings into certification software
- AC/DC current clamp supplied to enable current measurement
- Test adaptors supplied to enable safe and simple connection to most major PV modules

#### Test Adaptors and Solar Tags

- Specialist DC warning and full PV system markers for labelling and identification on PV systems
- A range of test leads and adaptors are available



### 3. System Documentation

There is a requirement to record the results of the commissioning tests along with other system information. For record-keeping and traceability purposes these have to be handed over to the client.



#### SolarCert Elements

- Manual data entry into professional BS EN 62446 certificate and report templates
- Download test results from PV150 and Solar Survey 200R via USB
- Stores system documentation
- Print, email or save documentation

#### PV Inspection Test Report & Certificate Pads

- High quality carbon copy test report and certificate pads for handwritten certification.



### 4. Performance Maintenance & Diagnostics

To ensure optimal return on investment and power output, it is important to check the efficiency of inverters as part of system inspection and testing.



#### Solar Power Clamp

- Advanced AC/DC power analysis tool used for maintenance, troubleshooting and efficiency measurement on PV systems
- Power factor measurement and harmonic analysis up to the 25th harmonic enables analysis of the inverter's performance

#### Solar Survey 100/200R Irradiance Meters

- These meters help to identify deviations in irradiance and temperature from the module manufacturer's standard test conditions (STC) to determine how this will affect I-V curve tracing.



# The Solar Installation PV150.

The most technically advanced and safest solar PV installation tester on the market. With USB and wireless Solarlink™ connectivity.



The new PV150 combines all PV electrical test functions required to meet MCS and BS EN 62446 into one safe, easy-to-use, hand-held device. The addition of USB and wireless Solarlink™ connectivity make the PV150 the most versatile PV tester on the market.

Using Seaward Solarlink™, the PV150 can capture and record real-time irradiance, ambient temperature and PV module temperature measurements from the Solar Survey 200R wirelessly. This means you can take all measurements, as required by MCS and BS EN 62446 standards, simultaneously.

It has increased memory size of up to 200 complete test records and USB download to PC for complete traceability and report/certificate creation. It's also able to measure DC power whilst the PV system is operational.



## Key features and functions

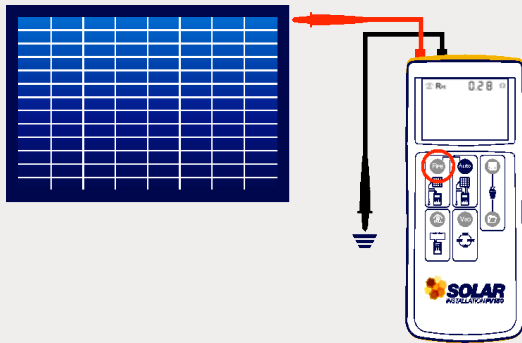
- Combines all commissioning tests required by MCS and BS EN 62446
- Featuring new Seaward Solarlink™
- Increased memory capacity: up to 200 records
- USB download to PC
- Simple, safe, user interface
- Single key testing and measurement
- Safe test connections with energised PV arrays
- Direct connection to PV modules
- Earth continuity measurement
- Earth test lead null (up to 10ohms) for long test-leads
- PV string open circuit voltage measurement up to 1000V DC
- Open circuit voltage polarity indication
- PV string short circuit current measurement up to 15A DC
- PV array insulation test at 250/500/1000V
- Rugged and robust

# PV System Electrical Commissioning Tests

The PV150 enables simple, safe and fast testing of photovoltaic systems to BS EN 62446 and various state regulations as shown below

## 5.4.2 Earth Continuity

Where protective earthing and/or equipotential bonding conductors are fitted, such as bonding of the array frame, the continuity should be tested.

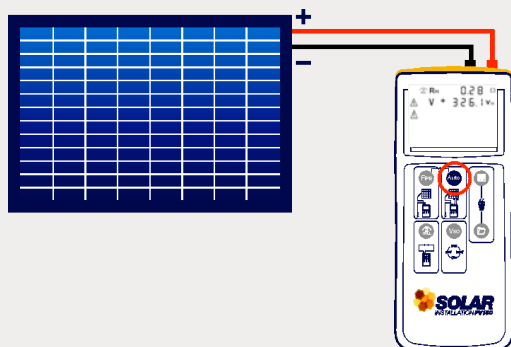


## 5.4.3 Polarity Test

For reasons of safety and prevention of damage to other equipment in the system, the polarity of all DC cables should be verified before other tests are performed. The PV150 does this automatically as part of the PV String Open Circuit Voltage test.

## 5.4.4 PV String Open Circuit Voltage

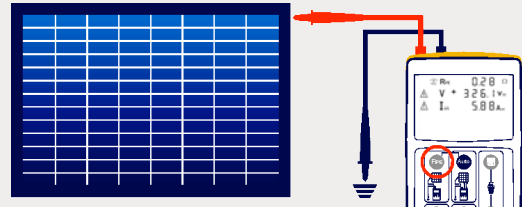
Measured to ensure correct installation and operation of each PV string. Measured values should be compared with expected values. For systems with multiple identical strings, values should be within 5% of other PV strings in array.



## 5.4.5.2 PV String Short Circuit Current

Short circuit of current is measured to ensure correct installation and operation of each PV string. Measured values should be compared with expected values. For systems with multiple identical strings, values should be within 5% of other PV strings in array.

The PV150 stores results for up to 200 strings and enables these to be compared to identify deviations of greater than 5% for both the PV string open circuit voltage.

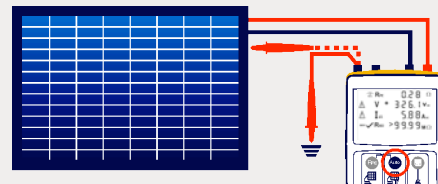


## 5.4.7 Array Insulation Resistance

Measured from the array positive and negative to ground and compared with minimum acceptable values specified by national requirements and IEC 62446.

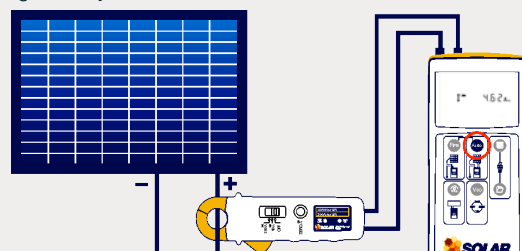
Test voltage is selected according to the PV system voltage ( $V_{oc} stc \times 1.25$ ), this determines the minimum acceptable values:

- 250V is used for systems less than 120V
- 500V for systems between 120V and 500V
- 1000V for systems over 500V.



## 5.4.5.3 PV String Operational Current

Operational current is measured with the system in normal operation mode and compared with the expected value. For systems with multiple identical strings, values should be within 5% of other PV strings in array.



# The Solar Installation PV150 Test Kit.

## Helping you meet Installation and Commissioning safety requirements.

Effective commissioning of PV installations requires confirmation of the system safety and performance. The Solar PV150 test kit is an efficient, cost effective means of demonstrating compliance with MCS and BS EN 62446. An array's electrical safety and performance can now be determined quickly, easily and most importantly when you're dealing with a DC current, in complete safety.

### The Kit comprises:

- PV150 Installation Tester
- 2 x MC4 Test Lead Adaptors
- 2 x Sunclix Test Lead Adaptors
- Red Test Lead (with test probe & detachable alligator clip)
- Black Test Lead (with test probe & detachable alligator clip)
- AC/DC Current Clamp
- Carry Case
- Support CD Rom
- UKAS Calibration Certificate

Part No: 388A913



Meets  
MCS and  
BS EN 62446

### Solar Installation PV150 Test Kit in detail



#### The AC/DC Current Clamp

A compact instrument capable of providing accurate measurement of AC or DC currents in conductors up to 22mm in diameter. It connects directly to the PV150 and can be used to measure currents up to 40A AC or DC. It's ideal for operational tests on PV systems. When used with the PV150 installation tester, AC and DC currents can be measured from 0.5A to 40.0A.



#### Carry Case

A rugged holdall with enough room to hold all test leads as well as the PV150 and AC/DC clamp.



#### Support CD-Rom

This includes an instructional video on how to use the PV150, a full operating manual and a trial version of SolarCert Elements software.



#### MC4 & Sunclix Test Adaptors

The test adaptors supplied as standard are fitted with MC4 test connectors which allow direct connection to PV systems or panels fitted with MC4 connectors. Other test adaptors are available as optional accessories.

The Sunclix leads connect directly to PV modules or strings fitted with Sunclix plugs and sockets.

# Specification:

## EARTH CONTINUITY

Display Range	0.00Ω to 199Ω
Measuring Range	0.01Ω to 199Ω
Resolution	0.01Ω maximum
Open Circuit Test Voltage	4VDC, nominal
Short Circuit Test Current	>200mA (as per IEC 61557-4)
Test Lead Compensation	Null out up to 10Ω
User Protection	Warning and test inhibited if ≥ 30V AC/DC detected at inputs

## INSULATION RESISTANCE

Display Range	0.05MΩ to 199MΩ
Measuring Range	0.05MΩ to 199MΩ
Resolution	0.01MΩ maximum
Open Circuit Test Voltage	250V, 500V, 1000VDC (as per IEC 61557-2)
Short Circuit Test Current	>1mA, <2mA s/c as per IEC 61557-2
Visible Warning	≥ 30V AC or DC at inputs

## OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE

Display Range	0.0VDC to 1000VDC
Measuring Range	5.0VDC to 1000VDC
Resolution	0.1V maximum
Enunciators	DC voltage polarity correct or reversed

## SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT

Display Range	0.0A – 15.00A
Measurement Range	0.5A – 15.00A
Resolution	0.01A

## OPERATING CURRENT (USING AC/DC CURRENT CLAMP)

Display Range	0.0A – 40A
Measurement Range	0.5A – 40A
Resolution	0.1A max

## DC OPERATING POWER

Display range	0.0kW – 40.0kW
Measurement ranges	0.1kW – 40.0kW
Resolution	0.1kW

## DATALOGGING AND CONNECTIVITY

Datalogging	Up to 200 complete test datasets Download utility software included
Connectivity	Compatible with SolarCert Elements software (version 1.1) USB download to PC Wireless 'Solarlink™' to Solar Survey 200R (range c. 100m / 330 ft)

## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Display	Custom LCD with backlight
Power Supply	6 x 1.5V Alkaline LR06
Battery Life	>1000 test sequences
Auto Power Down	After 1 minute

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Warranty Period	2 years
Calibration Interval	1 year

UKAS Calibration Certificate supplied as standard

# MCS Solarlink™ Test Kit.

## A complete solution to the testing and measurement requirements of MCS MIS 3002.

The MCS Solarlink™ Test Kit meets all of the commissioning test requirements of MCS and BS EN 62446. It combines the PV150 installation test kit with the advanced Solar Survey 200R irradiance meter; offering the complete solution to the requirements of MCS MIS 3002.

The kit includes all of the necessary equipment to measure the electrical safety and performance of PV systems as well as irradiance. Additionally, the kit is integral to conducting site-surveys for potential installations; providing the information needed to calculate estimated annual solar irradiation and system yields of PV and solar thermal systems, as described in SAP 2009, Appendices H and M.

See page 10 for the PV150 specification. See page 14 for the Survey 200R Irradiance Meter specifications.

### Key features and functions

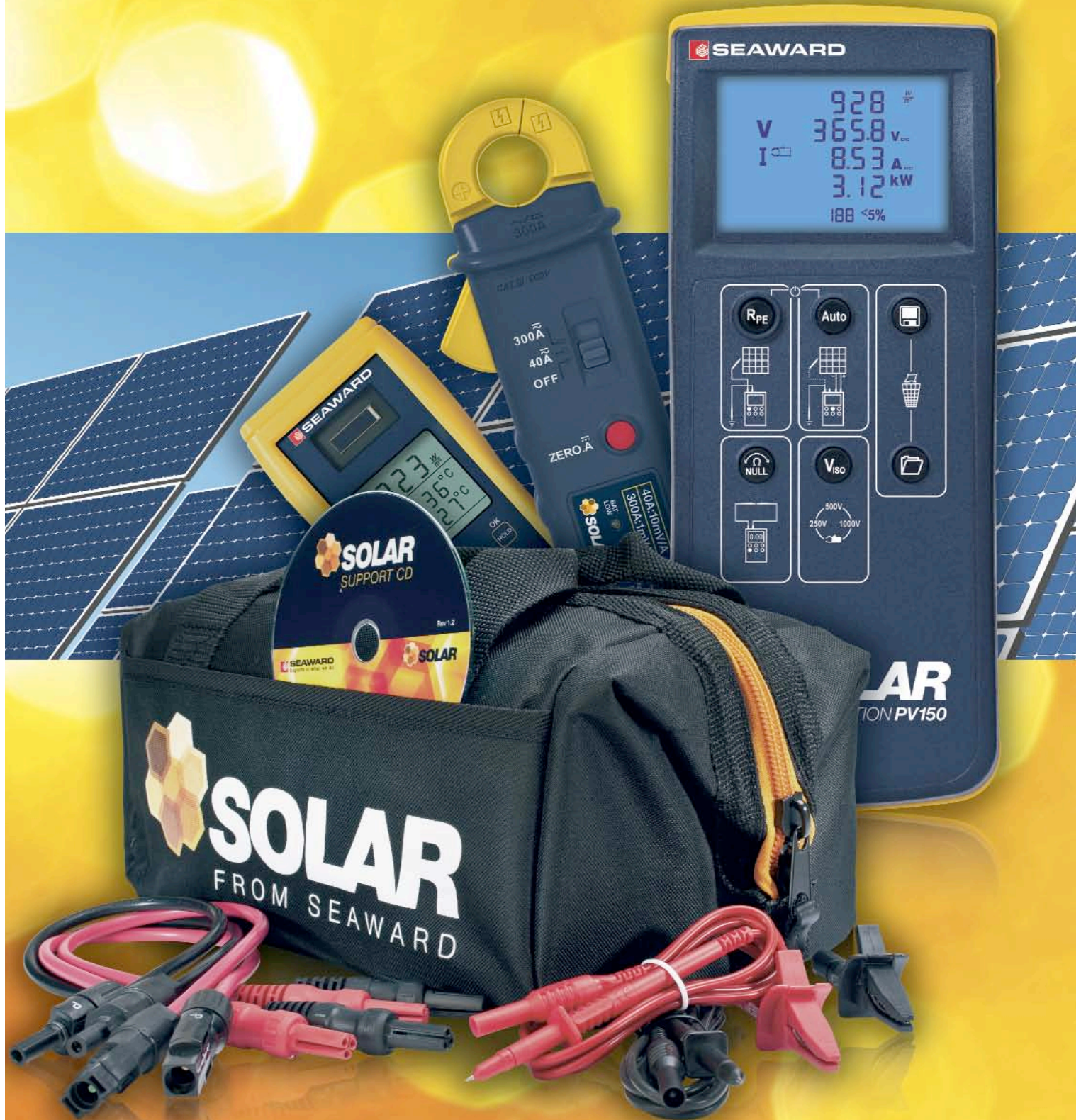
- The comprehensive PV150 tester conducts all of the electrical tests required by MCS at the touch of a button.
- Solarlink™ connectivity between the PV150 tester and the Solar Survey 200R irradiance meter enables irradiance to be displayed and for irradiance, module and ambient temperature to be recorded within the PV150 in real-time as electrical tests are conducted.
- USB download of stored test results and irradiance measurements speeds up the completion of documentation and improves traceability of results.
- Solar Survey 200R measures irradiance using a monocrystalline PV cell for a more representative reading over real operating conditions.
- If combined with SolarCert Elements software, the MCS Solarlink™ Test Kit represents the complete solution in PV commissioning, containing all that is needed for testing and documenting installations to the requirements of MCS.

### Kit Includes

- PV150 solar installation tester
- Solar Survey 200R irradiance meter
- AC/DC current clamp
- Rugged carry bag
- 2 x MC4 test lead adaptors
- 2 x Sunclix test lead adaptors
- Red and Black Test leads, with test probe with detachable alligator clips
- Quick Start Guides
- Support CD-Rom including instructional video guide
- PV150 UKAS Calibration Certificate
- Solar Survey 200R Calibration Certificate

### Solarlink™ Connectivity





# Solar Survey 100/200R Irradiance Meters.

The tools required to ensure optimum conditions for every system you install.



Survey 100 Part No: 396A910  
Survey 200R Part No: 396A914

The Solar Survey series of multifunction irradiance meters are the perfect tools for conducting comprehensive solar site surveys.

The 200R now features a wireless link to the Solar PV150 installation tester, called Seaward Solarlink™.

Seaward Solarlink™ allows the Solar Survey 200R to give the PV150 real-time irradiance, ambient temperature and PV module temperature measurement results simultaneously to commissioning tests being conducted as required by MCS and BS EN 62446 standards. Results can be downloaded from the PV150 into the SolarCert Elements software.

Both 100 and 200R incorporate a display hold feature which enables readings to be captured in difficult locations. The Solar Survey 200R has the added benefit of a large internal memory, real-time clock for data logging purposes and USB interface for download to a PC.

With their high specification, these irradiance meters measure the sun's energy simply and quickly. They display the information in either  $W/m^2$  or  $BTU/hr-ft^2$  making them ideal for both solar photovoltaic and thermal applications.

Irradiance measurements are made using a photovoltaic reference cell giving a more representative measurement of solar energy and greater accuracy and repeatability compared to irradiance meters which use simple photo-diodes.

What distinguishes the compact, rugged Solar Survey 100 and 200R as truly versatile and indispensable instruments are their unique additional features of digital compass, digital tilt meter and dual channel temperature measurement.

These features let the operator rapidly identify the best location for harnessing the sun's energy. Dual channel temperature allows the installer to accurately and quickly measure ambient and module temperature, which are used to identify deviations from standard test conditions and thus ensure accurate I-V curve tracing.

## Key features and functions

- Suitable for both photovoltaic and solar thermal installations
- Built-in compass and inclinometer measure roof orientation and pitch
- Measures irradiation as required by BS EN 62446
- Dual channel temperature measurement
- 200R features Seaward Solarlink™ for simultaneous measuring
- Built-in data logger and USB interface (Solar Survey 200R model only)
- Rugged, robust and hand-held

# Specification:

## IRRADIANCE

Display Range	0 – 1500 W/m <sup>2</sup> or 0 – 500 BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup>
Measurement Range	100 – 1250 W/m <sup>2</sup> or 30 – 400 BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup>
Resolution	1 BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> / 1W/m <sup>2</sup>

## TEMPERATURE

Display Range	-30°C to +125°C
Measurement Ranges	-30°C to +125°C
Resolution	1°

## COMPASS BEARING

Display Range	0° to 360°
Measurement Ranges	0° to 360°
Resolution	1°

## INCLINOMETER

Display Range	0° to 90°
Measurement Ranges	0° to 90°
Resolution	1°

## DATALOGGING AND CONNECTIVITY (SURVEY 200R ONLY)

Datasets	5000
Sample Rate	1 to 60 minutes (user definable)
Datalogging	Download utility software included Compatible with SolarCert Elements software (version 1.1)
Connectivity	USB download to PC Wireless 'Solarlink™' to PV150 (range c. 100m / 330 ft)

## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Display	Custom LCD
Power Supply	2AA Alkaline Batteries
Battery Life	>20,000 Readings
Auto power down	After 2 minutes

## SERVICEABILITY

Warranty	2 years
Calibration	1 year

Calibration Certificate supplied

# Solar Power Clamp.

Advanced power analysis tool for fast and easy efficiency measurements.



The Solar Power Clamp is a feature-packed Power Analyser designed to enable maintenance, troubleshooting and efficiency measurements on photovoltaic systems.

The Power Clamp simplifies and speeds up the process of determining the efficiency of PV systems. It can quickly measure current and voltage at both the AC and DC sides of the inverter, giving a true RMS reading of the power whilst the system is operational.

The Solar Power Clamp can be used when installing a PV system to ensure the inverter is operating correctly or for maintenance and troubleshooting on the PV system after commissioning.

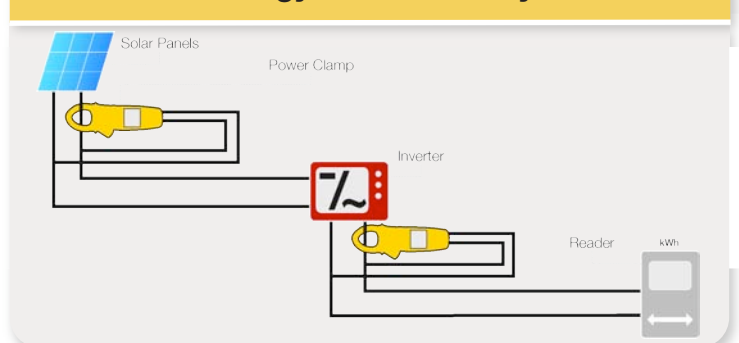
In addition to power and efficiency measurements, the harmonic analysis function of the Solar Power Clamp can be used as a means of detecting faults within the inverter.

As PV systems have a lifetime of over 25 years, periodic inspection and testing is necessary to ensure that they are operating efficiently. Most inverters have a lifetime much shorter than that of the entire system and so require particular attention as part of system inspection, and testing, to ensure optimal system return on investment and power output.

## Key features and functions

- High performance instrument for measuring AC and DC power
- Includes MC4 test leads for DC power measurements (others available)
- Power factor measurement and harmonic analysis up to 25<sup>th</sup> harmonic for inverter performance analysis
- Rugged, robust and handheld, with active backlight and inbuilt cable illuminating torch – ideal for use in confined and/or dark spaces
- Full clamp-on multimeter capabilities

## Energy and Efficiency



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# Specification:

Accuracy is  $\pm$  (% reading + number of digits) AT 23°C  $\pm$  5°C < 80%RH

## ACTIVE POWER

Function	Range	Accuracy
ACW / DCW	0.000kW – 599.9kW	A, error*V, reading + V, error *A, reading

## VOLTAGE

Function	Range	Basic Accuracy
DCV	0.00 – 999.9V	$\pm$ (0.7% + 2dgt)
ACV	0.00 – 999.9V	$\pm$ (1.0% + 5dgt)
LPF (ACV)	0.00 – 999.9V	$\pm$ (1% + 5dgt) @ 50Hz - 500Hz $\pm$ (5% + 5dgt) @ >60Hz - 400Hz
Resolution (all)	0.01 V	

## CURRENT

Function	Range	Accuracy
DCA	0.00A – 99.99A 100.0A - 599.9A	$\pm$ (1.5% + 0.2 A) $\pm$ (1.5% + 5dgt)
ACA	0.10A – 599.9A	$\pm$ (1.5% + 5dgt) 50Hz - 60 Hz $\pm$ (2% + 5dgt) >60Hz - 500 Hz
LPF	0.10A – 599.9A	$\pm$ (1.5% + 5dgt) 50Hz - 60 Hz
ACA		$\pm$ (5% + 5dgt) >60Hz - 500 Hz

## PEAK HOLD : PEAK MAX / PEAK MIN

Function	Range	Accuracy
ACV	140.0V 140.0V	$\pm$ (3.0 % + 15dgt)
ACA	140.0A 850A	$\pm$ (3.0% + 15dgt)

## FREQUENCY

Function	Range	Accuracy
Frequency	20.00Hz - 9.999kHz	$\pm$ (0.5% + 3dgt)

## TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION

Function	Range	Accuracy
ACA /ACV	0.1 – 99.9%	$\pm$ (3.0% + 10dgt)
Resolution	0.1%	
<b>Harmonic Order</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>
H01 ~ H12	0.1 – 99.9%	$\pm$ (5% + 10dgt)
H13 ~ H25	0.1 – 99.9%	$\pm$ (10% + 10dgt)
Resolution	0.1%	

## INRUSH CURRENT

Function	Range	Accuracy
ACA	0.00A - 99.99A 100.0A - 599.9A	$\pm$ (2.5 % + 0.2A) $\pm$ (2.5 % + 5dgt)

## POWER FACTOR

Range	-1.00 - 1.00
Resolution	0.01
Basic Accuracy	$\pm$ 3° $\pm$ 1dgt

## RESISTANCE, CONTINUITY & DIODE

Function	Range	Accuracy
Resistance	0.0 $\Omega$ - 999.9 $\Omega$ 1.00k $\Omega$ - 99.99 k $\Omega$	$\pm$ (1.0% + 5dgt) $\pm$ (1.0% + 3dgt)
Continuity	0.0 $\Omega$ - 999.9 $\Omega$	$\pm$ (1.0% + 5dgt)
Diode	0.40 ~ 0.80V	$\pm$ 0.1V

## CAPACITANCE

Function	Range	Accuracy
Capacitance	0.000 $\mu$ F - 4000 $\mu$ F	$\pm$ (1.9% + 8dgt)
Resolution	0.001 $\mu$ F max	

## GENERAL

<b>Safety</b>	<b>IEC 61010</b>
Power Requirement	Single 9V battery
Battery life	~ 100 hours (alkaline battery)
Size	87 mm (W) x 239 mm (L) x 51 mm (H)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Warranty Period	2 years
Calibration Interval	1 year

# SolarCert Software.

## Easy-to-use Software for Solar PV Test Reporting and Certification.



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SolarCert Elements is an easy to use, fast and functional software program. It's another Seaward total solution, designed to help you test, report and certificate in virtually every Solar PV testing situation. You can use SolarCert's manual data entry program to record and store data from each Solar PV installation you test. And now, using the PV150 installation tester, you can download the results into the software for added simplicity.

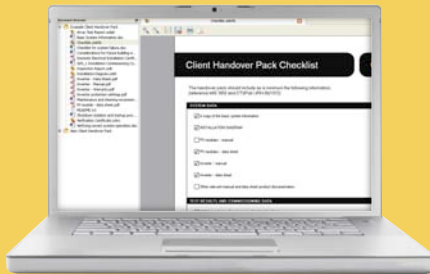
Finding individual pieces of measurement data is easy, as is viewing and printing records. With SolarCert, you can also access professional test and inspection reports as well as produce commissioning and performance verification documents.

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### How SolarCert software helps your business

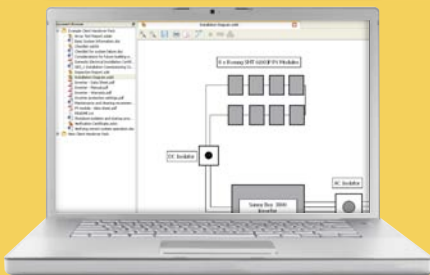
- Produces PV system verification report, PV array test reports and PV system inspection reports, as recommended by various national schemes and the international standard BS EN 62446
- Generates professional reports and certificates
- Intuitive, easy to use
- Searches, views and prints records
- Saves to PDF format
- Improves efficiency and productivity
- Provides full traceability

PV Inspection Test Reports & PV System Verification Certificate pads for hand written records are also available



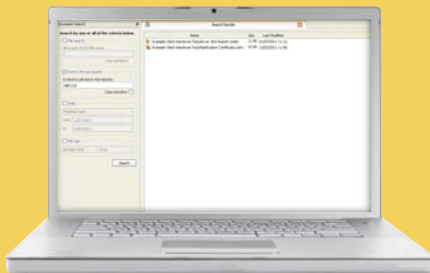
### Step-by-step checklist for compiling reports

An easy-to-follow checklist gives installers peace of mind that all items required for a client handover pack are included in each project file, and makes compiling the correct information easier.



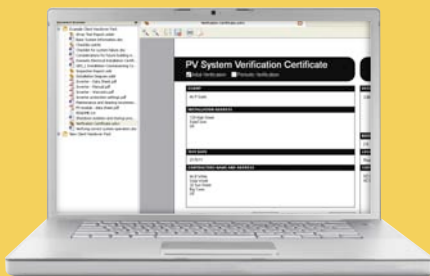
### Create installation diagrams

Easily create clear and concise representations of the PV circuit design with the schematic capture feature. Drag and drop components to create bespoke diagrams for each installation.



### Search for existing client handover packs easily

Searching for past projects and client handover packs is easy with the built-in search function.



### Customise certificates and reports

Within SolarCert Elements, PV test certification and reports can be customised with your company logo. Enabling professional looking documents to be very easily produced.



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