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Rank	Manufacturer	Model	Production dates* ¹	Installed in	Yield in kWh/m ²	Performance ratio	Yield in kWh/kW	Deviation from test winner (%)
1	SunPower	SPR-327NE-WHT-D	—	2012	228.7	95.2%	1,144.1	—
2	SunPower	SPR-320NE-WHT-D	—	2012	227.6	94.9%	1,140.1	0.35%
3	SunPower	SPR-245NE-WHT-D	—	2012	225.3	94.8%	1,139.4	0.42%
4	Seraphim Solar System	SRP-220-6PB	—	2011	156.1	93.6%	1,125.5	1.63%
5	Yingli Green Energy	YL240P-29b	—	2012	169.2	93.1%	1,118.7	2.22%
6	ET Solar	ET-P660240	—	2011	161.6	92.8%	1,115.3	2.51%
7	Sunerg Solar	XP 60/156-230	—	2011	154.6	92.8%	1,115.0	2.55%
8	Siliken	SLK60P6L 230Wp	—	2009	158.0	92.7%	1,114.2	2.61%
9	Jinko Solar	JKM190M-72	2010	2011	166.1	92.5%	1,112.2	2.79%
10	Huanghe	HH230(30)P	—	2012	157.1	92.5%	1,112.1	2.80%
11	Jinko Solar	JKM235P-60	—	2012	156.8	92.5%	1,111.4	2.86%
12	Apollo Solar	235G6M	2011	2012	163.9	92.3%	1,109.0	3.07%
13	CSG PV Tech	CSG180S1-35/36* ⁶	2008	2010	159.1	92.0%	1,106.1	3.32%
14	NexPower Technology	NT-125AX* ²	2009–2010	2010	87.7	92.0%	1,105.9	3.34%
15	Linsun Renewable	SK60P6	—	2011	155.8	92.0%	1,105.6	3.36%
16	Huanghe	HH190(36)M	—	2012	164.7	91.9%	1,104.5	3.47%
17	Nelumbo	NEI 230-3VA	—	2011	153.8	91.8%	1,103.7	3.53%
18	Schott Solar* ¹⁵	SCHOTT PERFORM Poly 235	Since 2011	2012	139.7	91.8%	1,103.4	3.56%
19	Conergy	Conergy PowerPlus 235P	—	2012	162.2	91.7%	1,101.8	3.70%
20	SolarWorld	Sunmodule Plus SW 225 mono	2009	2010	153.8	91.6%	1,100.4	3.82%
21	Upsolar	UP-M220P	2010–2011	2011	147.8	91.5%	1,099.3	3.92%
22	Aleo Solar	Aleo S_18 225	2005	2010	154.5	91.5%	1,099.3	3.92%
23	ZN Shine PV-Tech	ZX250(48)MS	—	2011	163.1	91.5%	1,099.1	3.93%
24	CNPV Solar	CNPV-240P	2006	2011	162.9	91.4%	1,099.0	3.94%
25	Himin Clean Energy	HQ-190S/Ba	—	2012	167.0	91.4%	1,098.9	3.95%
26	REC	Premium 210	Until 2008	2011	141.2	91.4%	1,098.0	4.03%
27	REC	REC230AE* ²	2007–2010	2010	152.1	91.4%	1,097.9	4.04%
28	Win Win Precision	Winaico WSP-250P6	—	2012	164.9	91.3%	1,097.6	4.06%
29	Chint Solar / Astronergy	CHSM5612M-185	—	2012	160.6	91.3%	1,097.1	4.11%
30	V-Energy	VE260PV	—	2012	155.1	91.3%	1,097.1	4.11%
31	Hareon Solar	HR-230P-18/Bb	—	2011	156.1	91.3%	1,096.9	4.13%
32	Solar Modules Nederland	TC245-M0	2010–2011	2011	165.0	91.3%	1,096.7	4.14%
33	Kinmac Solar* ¹³	KSS-6P6A-230	2010	2011	156.5	91.3%	1,096.7	4.14%
34	Kioto Photovoltaics	KPV 210 PE* ²	2008–2010	2009	152.0	91.2%	1,095.9	4.21%
35	BP Solar	BP 3220 T	Until 2011	2011	152.4	91.1%	1,094.5	4.34%
36	Solon	SOLON Blue 230/07(225)	2008	2011	151.4	91.1%	1,094.3	4.36%
37	ITS Innotech Solar	EcoPlus ITS220ECU5* ¹⁰	2011	2012	160.6	90.9%	1,092.2	4.53%
38	SolarWorld	Sunmodule Plus SW 245 poly	—	2012	160.4	90.9%	1,092.1	4.54%
39	Amerisolar	AS-5M-190W	—	2012	166.4	90.9%	1,092.1	4.54%
40	Win Win Precision	Winaico WSP-235P6	—	2010	157.9	90.8%	1,091.7	4.58%
41	REC	REC230PE	2010	2011	157.1	90.8%	1,091.0	4.64%
42	Eurener	PEPV230	—	2012	153.7	90.8%	1,090.8	4.66%
43	CNPV Solar	CNPV-220P	2006	2011	150.0	90.8%	1,090.7	4.66%
44	Sunlink PV	SL220-20M230	—	2011	157.2	90.7%	1,090.6	4.68%
45	CH Solar	CH Solar 180 mono* ²	Until 2010	2010	157.1	90.7%	1,090.2	4.71%
46	China Sunergy	CSUN260-60M	—	2012	170.9	90.7%	1,090.1	4.72%
47	Amerisolar	AS-6P30-230W	—	2012	157.3	90.6%	1,089.2	4.80%
48	CNPV Solar	CNPV-185M	2006	2010	164.9	90.6%	1,089.0	4.82%
49	Upsolar	UP-M180M	2010–2011	2010	154.3	90.5%	1,087.9	4.91%
50	M-Prime	M 235P	—	2012	162.6	90.5%	1,087.4	4.95%
51	Sunflower Light	SF125x125-72-M(180)	—	2011	150.0	90.5%	1,087.3	4.96%
52	Risen Energy	SYP185S-M	—	2011	162.8	90.5%	1,087.3	4.97%
53	PV Power Technologies	PVQ3 220	2008	2009	150.0	90.4%	1,087.0	4.99%
54	SWAT-International	SWAT-240-PS	—	2011	162.3	90.4%	1,086.2	5.06%
55	Bisol	BMU-215-2/233	2009	2011	156.0	90.4%	1,086.0	5.08%
56	Conergy	Conergy PowerPlus 220P	2009	2010	149.4	90.3%	1,085.8	5.09%
57	CEEG Solar* ⁵	SST 240-60M	2005	2011	160.2	90.3%	1,085.6	5.12%
58	China Sunergy	CSUN250-60M	—	2012	166.4	90.3%	1,085.4	5.13%
59	Linuo	LN180(36)M-185	2003	2011	162.6	90.3%	1,085.2	5.15%
60	JCS Solar* ¹¹	JCSM290M-72* ¹²	—	2012	166.1	90.3%	1,085.2	5.15%
61	Galaxy Energy	GS260m-96	—	2011	164.3	90.3%	1,085.0	5.17%
62	Mage Solar	Mage Powertec Plus 225/6PJ	Until 2011	2009	153.4	90.2%	1,084.4	5.22%

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63	CEEG Solar* ⁵	SST 265-72P	2005	2011	157.0	90.2%	1,084.1	5.24%
64	Axitec	AC 236P/156-60S	Until 2011	2011	152.1	90.2%	1,084.0	5.25%
65	SolarWorld	Sunmodule Plus SW 225 poly	2004–2011	2011	147.5	90.2%	1,084.0	5.25%
66	Solaria Energía	S6P2G225	2010	2011	154.8	90.2%	1,083.8	5.27%
67	CSG PV Tech	CSG230M2-30* ⁷	2008	2010	151.7	90.1%	1,083.3	5.31%
68	Trina Solar	TSM-180DC01	2007	2009	149.1	90.1%	1,083.2	5.33%
69	Trina Solar	TSM-225PC05	—	2010	153.9	90.1%	1,083.1	5.33%
70	Ningbo Solar	Sun Earth TDB125x125-72-P 180W* ²	Until 2010	2011	151.6	90.1%	1,083.0	5.34%
71	Vikram Solar	ELDORA 220	—	2011	156.8	90.0%	1,082.2	5.41%
72	Mage Solar	Mage Powertec Plus 230/6PH-US	—	2011	154.7	90.0%	1,081.5	5.47%
73	Daqo New Energy	DQ235PSCa	—	2012	157.8	89.9%	1,080.5	5.56%
74	Magi Solar	MGSM-295-D	2011	2011	163.7	89.9%	1,079.9	5.61%
75	Eging Photovoltaic Technology	EGM-185	2010	2011	159.0	89.9%	1,079.9	5.61%
76	Linuo	LN240(30)P-225	2003	2011	155.6	89.8%	1,079.0	5.69%
77	S-Energy	SM-220PA8	—	2009	152.0	89.6%	1,076.9	5.87%
78	Bosch Solar	Bosch c-Si M 60 230	2009–2010	2011	153.0	89.6%	1,076.5	5.91%
79	Frankfurt Solar	FS215W-POLY	—	2009	147.9	89.5%	1,075.7	5.98%
80	Zentralsolar Deutschland	Genius SDM 185-10004-185	—	2011	160.2	89.5%	1,075.6	5.99%
81	Hanwha SolarOne* ⁹	SF160-24-1M175 (scac)	—	2010	153.8	89.5%	1,075.6	5.99%
82	Topray Solar	TPS105T-180W	—	2011	155.3	89.5%	1,075.6	5.99%
83	BP Solar	BP 3280 T	Until 2011	2011	155.3	89.5%	1,075.4	6.00%
84	Bisol	BMU-215/2/221	2007	2010	150.2	89.5%	1,075.3	6.01%
85	Talesun Solar	TP572M-195	2011	2012	164.7	89.5%	1,075.1	6.03%
86	Solarwatt	M220-60 GET AK (230)	2005	2011	149.9	89.4%	1,075.0	6.04%
87	Solarbest Energy-Tech	ZSB M190	—	2011	156.2	89.4%	1,074.6	6.08%
88	Jinko Solar	JKM255M-96	—	2011	164.1	89.4%	1,074.3	6.10%
89	Kenmec Mechanical	TKSA-23001	—	2011	153.9	89.4%	1,074.3	6.10%
90	Fluitecnik	FTS-220 P	—	2011	153.7	89.4%	1,074.1	6.11%
91	Runda PV	RS230P-60	—	2012	155.7	89.3%	1,073.8	6.15%
92	Suntech Power	STP205-18/Ud	—	2011	156.2	89.3%	1,073.7	6.15%
93	Magi Solar	MGSM-240D-60	—	2011	162.0	89.3%	1,073.1	6.20%
94	Sunrise Solartech	SRM 180D72-GE	—	2009	152.2	89.3%	1,072.9	6.22%
95	Yingli Green Energy	YL210P-29b	2009	2011	141.0	89.3%	1,072.8	6.23%
96	Lilie Energie	Lilie SPL 185	—	2011	155.3	89.3%	1,072.8	6.23%
97	SolarWorld	Sunmodule Plus SW 210 poly* ¹⁶	2004	2006	135.5	89.2%	1,072.5	6.26%
98	Zytech Engineering	ZT 230P	—	2011	150.9	89.2%	1,072.5	6.26%
99	Solargate	SG-2350	—	2012	163.0	89.2%	1,071.9	6.31%
100	Topsolar Green	TSM72-125M-190W	—	2011	155.6	89.2%	1,071.6	6.33%
101	Upsolar	UP-M185M	2010–2011	2011	158.3	89.1%	1,071.3	6.37%
102	CNPV Solar	CNPV-240M	2006	2011	163.1	89.1%	1,071.2	6.37%
103	Sonalis* ¹⁴	SL-180CE-36M	—	2010	154.7	89.0%	1,070.0	6.48%
104	Scheuten Solar	Multisol P6-60	—	2011	153.4	89.0%	1,069.7	6.50%
105	China Sunergy	CSUN240-60P	—	2012	160.9	89.0%	1,069.5	6.52%
106	Sunage	SAM 96/5	—	2011	154.1	88.9%	1,068.8	6.58%
107	Ningbo Solar	Sun Earth TDB125x125-72-P 160W* ²	—	2011	134.8	88.8%	1,067.8	6.67%
108	Chint Solar / Astronergy	CHSM-6610P-230	—	2012	152.5	88.8%	1,067.7	6.68%
109	Ferrania Solis	AP 60-230	2010	2011	210.5	88.8%	1,067.3	6.71%
110	Hanwha SolarOne* ⁹	SF160-24-1M180	—	2011	148.8	88.7%	1,066.4	6.79%
111	Sunpeak / Alpexsolar* ⁴	ALP235W* ²	2009–2010	2010	154.3	88.7%	1,066.3	6.80%
112	Jetion Solar	JT230(30)P1655x992	2005	2011	151.1	88.7%	1,066.0	6.83%
113	Alex Solar	ALM-190D-24	2009	2011	157.6	88.7%	1,065.8	6.84%
114	CNPV Solar	CNPV-190M	2006	2011	164.3	88.7%	1,065.6	6.86%
115	Aide Solar	AD195M5-Aa	—	2011	164.7	88.6%	1,065.0	6.91%
116	Helios Technology	H3A230P	—	2012	151.5	88.5%	1,063.5	7.04%
117	Luxor Solar	LX-185M/125-72+	2007	2011	156.4	88.4%	1,062.7	7.12%
118	Axitec	AC-250M/156-60S	—	2012	162.1	88.4%	1,061.9	7.19%
119	Lilie Energie	Lilie SPL 185-I	—	2011	155.2	88.3%	1,061.6	7.21%
120	Evergreen Solar	ES-E-210-fc3	—	2011	136.3	88.1%	1,058.8	7.45%
121	Win Win Precision	Winaico WSP-230P6	2009	2009	149.4	88.0%	1,057.9	7.53%
122	Shell Solar (now with SolarWorld)	Shell SQ 150-C* ²	Until 2005	2006	124.5	87.8%	1,054.9	7.79%
123	Solar-Fabrik	Premium L poly (225)	—	2011	142.0	87.7%	1,054.3	7.85%
124	Day4 Energy	Day4 48MC 185	2006	2011	152.3	87.6%	1,053.3	7.93%

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125	Sharp	NU-185E1	2005	2011	148.3	87.5%	1,052.1	8.04%
126	Evergreen Solar	ES-A-210-fa2	2008	2011	140.7	87.5%	1,052.0	8.05%
127	Perfectenergy	PEM_180/185-72M-SCC	2008	2010	157.0	87.4%	1,050.8	8.15%
128	Hanwha SolarOne* ⁹	SF160 M5-24 (175 W)* ²	—	2007	143.2	87.4%	1,050.0	8.22%
129	Kyocera	KD210GH-2PU	2009	2011	149.3	87.2%	1,048.5	8.35%
130	Sonalis* ¹⁴	SL-190CE-36M	—	2012	154.7	87.2%	1,047.8	8.42%
131	First Solar	FS 265	2006–2011	2007	94.8	86.9%	1,043.9	8.76%
132	Emmvee Photovoltaics	ES-230P60* ⁸	2008–2011	2010	144.0	86.5%	1,039.9	9.11%
133	Schott Solar* ¹⁵	SCHOTT POLY TM 220	2008–2009	2011	157.9	86.4%	1,038.1	9.27%
134	IBC Solar	IBC MonoSol 240 TT	Until 2011	2011	153.7	86.3%	1,036.9	9.37%
135	Suntech Power	STP190-18/Ub* ²	2005	2011	128.8	86.1%	1,034.8	9.55%
136	Sovello	SV-X-205-fa1	—	2011	135.3	85.8%	1,030.7	9.91%
137	Calrays	CPM 250-A-96	—	2011	149.7	85.3%	1,024.7	10.43%
138	Solar-Fabrik	SF 130/4-130* ²	2006–2010	2010	133.8	85.2%	1,023.7	10.52%
139	Evergreen Solar	EC-120* ²	2004–2006	2006	120.1	85.1%	1,022.7	10.61%
140	Sovello	SV-X-200-fa* ¹³	2009–2011	2011	132.3	84.9%	1,019.8	10.87%
141	Canadian Solar	CS6A-170P	2007 (purchased)	2007	135.9	84.3%	1,013.4	11.43%
142	Sunways	MHH plus 190 (190 Wp)* ²	2003–2005	2005	141.2	83.6%	1,005.0	12.16%
143	Solar-Fabrik	SF 145A* ²	2003–2004	2005	118.8	83.4%	1,002.4	12.38%
144	Isofoton	IS-170/24* ²	2007	2009	137.5	83.4%	1,002.4	12.39%
145	Isofoton	I-110/24* ²	Until 2005	2006	119.4	83.3%	1,001.7	12.45%
146	Kyocera	KC170GT-2* ²	Until 2006	2006	140.1	83.0%	997.1	12.85%
147	ASE (now with Schott Solar)	ASE-300-DG-FT (300 W)* ²	1997–2006	2007	126.3	82.5%	992.0	13.29%
148	BP Solar	BP 7185 S* ²	—	2005	145.2	81.6%	980.6	14.29%
149	Photowatt International	PW 1650-175W	2005 (purchased)	2006	125.1	81.4%	978.1	14.51%
150	Evergreen Solar	ES-180-RL* ²	2006–2008	2007	119.0	80.1%	962.6	15.86%
151	Sharp	NT-R5E3E* ²	2003	2005	137.2	79.0%	949.2	17.04%

*¹ when date of production was unavailable, the date when PHOTON Lab bought the module was used (if possible)

*² no longer manufactured

*³ referred to as Pure Power SV-X-200 (LV) in previous issues

*⁴ manufactured by Alpexsolar; available through Sunpeak-Vertrieb Unternehmensgruppe Ratio-Data

*⁵ CEEG is the manufacturing company of license holder China Sunergy

*⁶ previous model designation: CSG180S1-35/1589x807

*⁷ previous model designation: CSG230M2-30/1640x992

*⁸ previous model designation: ES-200-P60(230)

*⁹ previously manufactured by Solarfun Power Holdings Co. Ltd.

*¹⁰ previous model designation: Economy New ITS220ECU5

*¹¹ previous manufacturer designation: JZ Solar

*¹² previous model designation: JZM 290M-72

*¹³ company has changed its name to Inventec Energy

*¹⁴ manufactured by Ningbo Qixin Solar Electrical Appliance Co. Ltd.

*¹⁵ company has withdrawn from crystalline silicon PV manufacturing

*¹⁶ previous model designation: SW 210 poly



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