

# Fluke solar energy resources

**PV Designers, Electricians, Solar Techicians, Solar Installers, Solar Advisors and O&M Managers** 





Fluke<sup>®</sup> Solar Tools

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# Solar end users



# **PV Designer/Electrician**

The PV Designer designs the wiring and installation of the PV system to ensure the system will be installed to produce reliable and consistent power levels. They also ensure that the system is installed in compliance to relevant electrical and building standards.



# Solar Technician/Installer

Solar Technicians are responsible for assembling, installing, and maintaining solar panel systems on rooftops and other structures. Technicians regularly service and maintain existing systems and troubleshoot equipment deficiencies and malfunctions.



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# **Solar Advisor**

The Solar Advisor undertakes research into the load profile of the site and environmental conditions such as Annual Power Usage & Solar Irradiance. They use all available information to design the capacity of the PV system to supply the load, confirm the environmental conditions support the load, and the PV system will be installed to produce reliable and consistent power levels.



#### **O&M Manager**

The customer's representative, the Operations Manager will coordinate all maintenance activities and ensure the installed system is functional and producing reliable and consistent power levels.





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# **Solar application**

# **Solar panels**

A single photovoltaic cell contains semiconductors that can convert sunlight into electricity. PV cells only generate a limited amount of energy, numerous cells are connected to create a single solar panel.

Working together, multiple

solar cells generate higher

energy. Photovoltaic cells

are the primary component

that makes up a solar panel,

while solar panels are a vital

component that makes up a

solar system.

currents, and therefore more

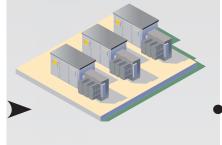
### **Combiner boxes**

A solar combiner box combines the output of numerous strings of PV modules for connection to the inverter. Generally, it houses the input overcurrent protection fuse assemblies.

Amperage measurements and calculations are crucial to establishing whether the PV arrays are operating correctly.

#### **Inverter boxes**

Solar panels generate DC electricity, and solar inverters are required to convert the power from DC to AC in order to make a connection to the utility grid.



It is crucial to regularly check the inverter's operating DC input voltage and current level and, on the AC side, the inverter's output voltage and current levels, to ensure that the inverters are producing the correct output.



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#### **Battery storage**

Healthy batteries should maintain a capacity above 90% of the manufacturer's rating. Most manufacturers recommend replacing the battery if its capacity falls below 80%.

# Substation and transmission

The electrical substation is the key interface between the utility grid and renewable installations.

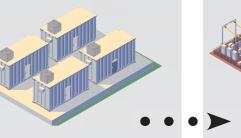


Plate degradation, sustained high temperatures or an increase in resistance of more than 20% compared to the baseline or previous measurement are key signs of failure and require regular testing to ensure optimal performance and prevent downtime.



All substations require a comprehensive maintenance program including the testing of transformers, circuit breakers, batteries and chargers, relays and isolating circuit switches.





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#### Fluke SMFT-1000 Multifunction PV Tester and Performance Analyzer, I-V Curve Tracer

Test that PV systems are performing to their optimal power output as well as operating safely. Designed for PV professionals that provide installation, commissioning and maintenance services to systems that operate at 1000 V DC or under, the **Fluke SMFT-1000 Multifunction Tester** provides a complete PV testing solution that conforms to IEC 62446-1 standards. Through Fluke's TruTest<sup>™</sup> Software, measurement data from solar site installation and commissioning testing can be easily imported, organized and analyzed for effortless reporting without having to bring a laptop on-site.

- All-in-one PV system test solution meeting IEC 62446-1 standards for Category 1 and Category 2 tests
- Open-circuit voltage (VOC) measurement at the PV module/string up to 1000 V DC
- On-location I-V curve results compares manufacturer I-V curve data to measured data on the analyzer screen instantly
- Color screen with integrated interface: on-screen instructions provide any easy walkthrough of tests
- Compatible with Fluke TruTest™ data management software

# Best suited for solar panels, combiner boxes, inverter boxes



PVLEAD1 and PVLEAD3 1000 V Solar Test Leads

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#### Fluke TruTest<sup>™</sup> Solar Data Management and Reporting Software

Cover all your certification and documentation needs through the modern, fast and reliable software platform of TruTest<sup>™</sup>. Compatible with the Fluke SMFT-1000 Multifunction PV Tester and Performance Analyzer, TruTest<sup>™</sup> Software allows you to quickly and easily import measurement results directly from your solar multifunction tester to computer, organize and analyze the data, compare individual asset data against previous measurements imported and provide a comprehensive and visual client report.

- Quickly create inspections and reports compliant with IEC 62446-1 and other directives
- I-V curve analysis with easy pass/fail visuals; see changes in I-V curve over multiple site visits
- Compare site data to previous site data to see changes over time
- A free 60-day demo version of TruTest<sup>™</sup> is available for download

#### Best suited for PV system analysis



#### Fluke IRR2-BT Irradiance Meter Pro, Solar Site Surveyor

This meter communicates wirelessly with the SMFT-1000 Multifunction to produce a highly accurate I-V curve instantly, making it easy to determine if a PV system is operating as designed **Fluke IRR2-BT Irradiance Meter Pro** also includes a convenient mounting bracket to secure the meter to the edge of a panel.

- Measure solar irradiance, ambient and PV module temperature, array orientation and tilt angles
- Make instantaneous measurements to determine the watts per square meter solar irradiation, required by IEC 62446-1 standard
- High contrast LCD with large numbers for easy readability in direct sunlight
- Includes mounting bracket for accurate irradiance and temperature readings at the panel

Best suited for solar panels



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# Fluke Ti480 PRO Thermal Imager

When conducting preventative maintenance routines in harsh conditions there is no margin for error. The **Fluke Ti480 PRO Infrared Camera** is designed for use in the toughest industries, with heightened resolution and thermal sensitivity to ensure you get accurate results the first time.

- Increased sensitivity to visualize temperature differences
- Get 4x the pixel data with SuperResolution, which captures multiple images and combines them to create a 1280 x 960 image
- Quickly and easily take notes in the field with IR-PhotoNotes<sup>™</sup> and voice annotations
- Save time by wirelessly syncing images directly from your camera to the Fluke Connect® system for easy readability in direct sunlight

Best suited for solar panels, combiner and inverterboxes, battery storage, electrical substation and transmission

# Fluke 393 FC Clamp Meter

If you need to conduct measurements in high voltage dc environments, such as with solar arrays and uninterruptible power supplies, the **Fluke 393 FC Clamp Meter** is the tool for you.

- Measure safely with this CAT III 1500 V certified clamp meter
- Thin jaw for access to cables in crowded combiner boxes
- Sturdy IP54 rating for outdoor use
- Work efficiently with dc power measurement, audio polarity, and visual continuity

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# Fluke 87V MAX Industrial Multimeter

#### The Fluke 87V MAX Industrial Multimeter

is the preferred troubleshooting solution for professional technicians worldwide, providing the features you need to troubleshoot and repair electrical systems with unparalleled reliability, accuracy, and the ruggedness you expect from Fluke.

- Identify complex signal problems fast with analog bar graph
- Captures intermittents as fast as 250  $\mu S$  with Peak Capture
- Supports accurate measurements on VFDs using a low-pass filter
- Built to highest safety standards

Best suited for combiner boxes, inverter boxes, battery storage



PVLEAD1 and PVLEAD3 1000 V Solar Test Leads

#### Fluke Norma 6004+ Portable Power Analyzer

The **Fluke Norma 6004+** Portable Power Analyzer gives you more freedom than ever before to conduct accurate measurements in any environment, whether in the lab or in the field. Measure at the load to discover how the equipment operates under real-world conditions, with real-world variables.

- Measure voltage, current, active power, reactive power, apparent power, power factor, and harmonics with associated values
- Get accurate, precise results with 0.1% measurement accuracy and a 500 kHz bandwidth
- Highly portable 3.5 kg weight and a 10-hour battery life to take precision power measurements almost anywhere
- Measure mechanical parameters including speed and torque to discover the electrical to mechanical efficiency of the load under a variety of typical operating modes

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#### Fluke 1748 Three-Phase Power Quality Logger

The **Fluke 1748 Three-Phase Power Quality Logger** is the best tool to troubleshoot, quantify energy usage, and analyze power distribution systems in a fast, easy, and safe way.

- Measure key power quality parameters including harmonics and inter-harmonics, unbalance, flicker, and rapid voltage changes
- Measure with premium accuracy to the rigorous IEC 61000-4-30 Class A Edition 3 standard
- One-touch reporting to create standardized reports using the included Fluke Energy Analyze Plus Software

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### Fluke 125B Industrial ScopeMeter

Automatically capture, view, and analyze complex waveforms with the **Fluke 125B Industrial ScopeMeter.** One truly integrated tool, putting the functions of an oscilloscope, multimeter and highspeed recorder into one, easy-to-use instrument.

- Dual-input digital oscilloscope and multimeter in a ScopeMeter<sup>®</sup> test tool
- Features Connect-and-View<sup>™</sup> trigger simplicity for hands-off operation
- Includes IntellaSet<sup>™</sup> technology to automatically and intelligently adjust numerical readouts based on measured signals
- Provides a dual-input waveform and meter reading recorder for trending data over extended periods

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#### Fluke 1777 Power Quality Analyzer

With **Fluke 1777**, you'll never miss a critical power quality event—from fast transients up to 8 kV, harmonics up to 30 kHz, dips and swells, as well as the voltage, current, and power measurements that enable you to characterize your electrical system.

- High-speed voltage transient capture
- Included full power quality and electrical energy analyzer functionality
- At-a-glance "Advanced Power Quality Health" summary screen with graphical representation
- Highest safety rating in the industry: 1000 V CAT III/ 600 V CAT IV

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### Fluke ii910 Acoustic Imager

With an expanded frequency detection of range up to 100 kHz the **Fluke ii910 Precision Acoustic Imager** enables you to visually see partial discharge problems, even in their earliest stages. Spot problems before they occur to minimize downtime, save on energy costs, and prevent catastrophic failures.

- Safely detect PD from up to 120 m in distance
- Use the built-in PDQ mode to capture, track, and analyze the severity and type of partial discharge
- Capture images and videos with one button for easy reporting. Combine with PDQ data to generate comprehensive reports

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# Fluke 1625-2 Earth Ground Tester

The **Fluke 1625-2 Earth Ground Tester** measures loop resistance using only clamps or stakes or one of each. The stakeless method eliminates the dangerous and time-consuming job of disconnecting parallel grounds and finding suitable locations for auxiliary ground stakes so earth ground tests can be performed even in places without access to soil.

- · Perform testing with or without stakes
- Use the stakeless method to test earth ground resistance anywhere
- Features automatic frequency control to minimize the effect of interference

Best suited for Inverter Boxes, Battery Storage, Electrical Substation and Transmission

# Fluke 1555 FC Insulation Tester

Perform preventative maintenance tasks faster, easier and safer than ever before with the **Fluke 1555 FC Insulation Resistance Teste**r's remote testing capabilities.

- Remote configuration and test setup, remote start/stop, and remote data download
- Real-time trending gives you easy-to-see visual cues
- Drag and drop report creation with Fluke Connect<sup>™</sup> saves you time and makes it easy for everyone to understand

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# Fluke 1630-2 Earth Ground Clamp

The **Fluke 1630-2 FC Earth Ground Clamp** measures loop resistance for multi-grounded systems using the dual-clamp jaw, eliminating the need to disconnect parallel grounds or find suitable locations for auxiliary test stakes. Ground tests can be performed inside buildings, on power pylons, or anywhere you don't have access to soil to place auxiliary test stakes.

- · Earth ground AC leakage current measurement
- Use the stakeless method to test earth ground resistance anywhere
- Logging measurements
- Alarm threshold
- Band-pass filter
- Fluke Connect wireless system

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### Fluke 1587 FC Insulation Mulitmeter

#### The Fluke 1587 FC Insulation Multimeter

performs fast and accurate insulation tests with advanced functions including ramp voltage, polarity index, dielectric absorption ratio and dielectric discharge testing.

- Automatically calculate Polarity index (PI) and Dielectric absorption ratio (DAR)
- Safety first: connect the insulation tester, then monitor test measurements remotely
- Document the job quickly by seeing and sharing insulation resistance test results wirelessly via your smartphonecomprehensive reports

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# Fluke BT521 Battery Analyzer

Ideal for troubleshooting, maintenance, and performance of individual stationary batteries and battery banks used in critical back-up applications

- Key measurements include internal battery resistance, DA and AC voltage, DA and AC current, ripple voltage, frequency, and temperature
- Sequence measurement mode allows for automatic or manual sequence testing of battery strings with automatic measurement storage without requiring a button press to save each time
- Comprehensive logging automatically captures all measured values for on-the-go analysis
- Intuitive user interface, compact design, and rugged construction for optimum performance, test results, and reliability

Best suited for battery storage

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SMFT-1000 kit with TruTest sofware



393 FC Clamp Meter, Irradiance Meter and Solar Test Leads

#### **Fluke Solar Tool Kits**

With a growing number of **Fluke Solar Tool Kits** available, installation, troubleshooting and maintenance of PV systems has never been easier. These toolkits have everything needed for PV installation technicians who need to verify performance and safety of PV systems.

Now available in the following kits:

- Solar Tools Kit with SMFT-1000 Multifunction PV Tester, I-V Curve Tracer with TruTest<sup>™</sup> Software and Solar Test Leads
- Solar Tools Kit with 393 FC Clamp Meter and Solar Test Leads
- Solar Tools Kit with 393 FC Clamp Meter, Irradiance Meter and Solar Test Leads
- Solar Tools Kit with 87V Max Digital Multimeter and Test Leads

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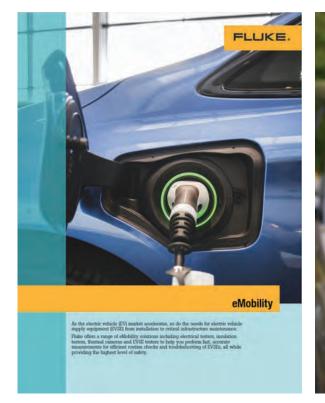


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