

# Panasonic

## Amorphous Silicon Solar Cells Amorphous Photosensors

**Outdoor lighting levels**



**Indoor lighting levels**



**Watches**



# Amorphous Silicon Solar Cells

Solar cells are classified by their material: crystal silicon, amorphous silicon, or compound semiconductor solar cells. Amorphous refers to objects without a definite shape and is defined as a non-crystal material. Unlike crystal silicon (Fig. 2) in which atomic arrangements are regular, amorphous silicon features irregular atomic arrangements (Fig. 1).

As a result, the reciprocal action between photons and silicon atoms occurs more frequently in amorphous silicon than in crystal silicon, allowing more light to be absorbed. Thus, an ultrathin amorphous silicon film less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (1/1000 of 1 mm) can be produced and used for power generation. Our company developed Amorton, the world's first integrated (series-connectable) amorphous silicon solar cell, using decomposed material gases to form a film on top of a series of substrates. For example, during the manufacturing process that utilizes glass as a substrate, once the transparent electrode is formed, a film of amorphous silicon is layered onto it. The metal film electrode is then formed and finally the solar cell is covered with a protective film. Since our patterning technology allows for multiple solar cells connected in series to be created on a single substrate, solar cells of any chosen voltage can be designed to suit any application.

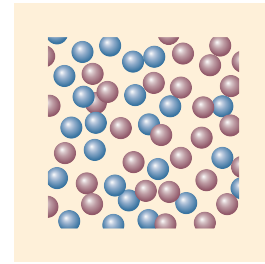


Fig.1 Amorphous silicon

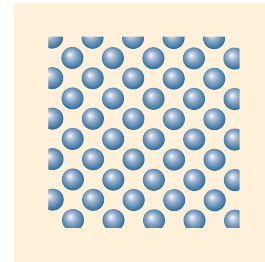


Fig.2 Crystal silicon

## What is "Amorton"?

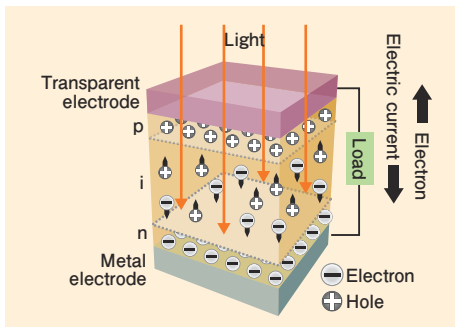
"Amorton" is the product name of Panasonic's Amorphous Silicon Solar Cells, which was named by integrating amorphous silicon and photons (particles of light).

## History

- 1975 : Research begins on amorphous silicon solar cells
- 1978 : Integrated (series connection structure) amorphous silicon solar cells are developed
- 1980 : "Amorton", world's first amorphous silicon solar cells for commercial use, became a product
- 2010 : The production of one billion amorton

## Principles of Power Generation

**Power is generated in solar cells due to the photovoltaic effect of semiconductors.**

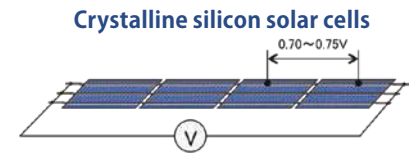


- When a semiconductor is exposed to a light source of suitable intensity, a large number of electrons (-) and holes (+) are generated and form electricity.
- At a p/n junction between two different semiconductor materials, the electrons are collected in the n-type material and the holes are collected in the p-type material by internal electric field.
- When an external load is connected, electricity flows through the load. Then generated electricity can be used.

# Features

## Copes easily with device's required drive voltage

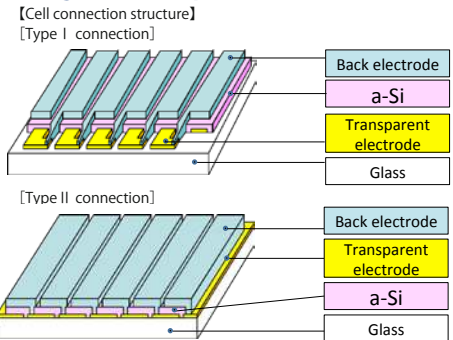
Since multiple cells can be simultaneously connected in a series when the solar cells are formed, unlike the fabrication technique used with crystalline silicon solar cells in which multiple solar cells are severed and connected, it is easy to create cells with a variety of voltages.



## Variety of shapes and forms

The methods used in amorphous silicon films have special features that allow other substrates, such as stainless steel or plastic films, to be used instead of customary glass substrates. This means that previously unknown solar cells can also be created, including solar cells that are round, square, or any other complex shape or solar cells that can even be bent. It is also possible to create areas in these solar cells that just consist of transparent glass by etching.

## Integrated amorphous silicon solar cells



## High sensitivity within visible light spectrum

The human eye is sensitive to light from a range of about 400 to 700 nm wavelengths. Since amorphous silicon solar cells are sensitive to light with essentially the same wavelengths, they can also be used as visible light sensors.

Location of use	Substrate	Features	References
Indoors	Glass	Representative substrate for such purposes as calculators	Page 7
	Stainless steel	Thin, lightweight, unbreakable, and easily formed into arbitrary shapes of highly precise dimensions	Contact us.
	Film	Thin, lightweight, unbreakable and easily formed into arbitrary shapes *	Contact us.
Outdoors	Glass	Representative substrate For recharging secondary batteries outdoors, etc.	Page 7
	Film	Thin, lightweight, unbreakable, and easily formed into arbitrary shapes *	Page 8
Visible light sensor	Glass	Supports designs for arbitrary sizes and patterns as required for applications	Page 8

\* Material's flexibility is limited.

# Amorton applications : examples of use

- Wristwatches / Clocks / Wall clocks      ● Calculators
- Energy-harvesting equipment
- Wireless sensor networks / RFID tags / RF remote controls for digital home appliances, etc.
- Power sources for multiple cards attached to displays
- Power sources of wearable terminals      ● Toys      ● e-books
- Garden lights, sensor lights, LED blinkers (curbstone markers, etc.)
- Car accessories and battery chargers
- Security devices      ● Power sources for other electric equipment and digital displays
- Reduction of battery replacements and extension of battery life for appliances using dry cells and coin batteries      ● IoT
- The power supply for human body sensors, the power supply for temperature & humidity sensors

\*Please contact us about replacing selenium cells.

# Categories of Light Sources

Amorton is available for use under a variety of light sources.

Artificial light	Natural light
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incandescent light</li> <li>● Fluorescent light</li> <li>● Electric discharge lamps</li> <li>● Light-emitting diodes (LED)</li> </ul>	Sunlight

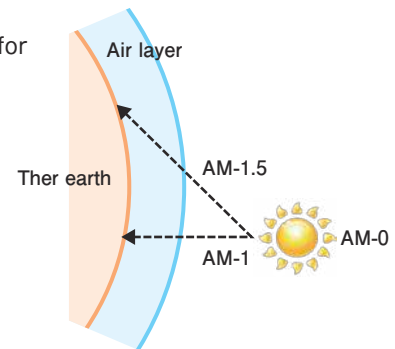
## Concerning sunlight

Since the nature of sunlight varies by season and climate, the conditions for measuring the output of solar cells have been unified as a world standard.

### <STC : Standard Test Conditions>

- Solar irradiance: 1000W/m<sup>2</sup> (=100mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Spectrum: AM-1.5
- Cell temperature: 25°C (degrees Celsius)

AM (Air mass) is used for the sunlight spectrum. AM indicates the distance traveled by the sunlight through space: AM-0 in outer space, AM-1 when the sun is at the equator, and AM-1.5 in the latitudinal area of Japan.

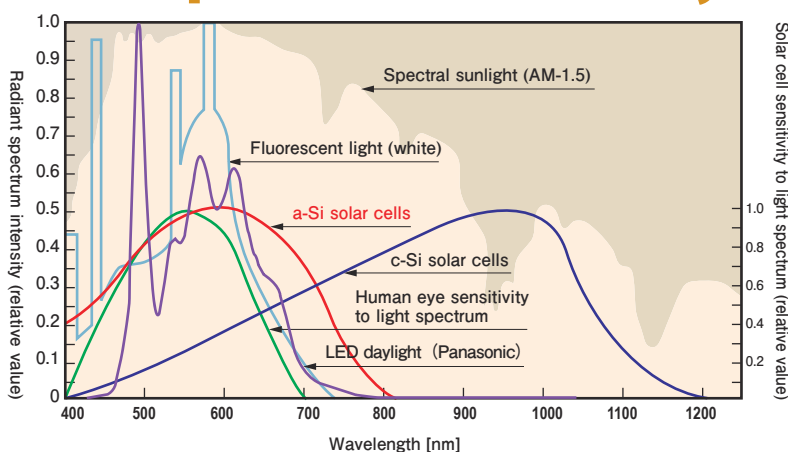


## Illumination Levels as References

- Brightness around Amorton is critical because it is used both indoors and outdoors.
- Unit of luminous intensity is lux (lx).

Fluorescent light		Sunlight	
Conditions	Illumination levels (lx)	Conditions	Illumination levels (lx)
Design stands (partially illuminated)	~ 1,000	Sunny, Noon	100,000
Offices and conference rooms	300 ~ 600	Sunny, 10:00 a.m.	65,000
Restaurants, coffee shops, dressing/changing rooms	75 ~ 150	Sunny, 3:00 p.m.	35,000
Indoor emergency staircases	less than 75	Cloudy, Noon	32,000

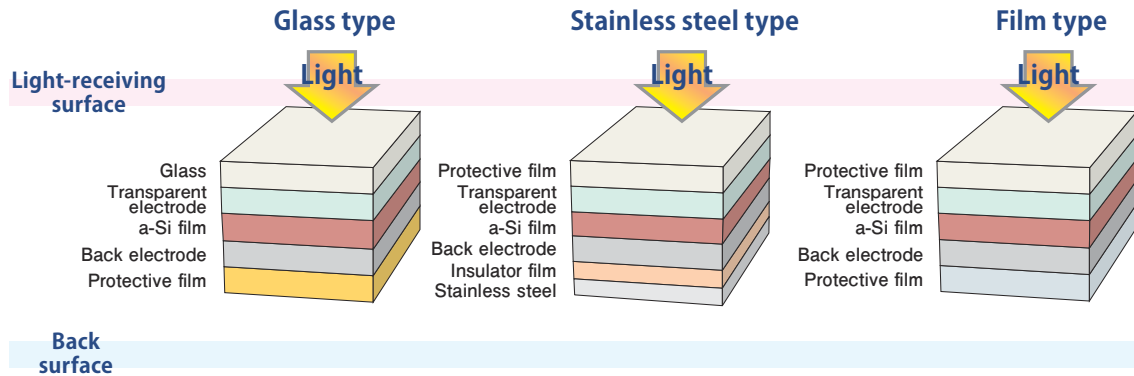
## Radiant Spectrum of Light Source and Spectral Sensitivity of Solar Cells



Light wavelength differs depending on the light sources to which they are exposed. Spectral sensitivity of solar cells also differs depending on the category. Amorphous silicon solar cells provide light-sensing capability similar to the human eye.



# Amorton Configuration

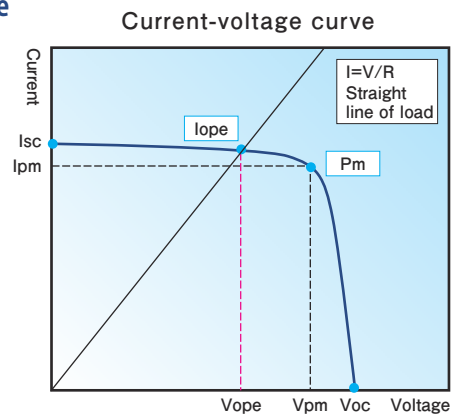


## View of Electrical Properties of Amorton

The figure to the right shows Amorton's electrical Properties by current-voltage curves, which change depending on the incident light intensity and on the surrounding temperature of the solar cells.

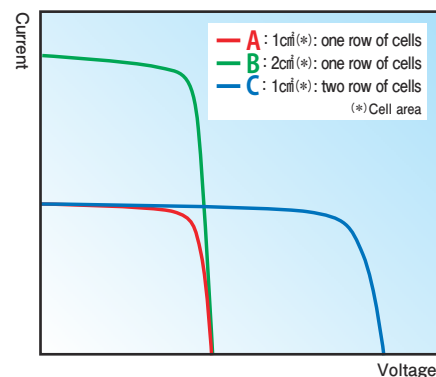
- Voc : Open-circuit voltage
- Isc : Short-circuit current
- Vpm : Optimum power operating voltage
- Ipm : Optimum power operating current
- Pm : Maximum power =  $V_{pm} \times I_{pm}$
- Vopec : Operating voltage (specified voltage)
- Iope : Operating current

※Current drastically changes under Vpm or higher.  
For keeping the stable current under the anticipated illumination level, set the Vopec as high as or lower than the Vpm.



## Relationship Between Number of Rows on Solar Cell /Cell Area and Electrical Properties

The current generated by solar cells is proportional to their area. Therefore, when the cell area is doubled under a specified illumination level, the current is also doubled. When the number of cells is doubled, the voltage is doubled due to the circuit series. The electrical properties specific to relevant use are available by adjusting the number of solar cells and the cell area.



# Amorton Electrical Properties

## ■ Electrical Properties of Amorton for Indoor Use

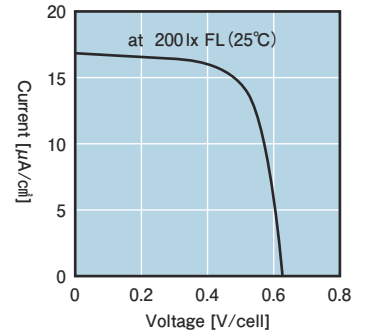
Substrate	Open-circuit voltage	Short-circuit current	Maximum power	Light source
Glass	0.63V/cell	17.0 $\mu$ A/cm <sup>2</sup>	7.3 $\mu$ W/cm <sup>2</sup>	FL-200lx(25°C)
Film	0.7V/cell	19.6 $\mu$ A/cm <sup>2</sup>	9.0 $\mu$ W/cm <sup>2</sup>	FL-200lx(25°C)

FL=fluorescent light

The illumination level of light sources used indoors, such as fluorescent or incandescent light, ranges from 50 to 1,000 lux. Indoors, Amorton is most suitable for such small equipment as electronic calculators.

(Since Amorton is designed for indoors use, please it under 1,000 lux.)

Current-Voltage Characteristics of a Cell

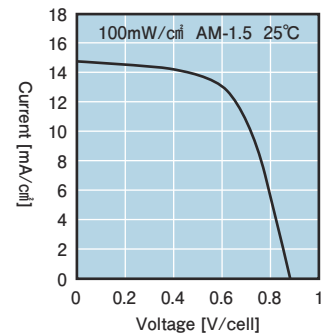


## ■ Electrical Properties of Amorton for Outdoor Use (glass type)

Open-circuit voltage	Short-circuit current	Maximum power	Light source
0.89V/cell	14.8mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	7.89mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	AM-1.5, 100mW/cm <sup>2</sup> (25°C)

Generally, the illuminance of natural light ranges from 10,000 to 100,000 lux. Amorton's outdoor illuminance specifications make it suitable for small devices intended for use outdoors, such as outdoor lighting fixtures.

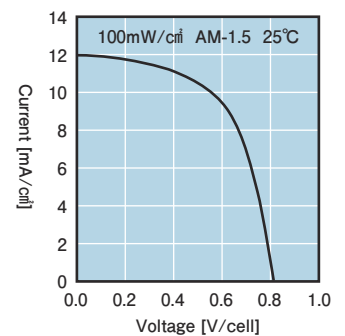
Current-Voltage Characteristics of a Cell



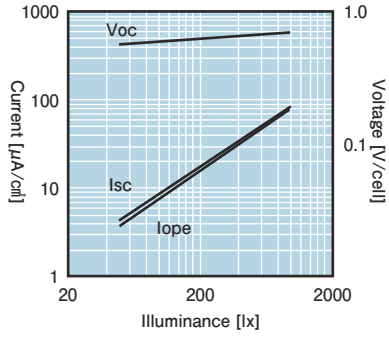
## ■ Electrical Properties of Amorton for Outdoor Use (film type)

Open-circuit voltage	Short-circuit current	Maximum power	Light source
0.82V/cell	12.0mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	5.6mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	AM-1.5, 100mW/cm <sup>2</sup> (25°C)

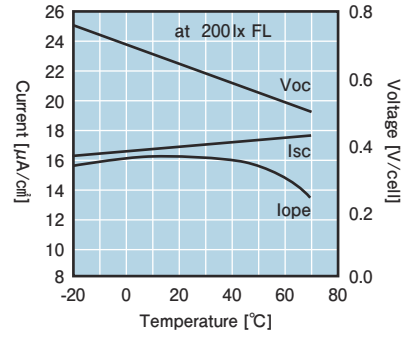
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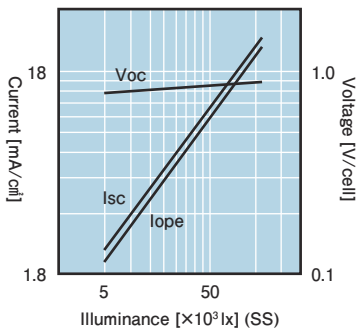


Relationship between Output and Temperature

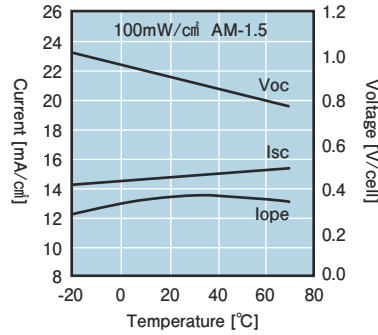


Temperature coefficient	
Voc	-0.45%/°C
Isc	0.08%/°C

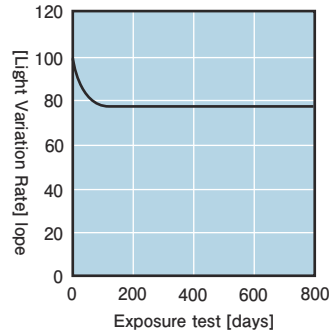
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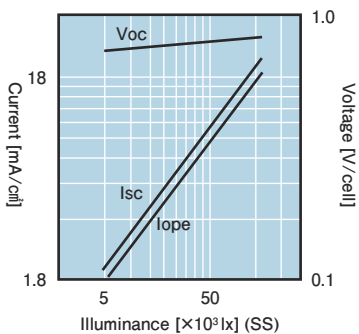
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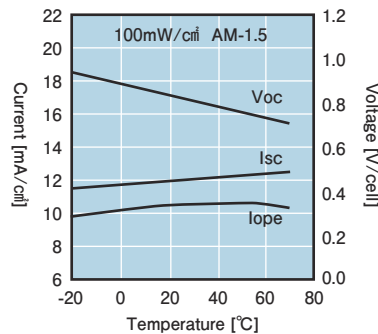
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Voc	-0.3%/°C
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(※) SS: solar simulator

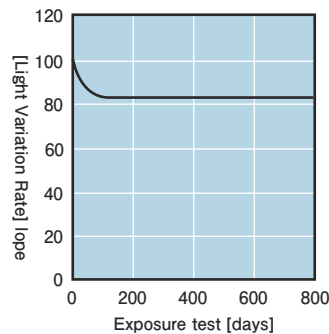
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Relationship between Output and Temperature



Lightproof [Outdoors]



Temperature coefficient	
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Isc	0.08%/°C


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# Amorton Product List (made with a glass substrate)

## Indoor products

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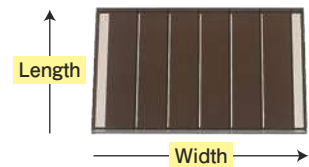
Products name	Fluorescent light : 200lx (25°C)			External dimensions (mm) Width x length x thickness	Weight (g)
	Voc	Isc	Voqe-lope		
AM-1312	1.9V	17.6μA	1.2V-16.2μA	38.0×12.5×1.1	1.3
AM-1456	2.5V	6.4μA	1.5V-5.9μA	25.0×10.0×1.1	0.7
AM-1437	2.5V	9.2μA	1.5V-8.5μA	29.6×11.8×1.1	1.0
AM-1407	2.5V	13.1μA	1.5V-12.2μA	38.0×12.5×1.1	1.3
AM-1417	2.5V	14.1μA	1.5V-13.3μA	35.0×13.9×1.1	1.3
AM-1424	2.5V	22.0μA	1.5V-20.6μA	53.0×13.8×1.1	2.0
AM-1454	2.5V	35.2μA	1.5V-33.3μA	41.6×26.3×1.1	3.0
AM-1513	3.1V	16.8μA	1.8V-15.9μA	55.0×13.5×1.1	2.0
AM-1522	3.1V	62.2μA	2.1V-58.7μA	55.0×40.5×1.1	6.3
AM-1606	3.7V	3.6μA	2.6V-3.4μA	15.0×15.0×0.7	0.4
AM-1713	4.4V	16.7μA	3.0V-15.2μA	96.6×10.0×1.1	2.7
AM-1719	4.4V	18.6μA	3.0V-17.3μA	41.6×26.3×1.1	3.1
AM-1819	5.0V	8.1μA	3.0V-6.9μA	31.0×24.0×1.1	2.2
AM-1820	5.0V	14.8μA	3.0V-13.8μA	43.0×26.0×1.1	3.1
AM-1805	5.0V	16.8μA	3.0V-15.7μA	55.0×20.0×1.1	3.0
AM-1801	5.0V	20.2μA	3.0V-18.9μA	53.0×25.0×1.1	3.6
AM-1815	5.0V	48.2μA	3.0V-45.7μA	58.1×48.6×1.1	7.8
AM-1816	5.0V	96.7μA	3.0V-92.2μA	96.7×56.7×1.1	15.6

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Products name	100mW/cm <sup>2</sup> AM-1.5 (25°C)		SS-50klx (25°C)		External dimensions (mm) Width x length x thickness	Weight (g)
	Voqe-lope	Pm (Vp-m-lp-m)	Voqe-lope	Pm (Vp-m-lp-m)		
AM-5413	2.2V - 16.7mA	39mW ( 2.6V - 15.0mA)	2.2V - 7.5mA	18mW ( 2.6V - 7.1mA)	33.0×23.9×1.6	2.1
AM-5412	2.2V - 39.8mA	93mW ( 2.6V - 35.8mA)	2.2V - 17.9mA	44mW ( 2.6V - 16.9mA)	50.1×33.1×1.6	6.5
AM-5610	3.3V - 5.1mA	18mW ( 3.9V - 4.6mA)	3.3V - 2.3mA	8mW ( 3.9V - 2.2mA)	25.0×20.0×1.6	2.0
AM-5613	3.3V - 31.6mA	110mW ( 3.9V - 28.2mA)	3.3V - 14.5mA	52mW ( 3.9V - 13.3mA)	60.1×36.7×1.6	8.7
AM-5608	3.3V - 36.0mA	125mW ( 3.9V - 32.0mA)	3.3V - 16.5mA	59mW ( 3.9V - 15.1mA)	60.1×41.3×1.6	9.8
AM-5605	3.3V - 115.4mA	401mW ( 3.9V -102.7mA)	3.3V - 52.9mA	189m A ( 3.9V - 48.6mA)	62.3×117.8×1.6	28.9
AM-5710	3.9V - 32.6mA	134mW ( 4.6V - 29.0mA)	3.9V - 14.7mA	63mW ( 4.6V - 13.7mA)	62.3×37.0×1.6	6.3
AM-8702	3.9V - 34.4mA	140mW ( 4.6V - 30.5mA)	3.9V - 15.5mA	67mW ( 4.6V - 14.4mA)	57.7×41.3×1.6	6.5
AM-5706	3.9V - 45.9mA	186mW ( 4.6V - 40.5mA)	3.9V - 21.0mA	88mW ( 4.6V - 19.1mA)	70.0×50.0×1.6	13.8
AM-8701	3.9V - 46.6mA	190mW ( 4.6V - 41.2mA)	3.9V - 21.0mA	90mW ( 4.6V - 19.4mA)	57.7×55.1×1.6	8.6
AM-5815	4.5V - 2.5mA	12mW ( 5.2V - 2.3mA)	4.5V - 1.1mA	6mW ( 5.2V - 1.1mA)	31.2×10.8×1.6	0.9
AM-5812	4.5V - 19.8mA	93mW ( 5.2V - 17.8mA)	4.5V - 8.9mA	44mW ( 5.2V - 8.4mA)	59.0×28.7×1.6	4.6
AM-8804	4.5V - 33.3mA	156mW ( 5.2V - 30.0mA)	4.5V - 15.1mA	74mW ( 5.2V - 14.2mA)	48.1×55.1×1.6	7.2
AM-5814	4.5V - 38.6mA	180mW ( 5.2V - 34.7mA)	4.5V - 17.4mA	85mW ( 5.2V - 16.4mA)	55.1×60.1×1.6	9.0
AM-8801	4.5V - 41.9mA	196mW ( 5.2V - 37.7mA)	4.5V - 18.9mA	93mW ( 5.2V - 17.8mA)	57.7×55.1×1.6	8.6
AM-5904	5.0V - 9.9mA	52mW ( 5.9V - 8.7mA)	5.0V - 4.5mA	24mW ( 5.9V - 4.1mA)	40.1×33.1×1.6	5.2
AM-5912	5.0V - 15.3mA	80mW ( 5.9V - 13.6mA)	5.0V - 7.0mA	38mW ( 5.9V - 6.4mA)	42.9×47.2×1.6	5.6
AM-5909	5.0V - 22.2mA	116mW ( 5.9V - 19.6mA)	5.0V - 10.1mA	55mW ( 5.9V - 9.3mA)	60.1×41.3×1.6	9.8
AM-5914	5.0V - 23.1mA	121mW ( 5.9V - 20.4mA)	5.0V - 10.6mA	57mW ( 5.9V - 9.7mA)	50.1×55.1×1.6	7.5
AM-5907	5.0V - 45.7mA	241mW ( 5.9V - 40.8mA)	5.0V - 20.6mA	114mW ( 5.9V - 19.3mA)	75.0×55.0×1.6	16.3
AM-5902	5.0V - 60.8mA	317mW ( 5.9V - 53.7mA)	5.0V - 27.8mA	150mW ( 5.9V - 25.4mA)	150.0×37.5×1.6	22.2
AM-7A03	5.5V - 227.0mA	1320mW ( 6.0V -220.0mA)	5.5V - 113.0mA	702mW ( 6.6V -106.3mA)	150.0×165.0×1.6	97.8
AM-7E04	7.7V - 104.0mA	852mW ( 9.2V - 92.6mA)	7.7V - 50.0mA	447mW ( 9.2V - 48.6mA)	150.0×110.0×1.6	65.8
AM-5S06	15.4V - 11.4mA	188mW (18.4V - 10.2mA)	15.4V - 5.1mA	89mW (18.4V - 4.8mA)	124.5×29.5×1.6	10.0
AM-7S03	15.4V - 70.0mA	1133mW (18.4V - 61.6mA)	15.4V - 34.5mA	595mW (18.4V - 32.4mA)	150.0×165.0×1.6	97.8

Note : The above table shows standard weights, excluding lead.

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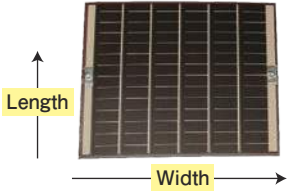


# Amorton Product List (made with a film substrate)

## Outdoor products

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	Vopec-lope	Pm (Vpm-lpm)	Vopec-lope	Pm (Vpm-lpm)		
AT-7665	3.0V-38.6mA	125mW (3.6V-34.7mA)	3.0V-17.3mA	58mW (3.6V-16.2mA)	58.4×56.0×0.3	2.0
AT-7664	3.0V-104.0mA	335mW (3.6V-93.0mA)	3.0V-46.5mA	156mW (3.6V-43.3mA)	73.0×112.0×0.3	4.0
AT-7666	3.0V-343.0mA	1109mW (3.6V-308.2mA)	3.0V-154.0mA	517mW (3.6V-143.6mA)	146.0×167.5×0.3	13.0
AT-7705	3.5V-33.3mA	128mW (4.2V-30.5mA)	3.5V-16.2mA	62mW (4.2V-14.7mA)	73.0×42.0×0.3	4.0
AT-7802	4.0V-29.7mA	127mW (4.8V-26.4mA)	4.0V-14.3mA	62mW (4.8V-12.9mA)	73.0×42.0×0.3	4.0
AT-7963	4.5V-223.0mA	1083mW (5.4V-200.6mA)	4.5V-100.0mA	505mW (5.4V-93.5mA)	146.0×167.5×0.3	13.0
AT-7S63	15.0V-134.0mA	2104mW (16.8V-125.2mA)	15.0V-60.5mA	980mW (16.8V-58.3mA)	292.0×168.0×0.3	25.0
AT-7S64	15.0V-269.0mA	4208mW (16.8V-250.4mA)	15.0V-121.0mA	1960mW (16.8V-116.7mA)	292.0×336.0×0.3	50.0

Note : The above table shows standard weights, excluding lead.

※The above patterns are representative operating patterns (initial/default values). ※SS : solar simulator

# Amorton Product List (watches)

**Customization available**

The following are the standard products included in our lineup. Designs may be customized based on requests. For inquiries, please refer to the back cover.

Products name	Substrate	Vopec-lope	External dimensions (mm) Width x length x thickness	Weight (g)
		Fluorescent light : 200lx (25°C)		
AL-2402	Stainless steel	1.5V-10.1μA	φ27.2×0.2	0.7
AT-2400B	Film	1.5V-18.5μA	26.3×26.8×0.18	0.1
AT-26L0B	Film	2.6V-14.6μA	26.3×26.8×0.18	0.1
AM-2709B	Glass	3.0V-3.3μA	φ30.8×0.7	1.3

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AL-2402



AT-2400B



AT-26L0B



AM-2709B

# Amorton Product List (photosensors)

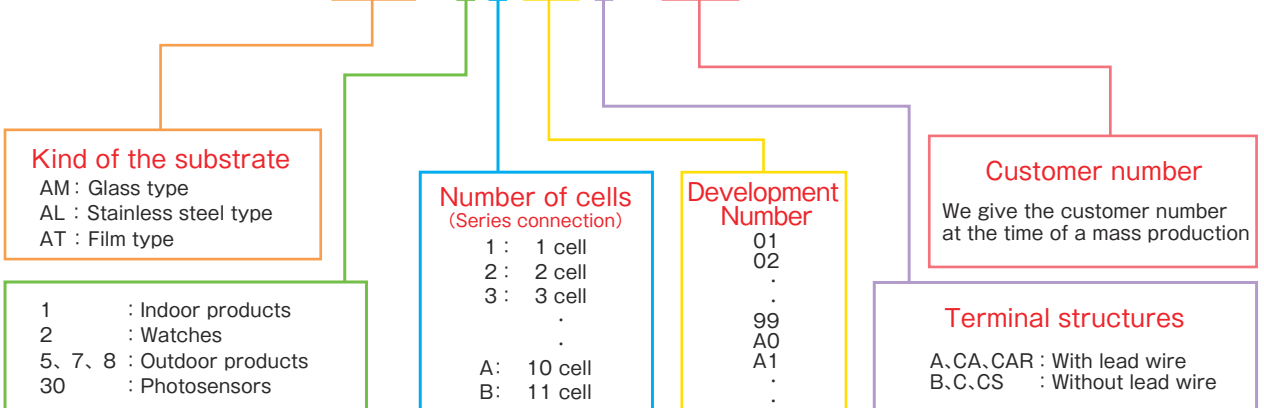
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Products name	Substrate	Voc	Isc	External dimensions (mm) Width x Length x Thickness	Weight (g)
AM-30-11	Glass	0.6V	17.7μA	14.0×13.0×1.1	0.6

Fluorescent light : 200lx (25°C)

# How to look at the Products name

**AM-1407C-00**





# Terminal Structures

Indoors			
B type	C type	CS type	CA type
<p>Conductive paste Solar</p> <p>Cannot be soldered. A heat seal may be used.</p>	<p>Conductive paste</p> <p>Lead wire can be attached using a regular solder.</p>	<p>Temporary solder</p> <p>A temporary solder is attached to a C type device.</p>	<p>Lead wire</p> <p>A C type terminal with a lead wire</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mainly for watches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primarily for indoor products</li> <li>● Outdoor products</li> <li>● Photosensors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mainly photosensors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mainly for indoor products</li> <li>● Photosensors</li> </ul>

outdoors	
C type	CAR type, A type
<p>Conductive paste</p> <p>Lead wire can be attached using a regular solder.</p>	<p>Resin coating</p> <p>Pins are protected with a resin coating after lead is attached.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primarily for indoor products</li> <li>● Outdoor products</li> <li>● Photosensors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primarily for indoor products</li> <li>※ CAR type (glass)</li> <li>※ A type (film)</li> </ul>

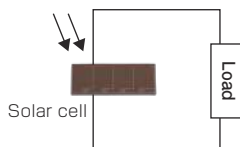
※How connectors are attached can be adjusted to meet customer requirements.

## Circuit Reference Examples Specified usage examples

### ① Direct connection type

#### Application

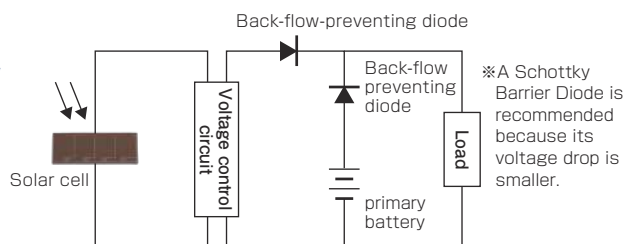
Toys, DC motors, IoT, etc.



### ② Combination-type primary battery

#### Application

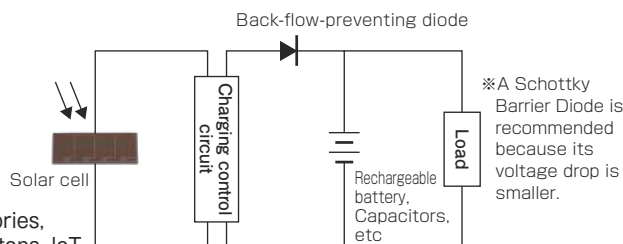
Clocks (both wall and table clocks), thermometer/hygrometers, remote controls, calculators, IoT, etc.



### ③ Rechargeable battery

#### Application

Watches (wristwatches), clocks (both wall and table clocks), garden lights, PC peripheral devices, mobile chargers, battery chargers, short-range communication terminals, car accessories, LED lighting devices, flickering devices, traffic buttons, IoT



## Inquiry Sheet

By providing the following information, we can respond to your inquiries more smoothly. Please contact us at the information found on the back cover.

### ■ In the case of general purpose products

<b>Application</b> <small>(Please provide the following information)</small>	
<b>Products name</b>	
<b>Usage environment</b> <small>(indoors or outdoors)</small>	
<b>Types of rechargeable battery</b>	
<b>Terminal connection method</b>	
<b>Experience of using solar cell</b> <small>(Yes or No)</small>	
<b>Other requests</b>	

### ■ In the case of customized products

<b>Application</b> <small>(Please provide the following information)</small>	
<b>Usage environment</b> <small>(indoors or outdoors)</small>	
<b>External dimensions</b> <small>(installation space)</small>	
<b>Required voltage</b>	
<b>Required current</b>	
<b>Types of rechargeable battery</b>	
<b>Terminal connection method</b>	
<b>Experience of using solar cell</b> <small>(Yes or No)</small>	
<b>Other requests</b>	



# Amorton

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Handling Precautions

■ Handling Amorphous Silicon Solar Cells and Amorphous Photosensors

- ★ Use care around broken glass to avoid injury.
- ★ Avoid touching solar cells during the daytime because they get very hot when the sunlight is strong.
- ★ If the light-receiving side is stained/smudged, the electrical output will decline due to a decrease in the incident light. Carefully clean the sides to remove stains.
- ★ Pressing or scratching the energy-generating area with a hard object may decrease the output.
- ★ These products are not water-resistant, or water-repellent, or shock-resistant. When using them outdoors, avoid getting them wet by placing them in an airtight container, when appropriate.
- ★ When using your product, consider a fail-safe or redundant design.
- ★ Consider a proper method for static electricity removal. Static electricity may damage the power generation element and decrease the output.
- ★ Do not apply an indoor Amorton to a product that requires an outdoor environment. Proportional output levels of light may not be obtained under high illumination.
- ★ Do not apply an outdoor Amorton to a product that requires an indoor environment. The necessary output may not be obtained under low light levels.
- ★ Please test your products for anomalies and circumstances that cannot be predicted by evaluating a single Amorton.

■ Storage

- ★ Store in a cool (under a specific temperature range of -20°C~70°C), low-humidity environment free of corrosive gas to avoid such problems as electrode corrosion to the solar cells.

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