

# RAPID SHUTDOWN

# FACT SHEET

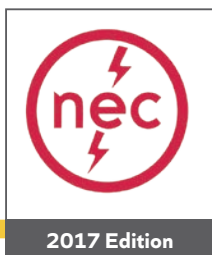


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January 2019**

## SUNSPEC RAPID SHUTDOWN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### MEETING A MARKET MANDATE FOR SOLAR SAFETY

**PV module-level power control and safety (“rapid shutdown”) is required in 24 states starting in January 2019**



2017 Edition

Requirement established by National Electrical Code (NEC) 2017.

Goal to protect firefighters and consumers who need to interact with a PV system.

NEC 2017 is an “inclusive” standard, meaning it applies to all manufacturers and equipment types covered by the standard.

The mandate affects millions of PV panels and all solar inverters.

**SunSpec Alliance global leaders have developed an open standard rapid shutdown communication solution**



29 companies worked together to create the solution, each of which contributed unique ideas and intellectual property.

The solution benefits all consumers by increasing safety of PV systems and vendors by establishing a Plug-and-Play standard for any solar panel and inverter combination.

Products complying to the standard are now available from world-class vendors.

**SunSpec is launching a Rapid Shutdown Certification Program**



Certification program communicates that system components work well with each other and have been tested to NEC 2017 requirements.

SunSpec Alliance will offer Communication Signal for Rapid Shutdown certification for third party Independent Testing Laboratories, including Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories.

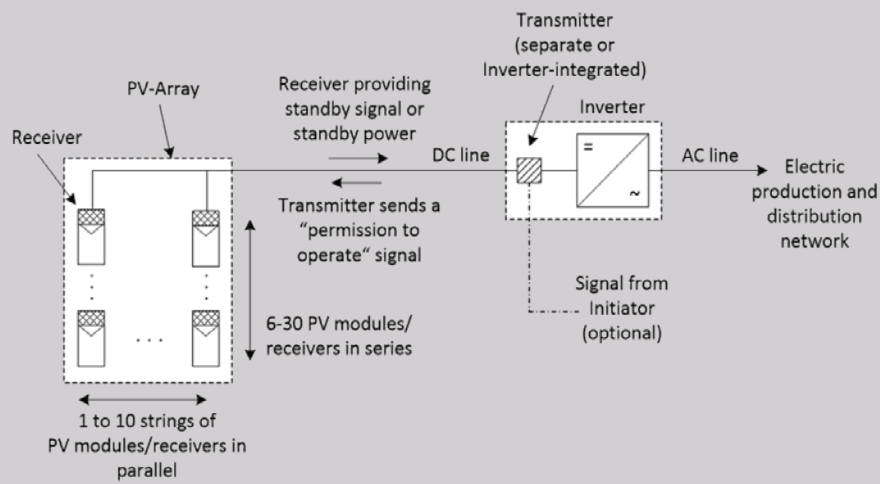
Open Request for Proposal launched. First SunSpec Certified Test Labs to be announced in October 2018.

**Common term: Rapid Shutdown  
NEC code term: PV Hazard Control**

## SunSpec Communication Signal for Module Level Rapid Shutdown

A multi-vendor, multi-device communication solution to enable NEC 2017

**LOWERS COST, SAVES TIME, ENHANCES SYSTEM HEALTH**



### SunSpec RSD Specification Contributing Companies Early Adopters

ABB  
Adesto Technologies  
Canadian Solar  
Celestica Inc.  
Chint Power Systems – North America  
Delta Products Corp.  
Enphase Energy  
ET Solar  
Fronius International  
Ginlong-Solis  
Hansol Technics Co., Ltd  
HiQ Solar  
Itek Energy  
ingeteam  
JA Solar  
LERRI Solar Technology Co.,Ltd  
Maxim Integrated  
Mersen Electrical Power  
Midnite Solar  
Neo Solar Power  
Omron Global  
OutBack Power  
Phoenix Contact  
SMA  
Samil Power  
Seraphim Solar USA Manufacturing Inc.  
Semitech Semiconductor  
Silfab Solar  
Solartec  
ST Micro  
Sungrow  
SunPower  
Sunrun  
Sunpreme  
Suntech Power  
Talesun  
Tesla  
Texas Instruments  
Tigo Energy  
UL LLC  
Yaskawa Solectria Solar  
Yingli Solar

## Market Benefits of the Rapid Shutdown Specification and Certification Program

### First Responder Safety

Provides simple, robust, and reliable solution to shut down the voltage at module level to 1V per module (NEC2017 requires < 80V).

### Industry Benefits and Growth

Lowest cost solution to what is a fundamental market requirement.  
Reduces installation and interconnection cost with Plug-and-Play system components.  
Encourages job growth by supporting DER installation market.  
Reports system health every time the sun comes up or the system is re-activated.

### Consumer Benefits and Protection

Open standard protects consumers with competitive pricing, multi-vendor choices, differentiated options and value availability.  
Ensures system service and upgrades with choice of vendors and interoperable components.