Space Solar Cell Standards

What is a standard for solar cells?
This standard establishes qualification, characterization, and quality requirements for all solar cells intended for operations in space.

Are solar cells qualified for space applications?
The purpose for this document is to provide a high level of confidence to the community that a solar cell type is qualified for space applications,and that it is ready for qualification under AIAA-S-112A-2013 Qualification and Quality Requirements for Electrical Components on Space Solar Panels.

How often should solar cells be certified for space?
The verification and certification shall occur no more than once every two years. 9.9.2 Validation of Solar Cells Qualified for Space The quality level for solar cells intended for space applications,and any test samples developed to spacequalify those solar cells under this standard,shall meet the quality requirements specified herein.

Can solar cells be used in space?
This is in contrast to an air mass 1.5 as reduced by 1.5 times the spectral absorbance of the earth's atmosphere,which is the standard condition for testing terrestrial solar cells. Thus,cells intended for use in space will be optimized for a somewhat different spectrum.

How much area should a solar cell have?
Each solar cell shall have an area of at least 20 cm2. 8.8.3 Procedure Characterize solar cell capacitance at room temperature from 10 Hz to 1.5 MHz under simulated AM0 irradiance and spectrum at Vmp and Voc. 8.8.4 Reporting Requirements Report impedance data in both tabular and graphical form as a function of frequency.

What is the efficiency of a solar cell in a space station?
At 28°C and with one solar constant intensity with AM0 spectrum,the efficiency of the solar cell is 30%. The manufacturing processes of space solar cells and space solar panels are entirely different compared to the terrestrial solar fabrication process. Fig. 6.13A shows solar array powering a space station.

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6 General radiation effects in solar cells 6.1 Solar-cell radiation damage Solar cells, like all semiconductor devices, are subject to electrical degradation when exposed to particle irradiation. In terms of radiation damage

to solar cells used in space, the primary particles of interest are electrons and protons. When these energetic particles ...

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standards: requirements for reference solar cells (IEC 904-2), measurement principles for space solar cells with reference to the extraterrestrial solar spectral irradiance data (IEC 903-3),

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