

How to test a solar panel

To test a solar panel, the solar panel must be in full sun (preferably in the middle of the day), you will also require a multi meter and a battery (the battery in your gate operator will do). Do not proceed if you're not confident using a multi meter.

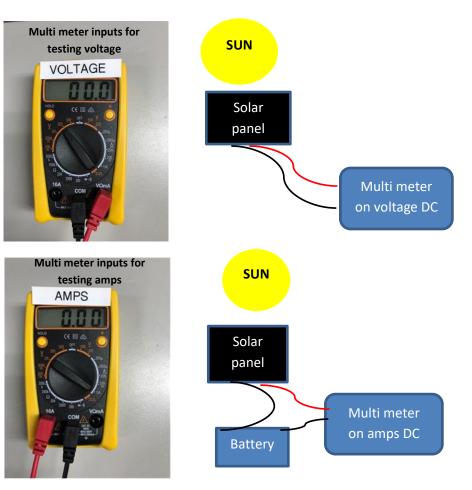
If the day is overcast it won't give you a true reading.

Do a visual inspection of the cable from the solar panel to the gate operator.

Disconnect one of the solar panel wires at the solar input terminal block located near the plastic cams.

Testing Voltage. Turn on your multi meter to voltage DC and place the **red (positive) probe** on the red or brown wire from your solar panel and your **black (negative) probe** on the black or blue wire. The multi meter should read over 18 volts.

Testing the amps. Turn on your multi meter to amps DC (10A) and move the <u>red probe</u> to the 10A port on the multi meter. Connect black or blue wire from your solar panel to the negative terminal on the battery. The multi meter <u>black probe</u> to the positive terminal on a battery and the <u>red probe</u> to the red or brown wire from the solar panel. The multi meter should read over 0.4 amps.





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