

Multimeter for detecting microcracks in photovoltaic panels



Article Overview

Standard multimeters are generally insufficient for detecting microcracks in PV panels; specialized methods like electroluminescence (EL) imaging and infrared thermography are required for accurate detection.

Limitations of Multimeters

A multimeter measures voltage, current, and resistance, which can indicate gross electrical faults in a PV panel. However, microcracks are microscopic fractures (10–100 micrometers) in solar cells or interconnects that often do not significantly alter the panel's overall electrical output under normal conditions. As a result, a multimeter may show normal readings even when microcracks are present, making it unreliable for early-stage defect detection.

Recommended Detection Methods

- Electroluminescence (EL) Imaging
- EL testing involves applying a forward bias to the solar cells, causing them to emit light. Microcracks and other hidden defects appear as dark lines or spots in the emitted light pattern.
- EL imaging can be performed on-site at night without removing the panels, and high-resolution cameras capture detailed images for analysis.
- Advanced software, such as Selma EL Mass Analysis, can automate defect detection across entire production lines or large PV installations, identifying microcracks, soldering faults, and cell efficiency mismatches

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Abstract Accurately assessing the potential risk of cracks in photovoltaic (PV) panels is crucial for improving the

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