

# **LG Solar & Energy Solutions**



#### The 5 business units of LG Australia



#### **Home Entertainment**



**Mobile Communication** 



**Information System Products** 



**Home Appliances** 



**Energy Solutions - Solar, Air Conditioning & Lighting** 



# Our journey into solar



1985	Conduct 1st solar cell Multi-Crystalline R&D
1998	LG Industrial Systems sets up PV traffic signals
2005	Launched silicon thin film and crystalline solar R&D
2007	LG Solar energy operates its first 14MW solar farm
2008	Solar panel manufacturing approved
2009	Solar Test Lab certified by TÜV and UL
Jan 2010	LG solar panel mass production begins

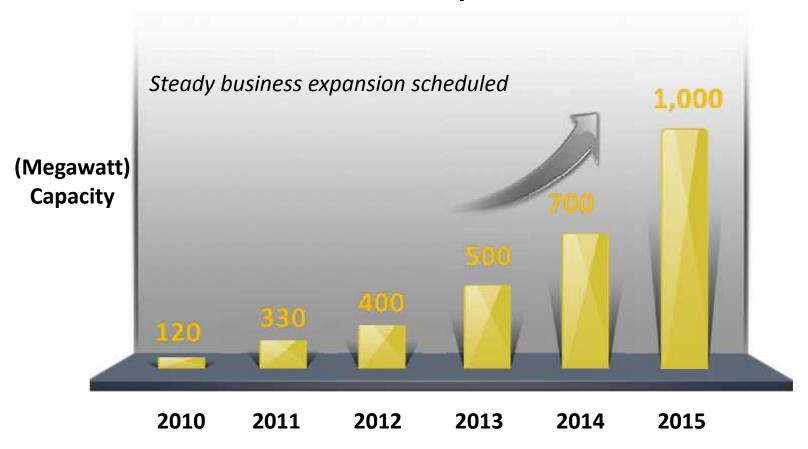




#### Our growing capacity



# LG plans to be a large capacity solar module manufacturer within the next few years



## Key success factors for solar



**Technology Leadership** 

**Quality Assurance / Reliability** 

**Strong Brand and Marketing** 

**Manufacturing Excellence** 

**CAPEX / Balance Sheet (Bankability)** 

Value Chain Integration



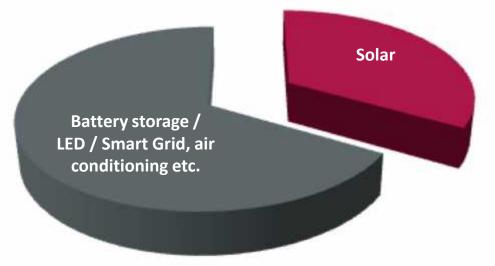
## Synergies with other product groups



Energy Solutions is the way to the future. Other LG energy businesses create synergies with

Solar

**Solar** is a strategic growth engine for LG



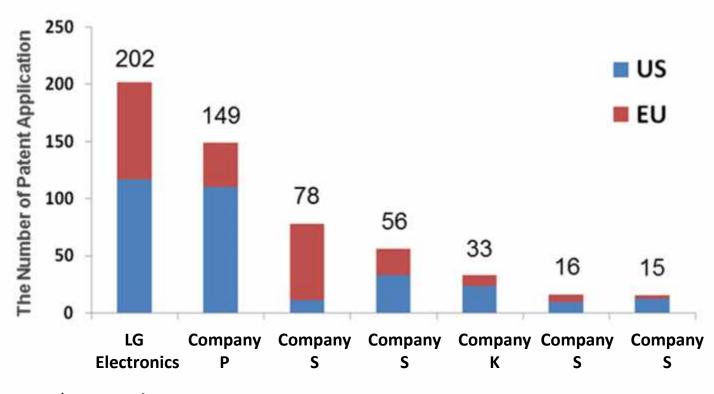
Our \$ 20 billion investment and research pipeline

## **LG's Own Technology**



#### **Technology leader group in the industry**

Since 2009 LG has filed a total of 202 patents\* in solar-related areas.



<sup>\*</sup> As per July 2013

#### Our know- how flows towards solar



#### **Technology Leadership**

Chemical,
Material Engineering,
Energy Storage

Display Technology (LCD, OLED, Plasma)

**Energy Management, Smart Grid** 



## **Product Range**





#### Why you should choose LG modules



- 1. Well known consumer electronics brand
- 2. More than 17 years in solar R &D
- 3. Vertically integrated production
- 4. Made in Korea



- 6. High quality standards for all input materials and processes
- 7. Advanced technology eg. dual NeON wafers
- 8. Well trained dealer network
- 9. Range of modules/panel styles
- 10. Aesthetic piano black frame design



#### Why you should choose LG modules



- 11. Ultra stable, screwed frame
- 12. Heavy Static Load Test with 550 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 13. Ammonia resistance certification
- 14. Salt mist corrosion certification IEC 61701
- 15. Passed high stress PID test
- 16. All modules EL tested for micro cracks by the factory
- 17. LG product test center certified by TÜV and UL (1st in the world)
- 18. 0%/+3% positive tolerance with nominal power sorting
- 19. Mountable on all 4 sides with easy install guide on frame
- 20. Designed for easy water drainage from frame

#### Why you should choose LG modules



- 21. Excellent output performance
- 22. Lightweight but strong (17.3 kg)
- 23. High durability in adverse weather conditions
- 24. Light absorbent glass for higher efficiency
- 25. Transferable warranty
- 26. 10 year manufacturer's warranty on modules
- 27. 25 year linear output warranty
- 28. Warranty held in Australia by LG electronics Australia

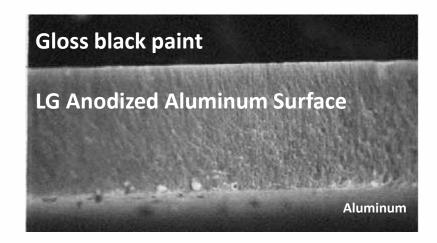


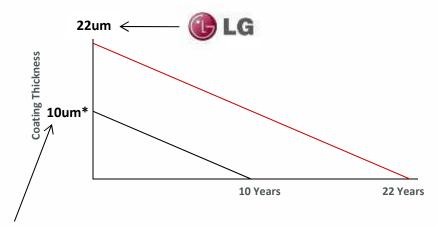
#### 1. Module advantages -framing



All frames of the Mono X<sup>™</sup> are anodised to lengthen the lifecycle of the modules by forming thick and dense oxide(SiO2) that can help protect the modules from electrochemically detrimental factors.







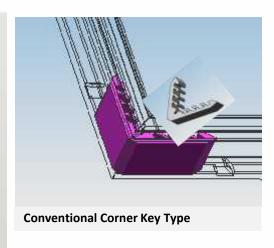
\*Average Coating Thickness of competitor module's frames

Reduction rate of coating thickness approx. 1um per year due to weathering

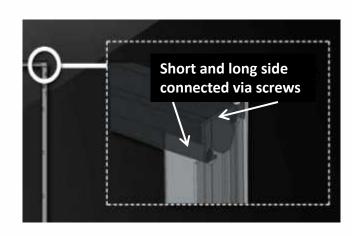
#### 2. Module advantages - framing



LG modules have a lower risk of physical twisting, by external forces, because corner screws are used in the frames. Many competitor's modules use a corner-key (without screws) that leaves them more prone to future distortion from external forces.





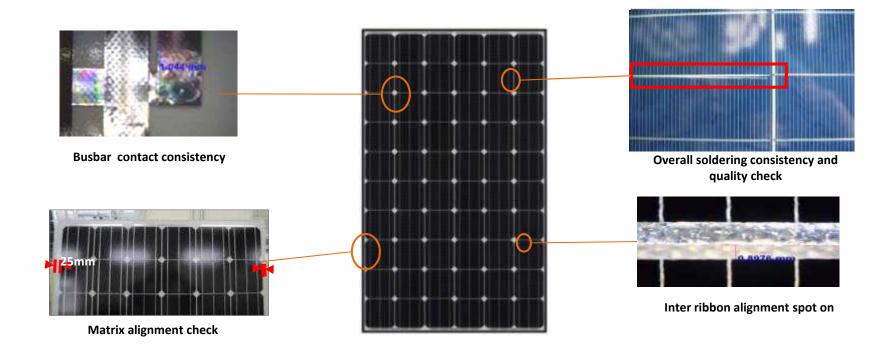




#### 3. Module advantages - precise standards



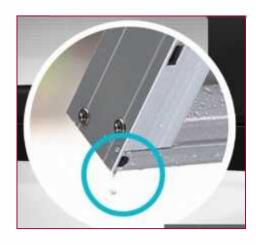
The manufacturing process of the Mono X<sup>™</sup> Module range is tightly managed in regards to µm & mm level tolerances. Every module coming from the production line follows very precise product specifications.



#### 4. Module advantages – rain run off



LG modules have a drainage design to minimise micro particle deposits. These deposits can interfere with the performance of a module as they leave remnants on the surface. Over time, these micro particles accumulate more and more and can negatively affect the power output.



12 drain holes on rear



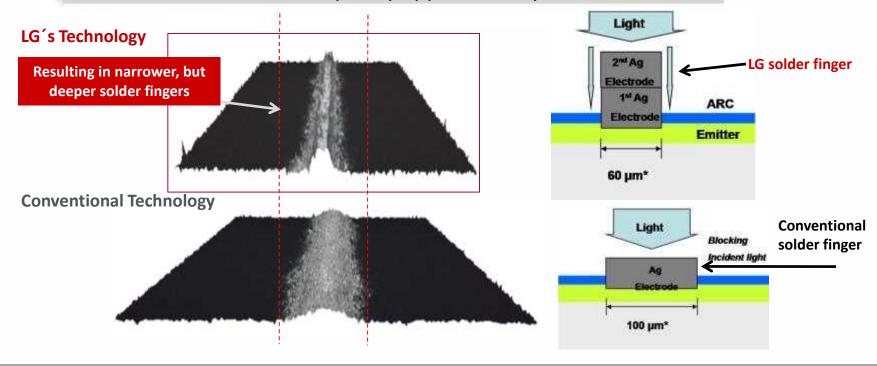
Sliding design for easy run off



Capillary drain on front

#### 5. Module advantages - soldering

LG uses our Plasma Display Panel double printing technology to create very narrow, but deeper soldered finger contacts. This technique increases the light absorbing area, reduces electrode resistance and maximises current. This innovation increases module output by approximately 3 Watt.



## 6. Module advantages - manufacturing



LG's Solar Cells are produced under a "Class 100" production environment, a close to "dust-free" environment and is comparable to the production line for semi-conductors. This is far above solar industry standards and ensures fine production particles do not finds their way into the modules.





**Cell Chipping** 



**Cell Debris** 



**Lead Debris** 

Particle waste created during module production

## 7. Module advantages - EL testing

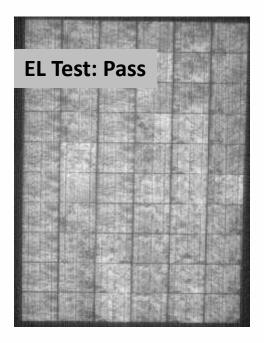


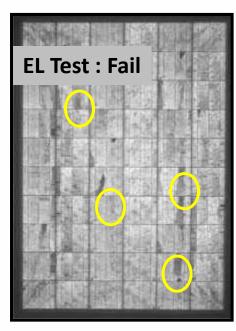
All LG modules undergo EL inspections to detect any micro cracks prior to shipment. The EL tests is a type of x-ray screening of the module and allows LG quality control staff to identify "invisible" cracks that are difficult to detect via the naked eye. Only products without micro cracks are sold.

#### **Conventional X-Ray**



#### **EL Test**







## 8. Module advantages - positive tolerance

The nominal power of all LG modules is sorted according to the flash results. All modules are delivered with a higher power than indicated on the nameplate, because our LG's plus 3% tolerance delivers up to 7.5W more power than the stated nominal power. All electric measurements for the modules are based upon the Standard of the German Fraunhofer Institute.

#### **Typical LG pallet sample**

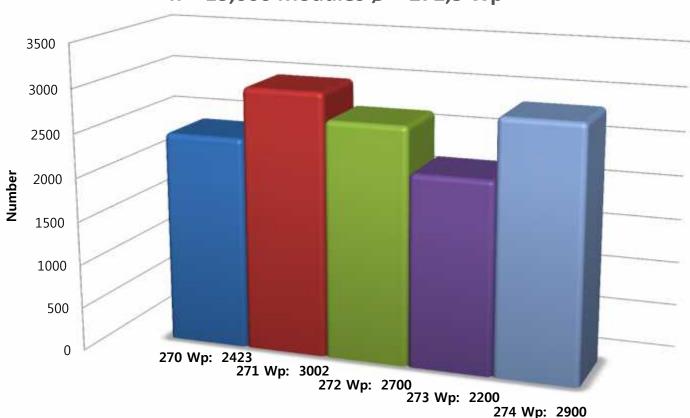


Container No	Model	Serial number	PMAX
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222345	273.685
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222348	274.524
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222350	273.452
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222353	274.588
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222357	275.777
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222359	272.211
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222360	273.997
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222366	273.653
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222372	274.774
MSKU9828970	LG270S1C-B3	K21128222386	274.851



# 9. Module advantages - positive tolerance

Distribution of Flash Data for LG260S1C  $n = 13,000 \text{ Modules } \emptyset = 272,5 \text{ Wp}$ 



274 Wp: 2900

#### 10. Module advantages in detail



In order to ensure our modules last at least 25 years, LG Solar conducts "Accelerated Lifecycle Tests". Aggressive test conditions include extreme rates of environmental change including temperature, humidity and salinity. LG's internal reliability tests are twice as harsh (eg 400 cycle, 2000hours) than the industry standard, to make sure we manufacture high quality durable modules.

Reliability Test	IEC 61215	LG
Thermal Cycling Test	-40 °C ~ 85 °C, 200 cycles	-40 °C $\sim$ <u>90</u> °C, <u>200</u> cycles Pmax degradation check EL inspection after TC checking for microcrack in module
Damp Heat Test	85 °C / 85%, 1,000 hrs	85 °C / 85%, <b>2,000</b> hrs Pmax degradation check
Salty Water Spray Test	No	Yes
Combi Test	No	Mechanical Load Test, Thermal Cycle Test, Damp Heat Test

#### 11. Module advantages in detail



LG solar conducts outdoor module testing through internationally recognised testing organisations such as ATLAS (USA), in 25 different locations representing a wide range of climates. Sample modules are tested outdoor for at least a year. Our modules have gained the highest recognition from ATLAS for their durability in challenging outdoor environments.











Phönix, Arizona Miami, Florida

Arizona dessert

#### 12. Many Additional Tests



LG through its TUV and UL certified testing laboratory undertakes a wide range of tests to ensure our modules stand the test of time.



**Hail Impact Test** 



**UV Exposure Test** 



Thermal Cycle / **Damp Heat Test** 



**Brine Spray Test** 



**Mechanical Load Test 1** 



**Impact Test** 



**Outdoors Field Test** 



**Micro Crack Test** 



**Wafer Impurity Test** 



**Backing Sheet Stress Test** 



**Wafer Resistance Test** 

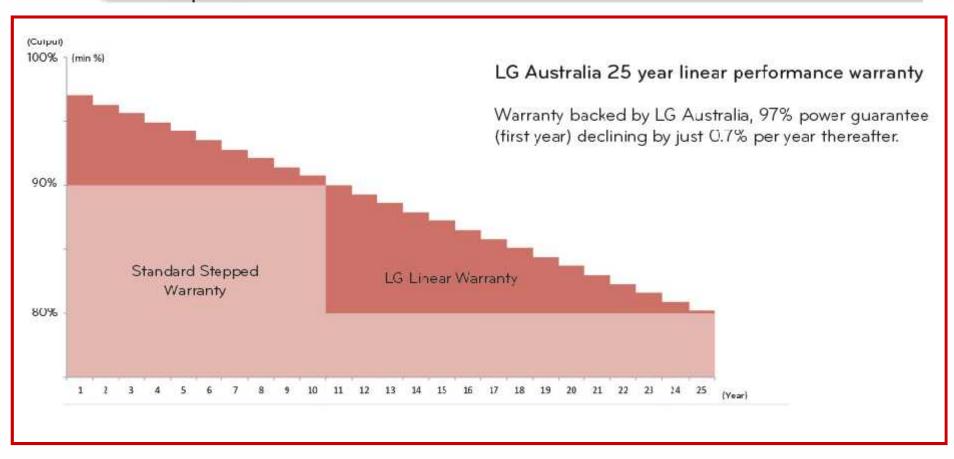


**Mechanical Load Test 2** 



#### 13. Module advantages – linear warranty

Our linear performance warranty is top class and superior to many competitors







Should there ever be the need for a warranty claim, LG Australia is handling all claims locally, as the LG warranty is held by LG Australia.

Our NSW based call centre will take down the details of any warranty claim 7 days a week and will forward the details to the solar unit. Easy.





#### Mono-X NeON – our latest release



- LG introduces a N-type solar module based on our technological leadership.
- NeON offers high efficiency and performance.
- Improved panel quality and less degradation means more power output for longer.
- Only 17.3 kg and 290W and 300W models.



3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Design

#### **Reference sites**





## In summary, LG solar offers ...





**III** High quality solar modules





Reliable module supply







Product innovation





Professional business ethics





