

Press release

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Panasonic Secures ‘Class One’ Fire Safety Certification for Italy for its High Efficiency Modules

HIT[®] Module Series Given Top Rankings by Testing Services Group TÜV Rheinland

MUNICH — 5th October, 2016— Panasonic today revealed they have achieved a maximum ‘Class One’ fire safety rating for their HIT[®] solar module series in Italy. The test was conducted by world-renowned testing group TÜV Rheinland.

The results ensure Panasonic’s high performance modules are fully compliant with Italian fire safety regulations and qualify to be installed upon Italian roofs requiring specific fire deterrence parameters.

TÜV Rheinland conducted the tests upon Panasonic’s HIT[®] N240/245 and the latest addition to their module portfolio, HIT[®] N325/330. Both modules achieved Class One certification in accordance with Italian standards UNI 9177, UNI 8457 and UNI 9174, guaranteed by the Fire Prevention Laboratory Spa (LAPI) of Italy.

“Today’s fire safety results for the Italian market demonstrate our on-going commitment to delivering the highest possible quality and reliability standards for our European customers”, stated Daniel Roca, Senior Business Development Manager at Panasonic. “Having produced solar technology for over 40 years, we have forged our reputation on unparalleled manufacturing excellence. As we strive to help accelerate solar energy adoption across Italy and Europe, this commitment to excellence remains at the heart of our solar energy solutions.”

The N325/330, the latest addition to the HIT[®] series launched in March 2016, produces approximately 27% more kilowatt-hours per square meter compared to mainstream 260-watt multicrystalline modules.

The fire safety results also follow last week’s announcement that Panasonic’s have launched their [“Simulate your Solar System”](#) platform for Italian homeowners interested in installing solar energy.

The interactive service enables homeowners to input their address, roof characteristics and yearly electricity consumption to provide a personalised, easy to understand estimate of their home's solar potential and how much they can save using Panasonic's world-renowned HIT[®], solar panels.

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