

Play it safe



Takeback and Recycling of Crystalline Solar Modules by Solar-Fabrik AG

Solar-Fabrik AG is committed to preserving natural resources. That is why we offer to take back our modules from our customers free of charge. The following components can be recovered in the recycling process: silicon (cells), aluminum (frames), solar glass, copper and tin (soldered and cross connections). Careful and professional recycling is essential to reintroduce these valuable raw materials into the economic cycle and to reduce the environmental impact by producing less waste.

1. The following terms apply to the takeback scheme for Solar-Fabrik modules.
 - 1.1. The modules to be recycled are EoL-modules manufactured by Solar-Fabrik AG. EoL meaning „End of Life“. EoL-modules are modules which are not subject to warranty claims based on Solar-Fabrik AG warranty conditions. As a rule, these are modules that are to be replaced by newer versions over the course of their normal product lifecycle.
 - 1.2. The customer must ensure that modules are dismantled carefully and competently because unnecessary damage hampers recycling. The following points must be observed in particular:
 - * Do not throw modules down from the roof — into a skip for example.
 - * Do not bend or break laminate material (even if the front glass plates are broken).
 - * Avoid breaking the embedded cells at all costs.
 - * Stack modules neatly and flatly on the palette(s).
 - * Do not remove the junction boxes or frames.
 - * The modules must be packaged in such a way to avoid damage in transit.
 - 1.3. The customer bears the cost and risk of transport from the building site/warehouse to Solar-Fabrik AG, Bebelstrasse 6, 79108 Freiburg, Germany.
 - 1.4. Notification of delivery must be given at least three working days in advance.
2. Solar-Fabrik AG recycles modules free of charge, unless the modules are returned as a result of force majeure (overvoltage, lightning, flooding, fire etc.) or the returned modules do not meet the conditions set out in 1.1 and 1.2. In these cases, the modules are taken back and recycled at a charge — this charge shall be agreed separately before recycling. In the cases/conditions described above, Solar-Fabrik AG reserves the right to refuse to take back the modules and to return them at the expense and risk of the customer. The laws of the Federal Republic of Germany apply.

These terms apply to all modules delivered from January 1, 2011.