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Bare Solar Cell Design

Typical Performance Data

Electrical Parameters @ AM0 (135.3 mW/cm²) 28°C

BOL Efficiency at			
Maximum Power Poin	t 27.5%		
Voc:	2.60V		
Jsc: 1	17.1 mA/cm ²		
Vmp:	2.30V		
Jmp: 1	6.2 mA/cm ²		

Advanced Triple-Junction Structure

InGaP Junction

InGaAs Junction

Ge Junction

Ge Substrate

Advanced Triple-Junction (ATJ) High Efficiency Solar Cells for Space Applications

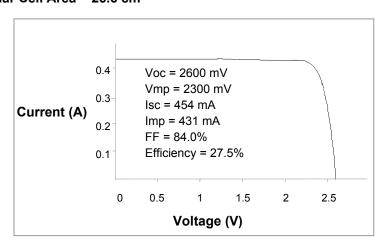
27.5% Minimum Average Efficiency

Features and Characteristics

- Advanced Triple-Junction (ATJ) InGaP/InGaAs/Ge Solar Cells with n-on-p polarity on 140-μm Uniform Thickness Ge Substrate
- Lowest solar cell mass of 84 mg/cm²
- Fully space-qualified with proven flight heritage in LEO and GEO environments
- Excellent radiation resistance with P/Po = 0.89 @ 1-MeV,
 5E14 e/cm² fluence
- Designed to accept corner mounted silicon bypass diode for individual cell reverse bias protection
- Good mechanical strength for reduced attrition during assembly and laydown
- Weldable or Solderable contacts
- Standard and custom sizes available
- Available at EPI, cell, CIC or panel configuration

Typical ATJ Illuminated I-V Plot

Solar Cell Area = 26.6 cm²



Temperature Coefficients

Fluence (e/cm²)	ΔVoc/ΔT (mV/°C)	Jsc/ΔT ⁽¹⁾ μA/°C cm²		Jmp/ΔT ⁽²⁾ μΑ/°C cm ²
BOL	-5.48	+12	-5.93	+11
5E13	-5.49	+10	-5.68	+7
1E14	-5.46	+11	-5.66	+7
5E14	-5.61	+12	-5.92	+12
1E15	-5.77	+12	-6.14	+13

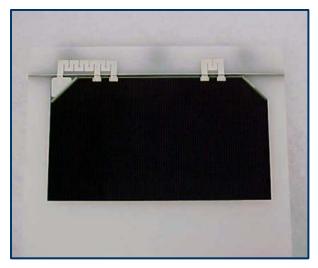
- (1) Jsc is the symbol for normalized Isc
- (2) Jmp is the symbol for normalized Imp

Radiation Performance at 1 MeV Electron Irradiation, EOL/BOL Ratios

Fluence (e/cm ²)	Voc	Isc	Vmp	lmp	Pmp	Efficiency
5E 13	0.97	1.00	0.97	1.00	0.97	0.97
1E 14	0.96	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.96	0.96
5E 14	0.92	0.98	0.92	0.96	0.89	0.89
1E 15	0.90	0.96	0.90	0.94	0.85	0.85
3E 15	0.86	0.90	0.85	0.87	0.74	0.74



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ATJ CIC Configuration

Key Space Qualification Results*

Test	Industry Quality Standard	Typical Test Results
Metal Contact Thickness	4-10 μm	6 μm
Dark Current degradation after reverse bias	Δ Ispec <2%	<0.4%
Electrical performance after 2,000 thermal cycles -180°C to +95°C	<2%	<0.7%
High-Temperature Anneal at 200°C for >5,000 hrs.	<2%	No measurable difference
Contact pull strength	>300 grams	>600 grams
Electrical performance degradation after 40 day humidity exposure at 60°C and 95% RH	<1.5%	No measurable difference

^{*}For complete qualification results, please request EMCORE's ATJ Qual Report EWRP036

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