

Solar Keymark Newsletter - January 2010

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1. 1000 Solar Keymark licences

Solar Keymark is developing faster than ever. By 1st of January 2010 the number of Solar Keymark licences reached more than 1000. More than 900 collector certificates and almost 100 system certificates. The development is shown in figure 1 and 2.

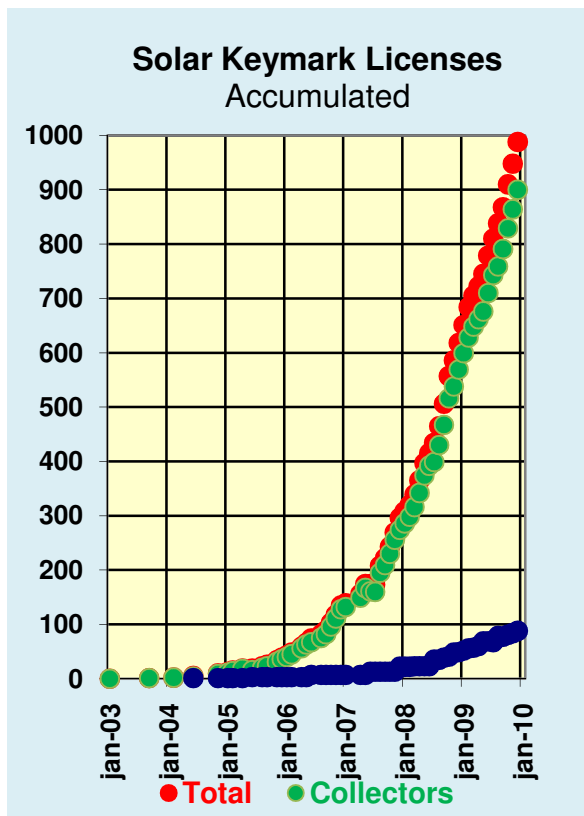


Fig.1. Solar Keymark licences (accumulated)
- almost 1000 reached by the end of 2009.

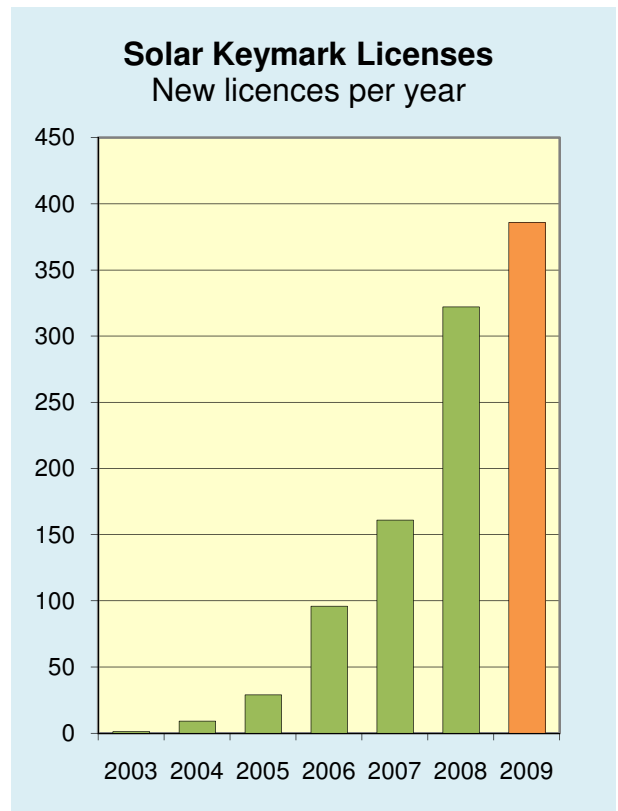


Fig.2. Solar Keymark licences per year
- at the moment approx. 32 new licences are issued per month (380 per year).

Expectations for 2010 are still a small increase in new annual licences - more system certificates are expected due to [new flexibility](#). Maybe more than 400 new licenses this year.

2. Change in type definitions

The definitions of main type and sub type have changed. 15th January new Solar Keymark specific scheme rules were approved by the CEN Certification Board including the following new definitions:

Main types:

- *Solar thermal collectors as defined in EN 12975*
- *Factory made solar thermal systems as defined in EN 12976*

Sub types:

- *Collectors with different characteristics are considered as different sub-types. Collectors within the same collector family are considered the same subtype.*
- *Systems with different characteristics are considered as subtypes. Systems within the same system family are considered the same subtype.*

Further details to found in the new scheme rules (version 11.04) available from:

- www.estif.org/solarkeymark/schemerules.php

3. Change in fees

The change in type definition means that less money will be paid in fees to CEN. The CEN fees are still:

- Per main type: 300 €
- Per sub type: 60 €

BUT due to less number of main type licences, the total amount paid to CEN will be considerably lower. Each licensee will maximum have 2 main type licences: One for his collectors and one for his systems.

The Solar Keymark Network fee for 2010 has been changed:

- Was: Fee per main type licence: 50 €
- Is: Fee per subtype licence: 290 €

This means that most of the saved CEN fees will be transferred to the Solar Keymark Network.

There is no plan to change the budget for the secretariat - the extra money will go to a Solar Keymark Foundation - see next section.

The changes in type definitions and fees mean that the total fee payment will decrease a little - and all Solar Keymark licensees will pay a little less than if definitions and fees were not changed.

4. New Solar Keymark Foundation

For 2010 a sum of approx. 100 000 € is expected to be available for Solar Keymark related activities/projects:

- *The “Solar Keymark Foundation”.*

Foundation management and rules will be decided in March 2010.

Shortly after these decisions, a call for “Solar Keymark Projects” will be announced at the Solar Keymark web.

The annual sum available from this Solar Keymark Foundation will increase as long as the number Solar Keymark licences increase.

5. Flexible system certification

The new possibility for flexible system certification shall be mentioned too.

It is now possible to test partly only two systems, and have a whole “system family” certified.

This flexibility requires to some extent that the systems are well designed.

More information on this at:

- www.solarkeymark.org (in the restricted area available for the Solar Keymark Network only)

Information also available on request from Solar Keymark test labs and certification bodies.