

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Methods to cool photovoltaic panels in summer



## Overview

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How to cool PV panels?

The most inexpensive method for cooling PV panels is air cooling with natural convection behind the PV panels due to the stack effect. However, the effectiveness of this method is limited due to the low thermal conductivity, convective heat transfer, density, and volumetric heat capacity of air.

What are the different types of PV panel cooling methods?

Classification of different PV panel cooling methods. Research on the passive cooling of PV panels has utilized a variety of principles such as air passive cooling, water passive cooling, conductive cooling, heat pipe or thermosiphon cooling and phase change cooling.

What are the different cooling methods used in PV solar cells?

The cooling methods used are described under four broad categories: passive cooling techniques, active cooling techniques, PCM cooling, and PCM with additives. Many studies made a general review of the methods of cooling PV solar cells, especially the first three methods.

How can photovoltaic panels be cooled?

Passive cooling of photovoltaic panels can be enhanced by additional components such as heat sinks, metallic materials such as fins installed on the back of P.V. to ensure convective heat transfer from air to panels. The high thermal conductive heat sinks are generally located behind the solar cell.

How effective is a cooling method on a PV panel?

The effectiveness of a cooling method on the PV panel is indicated by the temperature reduction attained and the efficiency enhancement achieved. Results from technology feasibility analysis efforts provide input to the implementation of the appropriate cooling method.

What cooling methods are used for solar module cooling?

Egyptian researchers have analyzed all cooling techniques for solar module cooling. Their review includes passive and active cooling methods, cooling with phase change materials (PCMs), and cooling with PCM and other additives, such as nanoparticles or porous metal.

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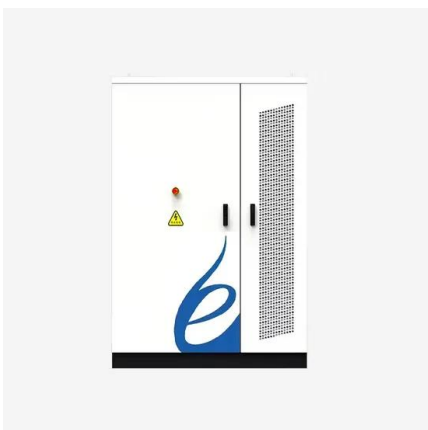


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