



GTM Research: SMA Sunny Portal Is the Most Popular PV Portal

Niestetal, August 27, 2014—The PV monitoring solution Sunny Portal from SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) is by far the biggest online portal for PV systems. This is based on an analysis of the global PV market, its technologies and leading players published by GTM Research.

Number one worldwide in terms of nominal power

The global comparative study entitled "Global PV Monitoring: Technologies, Markets and Leading Players, 2014–2018" for PV monitoring solutions, among other things, clearly demonstrated that SMA Sunny Portal took first place among 70 providers for the year 2013. Additionally, it had a lead of more than 20% over the next major players when using nominal power of the systems monitored as a criteria, with SMA offering nominal power of 12.4 GW. Other companies in the study include Solar-Log, meteocontrol and skytron energy. A total of around 170,000 solar power systems featuring the SMA Sunny Portal were monitored.

New solutions for online monitoring

To mark the tenth anniversary of Sunny Portal this year, SMA is also launching two new monitoring solutions to the market: the Sunny Portal Professional Package for professional monitoring of several systems and Sunny Places, a community portal that PV system owners can use for purposes, including monitoring their PV system, comparing it with others and exchanging information.

Indispensable element of energy management

The importance of SMA's portal solutions is also clearly illustrated by the fact that they are an indispensable part of intelligent energy management. Systems featuring the SMA Smart Home system solution automatically provide access to the Sunny Portal to monitor energy flows in real time, access energy balances or program the specific activation of household appliances, for example.

In this way, monitoring solutions from SMA will continue to maintain their position at the top among operators and experts. The results of the study conducted by GTM Research and SoliChamba Consulting are now available at www.greentechmedia.com/research.



About SMA

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