# Simple Method for Evaluating Strings of PV Cells

Easily diagnose anomalies affecting strings of PV cells

#### Identify which string is being affected by the anomaly while continuing to sell power back to the grid.

At the junction box, use a DC clamp meter to measure the current of each string generating power that's being sold back to the grid. The string with the anomaly will have a noticeably lower current. Compare readings for strings in the same junction box and look any discrepancy to identify which string is being affected by the anomaly.

< Notes > Strings in the shade also produce clearly lower current readings, so be sure to take note of the insolation conditions at the time of measurement.



## Be sure to clamp in the correct direction according to polarity.

AC/DC CLAMP METER CM4371

#### Products used

CLAMP ON AC/DC HITESTER 3287

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