



Launch of new RICOH EH DSSC modules with 20% increase in power generation

Independent power sources for IoT devices compatible with harsh environments such as refrigeration warehouses

TOKYO, May 13, 2021 – Ricoh announced the launch of a new generation of RICOH EH DSSC Series, a solid-state dye-sensitized solar cell (DSSC) module that achieves high-power generation performance even under weak lighting conditions. The new module's maximum power output has improved by approximately 20% from the previous product. The latest modules can be used in low-temperature environments down to -30°C, perfect for a wide variety of settings, including lighted refrigerated warehouses and sensors for merchandising freezers. The new DSSC is offered as an independent power source for IoT sensor makers to use in devices for the manufacturing and distribution industries, smart offices and homes, and nursing and medical care facilities (storage of pharmaceuticals).

The new product line-up is available in three size formats. An evaluation set is also available containing three module sizes for product evaluation.

Product	RICOH EH	RICOH EH	RICOH EH	RICOH EH	
names	DSSC5284a	DSSC2832a	DSSC1719a	DSSC	
				Evaluation Set	
Sales unit pcs/case	12 pcs/case	48 pcs/case	120 pcs/case	5284a x 3 pcs 2832a x 3 pcs	
pcs/case				1719a x 3 pcs	
Pricing	Contact sales				
Release Date	Late May, 2021				

RICOH EH DSSC5284a	RICOH EH DSSC2832a	

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The Internet of Things (IoT) brings the power of the internet beyond standard computers or smartphones to a wide range of objects. Data from sensors attached to those objects can be collected and uploaded to the internet. The data can be used for monitoring environments or object locations wirelessly and without the need for batteries. The use of sensors is expected to increase in the future. Energy harvesting technologies (environmental power generation) using light, heat, vibration, etc., are attracting wide-spread attention as an effective power source that can power sensors continuously.

Ricoh's DSSC was developed by applying the organic photoconductor technology that Ricoh has developed for multifunction devices. It solves the safety and durability problems, such as liquid leakage and corrosion, that batteries using electrolytes have. Also, by designing organic materials suitable for indoor light source wavelengths and optimizing the device structure, generating electricity with high efficiency is possible even in places with lower light levels, such as warehouses.

Ricoh will continue to develop technologies that improve the performance of solid-state dyesensitized solar cells. It hopes to expand these devices' use as self-contained power sources into areas including sensing devices, light-emitting devices, and switches that contribute to powering the IoT of society.

Main features of the new RICOH EH DSSC Series

- High power output in areas with low light There is a high power generation potential on the walls of offices, warehouses, and factories, even under indoor light or other low-light environments. Self-contained solar modules eliminated the need for replacing coin-type batteries used in IoT terminals.
- High power output from low to high temperatures
 High power generation is achieved under a wide -30°C to 60°C temperature range. Modules
 can be used in general indoor environments as well as in cold storage or refrigerated
 environments.
- Safety with a solidified electrolyte Modules are made using only solid materials and are safe and highly durable, eliminating the risk of liquid leakage due to aging.

Specifications of the new RICOH EH DSSC Series

	RICOH EH DSSC5284a	RICOH EH DSSC2832a	RICOH EH DSSC1719a	
Dimensions	52mm × 84mm	28mm × 32mm	17mm × 19mm	
Maximum output (<i>P_{max}</i>) min.	276µW	48µW	13µW	
Open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}) typ.	5.4V			
Maximum output operating voltage (<i>V_{pmax}</i>) typ.	4.5V			
Maximum output operating current (<i>I_{pmax}</i>) typ.	61.3µA	10.7µA	2.9µA	
Substrate	Glass			
Thickness	1.4mm			
Operating environment	Indoor			

Electrical characteristics and conditions: Color temperature is approx. 5000K at 25°C.

For more product information, please see the link below: <u>https://industry.ricoh.com/en/dye-sensitized-solar-cell</u>

Related information

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