

Solar Energy South Africa

Requirements and standards for drone photovoltaic panel delivery



Overview

What is drone thermal imaging for PV inspections?

Curve Tracers) HOW DRONE THERMAL IMAGING HELPS PV INSPECTIONS To complement and enhance manual electrical testing, the use of drone thermal imaging for PV inspections, also known as aerial thermography, is increasingly required in contracts for PV system commissioning and maintenance due to the spe.

What are the best conditions for a drone thermal imaging solar inspection?

Ideal conditions for a drone thermal imaging solar inspection are clear and sunny with low wind speeds. Later in the day works better so the field has time to heat up to an optimal irradiance level. Thermal signature is most prominent on heated PV panels.

Should thermal drone solar inspections be outsourced or developed?

hology continues to evolve, so will the techniques to collect and process thermal data, making it easier to ensure compatibility with workflows and company procedures. As thermal drone solar inspections become more mainstream, asset owners and energy companies will need to determine whether outsourcing or developing in.

What F 30 Hz is recommended for PV system inspections?

f 30 Hz or higher is recommended for PV system inspections. **RADIOMETRIC CAPABILITY:** All thermal cameras can provide an image of the relative intensities of thermal energy within their fields of view, but some cameras take that a step further and provide calibrated, non-contact temperature meas.

Can drone technology improve solar inspections?

Thanks to continued improvements in thermal imaging hardware, software and drone technology, it is now possible to greatly improve the efficiency and

accuracy of solar, or photovoltaic (PV), inspections than ever before.

Can a drone be used in a Bos inspection?

Within IEC 62446-3:2017, the use of drones has only really been considered in the context of basic inspections. A drone is referred to as a 'fast carrier' for module thermography only and is not included in the testing of other BOS electrical components. See below the descriptions from the standard:

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Thermography investigation with drone for ...

An infrared thermographic inspection via drone uses infrared images to reveal defects in your photovoltaic modules, that would otherwise be impossible to detect. During the AI-supported thermographic analysis, all anomalies are ...

Thermal Inspection of Solar Panels , Commercial UAV ...

For example, IEC Technical Specification 62446-3 is a European standard many outside of Europe use as a guide to make sure they're providing consistent, high quality thermal drone inspections of photovoltaic (PV) sites.



Thermographic Drone Inspections for solar PV

Aerial drone thermography offers a low-cost yet highly accurate method of providing a complete representation of your solar plant, which identifies defects down to the cellular level. Thermographic drone inspections save you time ...



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Nagler cautioned, however, that there are accepted standards that must be used to guide

these inspections. For example, IEC Technical Specification 62446-3 is a European standard many outside of Europe use as ...



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