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VeraSol* Product Certificate

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Spark Start Family

Expiration Date: March 31, 2026¹

Verify here: <https://data.verasol.org/products/sek/rs-ssfamilly>

This document verifies that the Spark Start Family product family was tested under Spark B.V according to the following test methods and conformed with the following standards.

The kits in this product family are listed below:

Spark Start 10, Spark Start 10W_2L, Spark Start 10W_3L_R, Spark Start 12W_2L, Spark Start 12W_3L, Spark Start 12W_3L_R, Spark Start 12_4L_R, Spark Start 20, Spark Start 20W_3L, Spark Start 20_4L, Spark Start 20_R, Spark Start 20W_3L_R, Spark Start 20_4L_R, Spark Steady 30, Spark Steady 40, Spark Steady 50, Spark Strong 50_24TV, Spark Strong 50_32TV, Spark Strong 50_40TV , Spark Strong 50_43TV, Spark Strong 80_24TV, Spark Strong 80_32TV, Spark Strong 80_40TV , Spark Strong 80_43TV, Spark Strong 80_40TV_6L , Spark Strong 80_43TV_6L, Spark Supreme 60_32TV, Spark Supreme 100_32TV, Spark Supreme 100_40TV, Spark Strong 50_24TV_i, Spark Strong 50_32TV_i, Spark Strong 50_40TV_i , Spark Strong 50_43TV_i, Spark Strong 80_24TV_i, Spark Strong 80_32TV_i, Spark Strong 80_40TV_i , Spark Strong 80_43TV_i, Spark Strong 80_40TV_6L_i , Spark Strong 80_43TV_6L_i, Spark Supreme 60_32TV_i_F, Spark Supreme 100_32TV_i_F, Spark Supreme 100_40TV_i_F, Spark Strong 80_43TV_6L_i_F

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Test methods: IEC TS 62257-9-5:2018² and IEC TS 62257-9-8:2020³
Quality standards: IEC TS 62257-9-8:2020³

Testing Details

Product Name: Spark Start Family
Model Number: --
Company Name: Spark B.V
Brand Name: Spark
Country of Origin: China
Company Contact: Shagun Jain , shagun@sparkenergy.io
Original QTM Sample Size: n=4
Renewal Test Conducted: n/a
Sample Procurement Method: Random warehouse sampling
Testing Laboratory: Shenzhen Academy of Metrology and Quality Inspection,
Shenzhen. Guanadona. China

Documentation

Specifications book with verified test results and original version of this verification:

<https://data.verasol.org/products/sek/rs-ssfamilly>

Specifications sheets with verified test results for selected systems within this product family:

<https://data.verasol.org/products/sek/rs-ss>



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² <https://verasol.org/solutions/test-methods>

³ <https://verasol.org/solutions/quality-standards>

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Category	Quality Standard	Verdict
Truth in Advertising (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.5, and 5.2.6)	All reported information is accurate and all advertised features function as advertised. Numeric ratings deviate no more than 15% from actual performance (note that it is acceptable for actual performance to exceed advertised performance).	Pass
Information and Performance Reporting Requirements (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.2.3)	Manufacturer name and uniquely identifiable name of product or model number are presented on the packaging or user agreement. Required component specifications are displayed on the packaging or user manual, PV module label includes required specifications, and capacity and voltage are marked on the battery.	Pass
	Size A (Pico PV): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light output and the corresponding solar run time are reported on the product packaging for at least the brightest setting. Impact of mobile phone charging on product performance is described on packaging. 	n/a
	Size B (SHS Kits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one solar run time profile is reported on the packaging or in the user manual. PV power is reported on the product packaging. 	Pass
		n/a
PAYG Requirements (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.2.4)	Adequate instructions are included in the user manual and manufacturer has declared operational details of the system.	Pass
Port Functionality and Truth in Advertising (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.3)	Ports are accurately advertised and meet voltage requirements.	Pass
Lumen Maintenance (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.4)	Average relative light output is $\geq 90\%$ of initial light output at 2,000 hours with only one sample allowed to fall below 85%, OR All samples maintain $\geq 95\%$ of initial light output at 1,000 hours.	Pass
AC/DC Charger Safety (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.5.1)	Any included AC/DC chargers carry a recognized consumer electronics safety certification.	n/a
Hazardous Substances Ban (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.5.2)	No battery contains cadmium or mercury at levels greater than trace amounts.	Pass

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Circuit and Overload Protection (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.5.3)	Products include a current limiting mechanism to prevent irreversible damage to the system. Included appliances are not required to meet this standard unless they have ports that are intended to provide power.	Pass
Wiring and Connector Safety (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.5.4)	Wires, cables and connectors are appropriately sized for the expected current and voltage.	Pass
PV Module Safety (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.5.5)	All products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PV module wiring size is sufficient and all connections and joints are robust • PV module shows no significant visual defects and markings are legible • No PV module safety hazards were observed 	Pass
	Size B (SHS kits) only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets requirements of a partial shading or hot-spot endurance test 	Pass
Requirements for Systems with Large PV Modules or Arrays (IEC TS 62257-9-8:5.5.6)	Products with a total maximum solar PV power greater than 240 W, open-circuit voltage greater than 35 V, or short-circuit current greater than 8 A meet the requirements of IEC 61730 AND IEC 62109 OR UL 1741.	n/a
Battery Protection and Safety (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.6.1, 5.6.2, and 5.6.3)	Protected by an appropriate charge controller that prolongs battery life and protects the safety of the user. All samples meet the charge control requirements. Lithium batteries carry adequate safety documentation and have overcharge protection for individual cells or sets of parallel-connected cells. Batteries of included appliances must also meet this standard.	Pass
Battery Durability (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.6.4)	The average capacity loss of all samples does not exceed 25% and only one sample may have a capacity loss greater than 35% following the battery durability storage test as defined in IEC TS 62257-9-5 Annex BB.	Pass
Physical Ingress Protection (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.2.2)	For all products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP2X For PV modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP3X (or 2X + circuit protection) For fixed outdoor products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP5X 	Pass

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Water Protection (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.2.3)	Degree of protection required is based on product type. Fixed separate (indoor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No protection required Portable separate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional exposure to rain Portable integrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent exposure to rain Fixed integrated (outdoor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent outdoor exposure PV modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor rooftop installation 	Pass
Drop Test Durability (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.3)	Fixed/non-portable products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No requirement. Size A (Pico PV) portable products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 out of 6 samples are functional after drop test. Size B (SHS kits) portable products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All samples are functional after drop test. Non-lighting portable appliances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All but one sample is functional after modified drop test. All cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No samples result in dangerous failures. 	Pass
Workmanship Quality (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.4)	The system and any included appliances are rated "Good" or "Fair" for workmanship quality as defined in Annex F of IEC TS 62257-9-5. At most, one sample may fail to function when initially evaluated.	Pass
Switch, Connector, and Strain Relief Durability (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.5 and 5.7.6)	All samples and included appliances are functional after Switch, Connector, Gooseneck and Strain Relief tests; none result in dangerous failures.	Pass
Outdoor Cable Durability (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.7)	Size B (SHS kits) only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any outdoor cables are outdoor-rated and UV resistant. 	Pass
PV Overvoltage Protection (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.8)	If the battery is disconnected or isolated, the system must not be damaged and the load terminals shall maintain a voltage that is safe for their intended uses.	Pass
Miswiring Protection (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.7.9)	The user interface is designed to minimize the likelihood of making improper connections. If improper or reversed connections can easily be made, they cause no damage to the system or harm to the user.	Pass

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Non-Plug-and-Play Connections (IEC TS 62257-9-8:5.7.10)	Systems with non-plug-and-play connections meet additional safety requirements and provide adequate tools, materials, and instructions.	n/a
Warranty (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.8.1)	Accurately specified and consumer-facing.	Pass
	Size A (Pico PV): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum coverage of at least one year covering manufacturing defects under normal use. 	Pass
	Size B (SHS Kits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum coverage of at least two years for the system and one year for included appliances. 	Pass
Date of Manufacture (IEC TS 62257-9-8: 5.8.2)	Reported with precision to at least the month and year on the product or the packaging.	Pass
User Manual (IEC TS 62257-9-8:5.8.3)	Size B (SHS Kits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User manual presents instructions for installation, use, and troubleshooting of the system. Installation instructions include appropriate placement and installation of the PV module. Basic electrical safety and system maintenance covered. 	Pass
Component Replacement Methods (IEC TS 62257-9-8:5.8.4)	Size B (SHS Kits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer information provides <u>at least one</u> of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Statement that components can be replaced and provide any specifications necessary, <u>OR</u> ◦ Directions as to how the consumer can get components, including the battery, replaced at service centers, <u>OR</u> ◦ A clear, consumer-facing statement that the batteries and other components are not replaceable. • A clear statement regarding the battery replacement must be included on the consumer-facing packaging or user agreement. 	Pass

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Test Methods & Quality Standards

Kits in the product family with peak power ratings less than or equal to 10 W are tested with a sample size of n=6 according to the test methods described in IEC TS 62257-9-5:2018 and meet the requirements of IEC TS 62257-9-8:2020 for Size A products.

Kits in the product family with peak power ratings greater than 10 W are tested with a sample size of n=4 according to the test methods described in IEC TS 62257-9-5:2018 and meet the requirements of IEC TS 62257-9-8:2020 for Size B products.

Additional details on the requirements listed above are available here:
<https://verasol.org/solutions/quality-standards>

About VeraSol

An evolution of Lighting Global Quality Assurance, VeraSol supports high-performing, durable off-grid products that expand access to modern energy services. VeraSol builds upon the strong foundation for quality assurance laid by the World Bank Group and expands its services to encompass off-grid appliances, productive use equipment, and component-based solar home systems. VeraSol is managed by CLASP in collaboration with the Schatz Energy Research Center at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. Foundational support is provided by the World Bank Group's Lighting Global program, UKaid, IKEA Foundation, and others. Please visit VeraSol.org for more information.

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