Certificate No. A-007637



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# **High-Performing Home**

Hagerstown, MD 21740

# **Certified Solar**

This home's high-performing asset specifications can be found in the Pearl Certification Report and Appraisal Institute's *Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum* that accompany this certificate.

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# Pearl Solar Certification Report





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## What You Need to Know

This home is one of 2% of US homes which have solar panels. These panels are owned outright instead of leased, studies have shown that solar panels add an average of \$4/watt to a home's value. Your Appraiser should not rely on this average value, but should use the data in this report to develop an accurate value of this photovoltaic system.



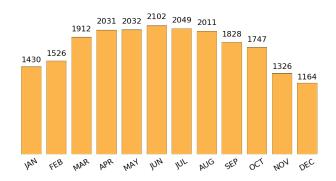
This chart shows an estimate of the energy that your photovoltaic system will produce over the course of a year. Results are shown in kWh of AC (alternating current) power – the electricity you use in your home. The estimate is calculated by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's PV Watts calculator. Your solar panels may actually produce more or less energy.

Estimated Energy Value (\$) Per Month\*



The data in the charts above is provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's PV watt calculator and is based on the data in this report.

Projected AC Energy (kWh) Per Month



This chart shows how much the estimated energy production shown in the previous graph would cost if you had to buy it from your utility. In other words, this is the amount of money you should save in utility costs this year. The estimate assumes a single utility rate: if your utility charges residential customers different rates depending on the time of day or the customer's use, your savings may be larger.



## Special Renewable Features of This Home



Solar panels : Top 1% of U.S. homes



Inverter

Energy reliance, energy security, and sustainable living are three reasons why solar panels are gaining in popularity. They also keep energy costs down for the homeowner – particularly when utility bills keep rising. The inverter converts the electricity generated by the panels from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC), allowing it to be used in the home. The manufacturer supports this system's inverter(s) with a warranty that meets or exceeds industry standards.



#### Materials Warranty : Top 1% of Warranties

The materials warranty, sometimes referred to as the product or equipment warranty, provides peace of mind that the manufacturer will replace your panels in the rare event that they stop functioning. The majority of solar materials warranties are for 10 years. This panel's warranty is in the top tier of panels, exceeding 99% of available warranties.



## About Pearl Certification

Pearl Certification is a national firm that provides third-party certification of **high-performing homes:** homes with "performance assets" that make them healthy, safe, comfortable, energy and water efficient.

Pearl's certification system enables home buyers to see and understand the value of a home's highperforming assets when the home is sold. Research from across the U.S. shows that third-party home performance certifications like Pearl's add an average of 4% to the sale price of high-performing homes, compared to similar homes lacking these assets. Pearl is the only private certification firm to sponsor the U.S. Department of Energy's prestigious Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program.

Pearl is a National Association of Realtors (NAR) REach Accelerator company.

# The Science Behind Pearl Certification

Pearl's certification system is based on building science. It was developed in consultation with national experts on energy efficiency and home performance, and with technical assistance from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). This system is approved for use in the Department of Energy's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program.

Pearl's certification system takes into account how well an asset like insulation or a cooling system was installed. It also takes into account tools that allow a homeowner to view, understand, and improve their home's performance.

For more information on Pearl's Certification, please email us at: info@pearlcertification.com, or visit our website at www.pearlcertification.com

#### **PEARL'S PARTNERS**

Pearl works in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy and many of the nation's leading real estate, appraisal, contracting, and building science organizations.





### OVERVIEW OF PEARL CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

Pearl certifies a home's performance assets, such as insulation, heating and cooling, lighting, appliances, smart home devices, and solar energy.

#### Solar, Batteries, and Electric Vehicle Readiness

**Ready Home** 

Solar panels, batteries, and electric vehicle charging: Pearl certifies if a home is pre-wired for these high-performing assets or has them installed. Our system captures critical information needed for appraisers. Pearl points are not awarded for these assets.



Solar Photovoltaic e Batteries

#### **Building Shell**

The building shell consists of the roof and attic, exterior walls, windows, doors, and basement or crawlspace. These assets provide an air, moisture, and thermal barrier that separates the inside from the outside.



#### **Heating and Cooling**

A home's heating and cooling systems include furnaces, air conditioners, and heat pumps. This equipment heats and cools air, water, or steam. The ducts or pipes that circulate the air, water or steam through the home are also a part of the heating and cooling system.



#### Baseload

A home's baseload includes devices that run year-round, not just in the heating or cooling season. Water heaters, refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, lighting, and other features contribute to a home's baseload.



#### **Home Management**

A home's management assets include "smart" devices that control heating and cooling systems, lighting, and other technologies: dashboards that provide information about energy use; and plans for improving the home's performance assets.





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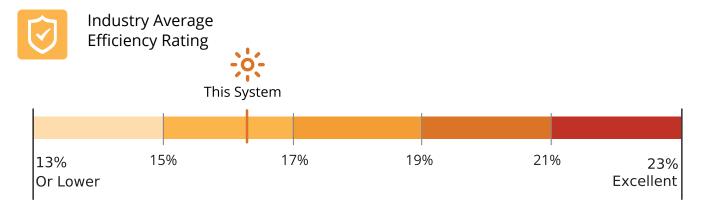
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#### **Panel Specifications**

	System Size (kW)	15.6
	Age of Panels (years)	1
	Energy Production (kWh)	22451
	Source of Energy Production Estimate	Measured Production
	Manufacturer	Solarworld
	Warranty on Panels (years)	25
	Location	Ground
	Mount	Fixed Mount

Your solar array is made up of one or more solar panels, which absorb the sun's energy and transform it into electrical energy. Your inverter transforms the direct current (DC) power generated by the panel into alternating current (AC) power that you can use in your home. Your panel's efficiency rating indicates the percentage of the sun's energy falling on your panels that is converted into usable electric energy under specified conditions. The higher your panel's efficiency rating, the more effective they are at converting sunlight into energy.

Panel efficiency ratings have been increasing due to technological innovation. Most panels have efficiencies in the 12% to 15% range, although top performing panels may have an efficiency above 20%. (Note that a high-efficiency panel may not be the right solution for all homeowners; a home with a large available roof space may be able to obtain all the solar energy it needs from a large number of lower-efficiency panels.)





Photovoltaic System

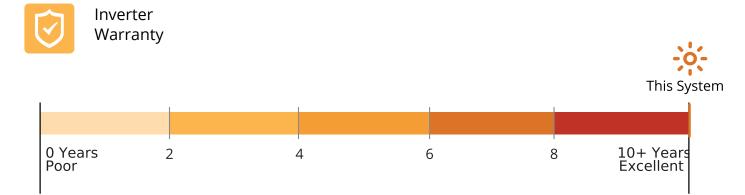


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#### **Inverter Specifications**

	Number of Inverters Per Array	2
	Age (years)	1
	Wattage	10000
	Inverter Manufacturer	SolarEdge
	Warranty Term (years)	12
	Warranty Offered By	SolarEdge

The inverter is less visible than the solar panels, but it's just as important. The inverter converts the electricity generated by the panels from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC), allowing it to be used in the home. Inverters typically have a shorter life than panels. The length of a warranty is one indication of its quality. Manufacturers typically offer five- to ten-year warranties on inverters, although some offer longer warranties of up to twenty-five years.





Photovoltaic System



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#### Installation Warranty

Years in business	9
NABCEP Certified	yes
Warranty Offered By	mtvSolar

The quality of the work used to install solar panels on the roof is an important and often overlooked feature of a home's PV system. A poor installation job can damage the roof or even result in loss or damage to the solar panels. High-quality contractors stand behind their installation with a warranty. A ten-year warranty is generally a good one and indicates that the installer has confidence in the quality of their work.



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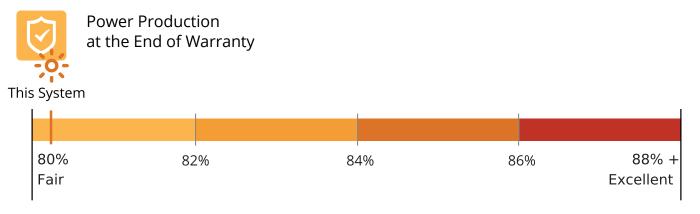
#### Power Production Warranty

	Warranty length (years)	25
	Power at End of Warranty	80.200 %
	Annual Degradation Factor	0.7

All solar panels have a nameplate which states how much power they will produce under ideal conditions. The ability of a panel to produce power deteriorates slowly over time, but even after decades they should still be generating electricity. The Power Production warranty is the manufacturer's guarantee that the panels will produce at least a minimum amount of power each year. This warranty has two components: the Degradation Factor and the Power at End of Panel's Life

The Degradation Factor guarantees that the performance of the panels will not decline by more than a specific proportion (typically less than 1%) in any given year.

The power at the end of a panel's life guarantees that a panel will produce at least a certain percentage of the nameplate power, typically between 70% and 80%, after a 25 or 30-year period.





## HOME ASSET DETAILS Home Management



Platinum Level:244This Home:175Average Home:150

This home will have a "My Home Profile" account. This account gives the owner a tool to understand, manage, maintain, and improve the home's performance.

### The "My Home Profile" account access is expected in 2018.

Homeowners wanting to make smart home improvements that can add value to their property use Pearl's certification for guidance. Descriptions of upgrades relevant to this home can be found in its My Home Profile, as well as general information on expense and complexity. Suggested improvements lower energy or water costs, and increase comfort and indoor air quality. Homeowners may also choose to work with a Pearl Network Contractor who can create a Home Improvement Plan with more specific advice on what home performance assets should be considered for upgrade or replacement.

For more information on Pearl's certification, email at: info@pearlcertification.com, or visit our website: www.pearlcertification.com



## Appendix A: Appraisal Institute's Green and Energy Efficiency Appraisal Addendum

### Instructions to homeowner or listing agent:

High-performance features can add significant value to a home. Recent studies have indicated that improvements such as air sealing and insulation, high efficiency heating and cooling systems, and other "green" and energy efficient features can add 3-9% onto a home's value, if verified by a third party.

A home may be appraised for different reasons:

- Mortgage refinance
- To discontinue mortgage insurance if the home's value has increased enough, the homeowner may have sufficient equity in the home to no longer need insurance
- Immediately prior to selling a home to assist in pricing the home
- As part of the home sale process to meet the buyer's lending requirements

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The following appendix can be provided to an appraiser to assist him or her in valuing the home. As stated in the Addendum:

"The objective of this Addendum is to standardize the communication of the high performing features of residential properties. Identifying the features not found on the 1004 form provides a basis for comparable selection and analysis of the features. Builders, contractors, homeowners, and third party verifiers are encouraged to complete this Addendum and present to appraisers, agents, lenders, and homeowners."

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