# Are photovoltaic panels laser cut



#### Is laser cutting suitable for solar cells?

It is suitable for solar cells with temperature-sensitive coatings, or depositions such as heterojunction devices. Germany's 3D-Micromac AG, a laser micro-machining and roll-to-roll laser systems supplier, has unveiled a new laser-cutting system for the production of half-cut and shingled solar cells.

#### What is a half cut solar panel?

A half-cut solar cell panel allocates twice the cells in the same area of a regular module. This means two times the arrays of solar cells within one module, with half-cut solar cells having half the width, keeping the area of the panel the same. Generally, modules with 60 solar cells include three substrings of 20 cells in series.

### What is solar cell cutting?

Cell cutting is done with a laser and involves splitting standard solar cells into two halves. Solar cells can be very fragile, and laser cutting allows for precise lines to be cut into solar cells. As with cell cutting, the stringing process needed when making half-cut cells is a very precise task.

### How does laser cutting a solar cell work?

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Do half-cut solar panels reduce power losses?

Half-cut solar cells include twice the substrings, meaning that shading a single area of a panel will cause reduced losses. Studies show that half-cut solar cell panels produce up to 50% fewer power losses an array. Hot spots are a consequence of partial shading in solar panels.

## What are the applications of laser cutting & coating of solar cells?

The field of applications comprises laser cutting of mechanical components as well as micro material processing of solar cells. Cutting, structuring, drilling or coating of solar cells replace established production processes and opens up new, efficiency-enhancing technologies.



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