

Take-back & recycling of crystalline solar modules by asola Solarpower GmbH, Erfurt/Germany.

asola Solarpower GmbH (subsequently referred to as asola) has committed itself to the careful exploitation of natural resources. For this reason, we offer to take back our modules free of charge from our customers. The following components can be reclaimed in the recycling process: silicon (cells), aluminium (frames), solar glass, copper and tin (solder and cross connectors). Only through careful professional recycling can these valuable raw materials be reintroduced into the economic cycle. Thereby, we reduce the strain on the environment by reducing waste.

1 Take-back terms and conditions

- 1.1 The modules supplied for recycling are so-called EOL modules (EOL = end of life) manufactured by asola. EOL modules are modules for which no warranty claims exist as defined by the warranty conditions of asola. As a rule, these are modules which are to be replaced in the course of their normal life cycle by newer generations, e.g. with greater efficiency.
- 1.2 The customer is obligated to disassemble the modules expertly and carefully: unnecessary damage complicates the recycling process. The following points in particular are to be observed by the customer:
 - * do not throw modules from the roof e.g. into a container;
 - * do not bend or break up laminates (even with broken front glass pane);
 - * avoid breakage of embedded cells;
 - * do not remove sockets and frames;
 - * stack modules neatly and flat on pallet(s);
 - * packaging should be designed so as to avoid damage in transit.
- 1.3 The customer bears the transport costs and transport risk from the installation site / from the central office to asola, Konrad-Zuse-Str. 25, D-99099 Erfurt, Germany.
- 1.4 Notification must be given at least 3 working days before delivery.

2 Assumption of costs for the recycling

- 2.1 With the exception of the cases specified in 2.2, recycling by asola is free of charge for the customer.
- 2.2 The customer is liable to pay costs for the recycling if the return of the module takes place against a background of the impact of force majeure (over-tension, lightning strike, flooding, fire or similar events), or the returned modules do not accord with the conditions designated above in 1.1 and 1.2. In these cases, a separate agreement shall be made on the amount of the charge payable before recycling takes place. asola hereby remains entitled to decline take-back, to refuse acceptance and/or to send the modules back to the customer at the customer's expense and risk.

German law applies.