

## 15-Point Solar Quote Checklist

### Why Use This Checklist?

Solar installations are a major investment, typically costing £6,000-£15,000. This checklist helps you identify red flags, ensure fair pricing, and verify installer legitimacy before you sign. Use it to compare quotes and ask the right questions.

### The 15 Essential Items

#### 1 System Size (kW) Clearly Stated

The total capacity of your solar panel system in kilowatts (kW).

*RED FLAG: Vague or missing system size. Installers should be precise.*

#### 2 Number and Wattage of Panels

How many panels and their individual wattage (e.g., 10 x 400W panels = 4kW).

*RED FLAG: No panel count or wattage specified.*

#### 3 Panel Manufacturer and Model

The exact brand and model number of the solar panels.

*RED FLAG: Generic terms like "premium panels" without specific brands.*

#### 4 Panel Tier Rating (Tier 1/2/3)

Tier 1 panels are from financially stable manufacturers with proven track records.

*RED FLAG: Tier 2 or 3 panels at Tier 1 prices, or no tier information.*

#### 5 Inverter Brand and Model

The inverter converts DC power to AC. Brand matters (e.g., SolarEdge, Enphase, GivEnergy).

*RED FLAG: No inverter details or unknown brands.*

#### 6 Battery Brand, Model, and Capacity (if included)

If your quote includes a battery, you need the brand, model, and capacity (kWh).

*RED FLAG: Battery included but no specifications provided.*

#### 7 Estimated Annual Generation (kWh)

How much electricity the system is expected to generate per year.

*RED FLAG: Overly optimistic estimates (e.g., >1,000 kWh per kW in the UK).*

#### 8 Installation Cost Breakdown

Separate costs for panels, inverter, battery, scaffolding, and labor.

*RED FLAG: One lump sum with no itemization.*

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## 9 Warranty Details (Panels, Inverter, Battery, Workmanship)

Panels: 25 years. Inverter: 10-12 years. Battery: 10 years. Workmanship: 5-10 years.

*RED FLAG: Shorter warranties or no warranty information.*

## 10 MCS Certification Number

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) number proves the installer is certified.

*RED FLAG: No MCS number. You won't qualify for SEG payments without it.*

## 11 Installer Company Registration Details

Companies House registration number and trading history.

*RED FLAG: Newly registered company (<1 year) or no registration details.*

## 12 Expected ROI and Payback Period

Realistic payback period based on your actual energy usage (typically 7-12 years).

*RED FLAG: Payback period under 5 years (likely inflated savings).*

## 13 Post-Installation Support Terms

What happens if something goes wrong? Who do you call?

*RED FLAG: No support details or third-party subcontractors only.*

## 14 Payment Schedule

When and how much you pay (e.g., deposit, mid-install, completion).

*RED FLAG: Full payment upfront or pressure to pay before work starts.*

## 15 Cancellation Policy

Your right to cancel under the Consumer Contracts Regulations (14-day cooling-off period).

*RED FLAG: No cancellation policy or restrictive terms.*

## What to Do Next

1. Use this checklist to review your current quote.
2. If any items are missing, ask your installer for clarification.
3. Get at least 3 quotes and compare them using this checklist.
4. Use SolarVerify's free quote analyzer at [www.solarverify.co.uk](http://www.solarverify.co.uk) to get an instant verdict on pricing and quality.
5. Never feel pressured to sign immediately. Legitimate installers will give you time to decide.

## Red Flags Summary

- Pressure to sign immediately or "limited time offers"
- No MCS certification number
- Vague component details or generic terms
- No itemized cost breakdown
- Unrealistic payback periods (under 5 years)
- Full payment required upfront
- Newly registered company with no track record
- No written warranty information
- Installer refuses to provide references

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