

Frequently Asked Questions – CEC Solar Equipment Lists

General Inquiries

- 1. Is my product required to be included in the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) Solar Equipment Lists (SEL) to be sold or installed in California?**

No. The CEC does not require submittal of information to the SEL as a condition for complying with Title 20 appliance efficiency standards or for installing equipment in California. Some utilities or local governments may use the CEC's SEL during their interconnection or permit application processes.

- 2. Who can submit requests to add equipment to the CEC's SEL?**

All requests to add equipment to the CEC's SEL must be made by the equipment manufacturer who is identified on the certificate of compliance for the associated safety standard. For multiple listing certifications, basic listee manufacturers and multiple listee manufacturers cannot submit an equipment request on behalf of one another.

- 3. As a manufacturer, how do I check the status of my equipment request?**

You can check the [Status of Open Equipment Requests](#) by the R-ID # that was included in the confirmation email sent to the manufacturer contact provided on the equipment request form. The status of open equipment requests is updated every business day.

- 4. How do I add equipment to third-party software (e.g., PowerClerk, SolarAPP+, Symbium) that utilizes CEC SEL data?**

Please contact the third-party software provider.

- 5. Is a fee required to include equipment on the CEC's SEL?**

Currently there are no fees for having equipment included in a CEC solar equipment list.

- 6. Am I allowed to use the CEC's logo in my equipment data sheet or marketing materials?**

No. The CEC's seal and logo may not be used without permission. The CEC is aware of statements in marketing materials stating or implying CEC approval of products or services. The CEC does not endorse, favor, or recommend any particular product or service. See [Use of the Energy Commission Seal and Logo](#).

- 7. Does the CEC perform testing on the products included in the SEL?**

No, the CEC does not perform any product testing. The CEC's SEL includes equipment meeting established national safety standards and performance standards. Third-party testing is required for most equipment types in the SEL. See the instructions for each equipment type in the [accordion section of the SEL homepage](#).

- 8. Where do I find information on the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program?**

If you have questions for California Energy Commission staff regarding RPS, please contact the program directly at rpstrack@energy.ca.gov. See the CEC's [RPS webpage](#) for

more information. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) also has a [webpage](#) with additional RPS information.

Installation, Interconnection, and Permitting Inquiries

1. ***How do I choose the right solar panels, or other equipment, for installation?***

The CEC does not provide any system design assistance. Inclusion of a specific product in the SEL does not constitute or imply an endorsement, recommendation, or approval by the CEC. See the Contractors State License Board [Solar Smart](#) webpage for consumer information.

2. ***Can you help with my building permit?***

No. The SEL program does not work directly with the installation or interconnection of equipment. Please contact your Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), typically the city or county government, for help with a building permit.

3. ***Can you answer questions about my utility interconnection application or permission to operate (PTO)?***

No. The Solar Equipment Lists program does not work directly with the installation or interconnection of solar equipment. Please contact your utility.

Consumer Protection Inquiries and Complaints

1. ***How do I get help with a consumer protection issue?***

See the Contractors State License Board [Solar Smart](#) webpage or the California Solar & Storage Association (CALSSA) [consumer protection](#) webpage.

Funding and Incentives Inquiries

1. ***What incentives are available in my area?***

There are no incentives available through the SEL program. You may visit the [Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency \(DSIRE\)](#) webpage to search for incentives by U.S.A. zip code. Your utility may have additional information on available incentives.

2. ***What funding opportunities are available from the CEC?***

See the CEC's [Solicitations](#) webpage.

Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Part 6) and Joint Appendix 12 (JA12) Inquiries

1. ***Can you answer questions about the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Part 6)?***

No. For questions on the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, see the [Energy Code Support Center](#) or the [Energy Code Hotline Submission Form](#).

2. *Can you answer questions about JA12?*

No. For questions on JA12, see the [JA12 webpage](#) or email questions to JA12_T24@energy.ca.gov.

Vehicle-to-Grid Equipment List (V2GEL) Inquires

1. *What is the CEC's Vehicle-to-Grid Equipment List (V2GEL)?*

The CEC's V2GEL includes bidirectional devices with vehicle-to-grid (V2G) functionalities and bidirectional devices with vehicle-to-home (V2H)/vehicle-to-business (V2B) functionalities that can operate in parallel with a utility grid. See the [V2GEL](#) webpage for more information.

The SEL and the V2GEL are separate programs. Some bidirectional equipment may be included in both lists – in the SEL for photovoltaic (PV) and stationary storage functionalities and in the V2GEL for V2G/V2H/V2B functionalities.