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Shingled solar panels, also known as multi-crystalline silicon or multi-Si panels, are made up of many small solar cells that overlap slightly, like shingles on a roof. The overlapping cells are electrically connected by thin strips of conductive material.

# What are shingled solar modules?

A solar panel manufacturing process that has gotten some traction recently is "shingling." Not to be confused with "solar shingles" used in building-applied photovoltaics, shingled modules cut solar cells into strips and overlap them inside the framed module.

# How do shingled solar panels work?

True shingled modules have no visible busbars and solar cells are cut into five or six strips and connected with an electrically conductive adhesive. Seraphim Solar's S2 shingled module uses one-sixth-cut cells in vertical strings separated into three sections.

# How are shingled solar cells made?

Shingled cells are produced bycutting a full-size,high-quality monocrystalline PERC cell with a laserinto,typically,5 or 6 strips. Depending on the size of the panel,the long strings of 34 to 40 solar cells are put together from the thin solar cell strips.

# Are shingled solar panels a good idea?

Seraphim's S2 shingled line runs around 355 W and 19.6% efficient. There's no real reason to keep solar cells at their large square size. By cutting cells even just in half,gaps can be eliminated and more silicon can fit on a panel. Shingled-cell strings can reach the entire length of a module without a gap -- like in SunPower's P-series.

# What are shingles solar cells?

Shingle solar cells are solar cells which are cut into typically 5 or 6 strips. These strips can be overlaid, like shingles on a roof, to form the electrical connections. The strips of solar cells are joined together using an electrically conductive adhesive (ECA) that allows for conductivity and flexibility.

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