

Solar Energy South Africa

Why add solar power



Overview

How is solar energy used?

Solar power is used in two main ways: generating electricity (like with rooftop solar panels) or generating thermal energy (like with concentrated solar power plants). For most homeowners, solar panels that convert solar energy to electricity are the best use of solar energy because it allows them to save on electric bills.

Why is solar energy important?

Solar energy creates free, renewable power from the sun. It's abundant and produces no carbon emissions or local air pollution. Still, about 60% of the electricity that power plants generate in the U.S. comes from fossil fuels like coal and natural gas, which we know contribute to issues related to global warming and climate change.

Why should you install a solar energy system?

Solar panels draw their energy from the renewable resource that is our sun. Not only does installing a solar energy system reduce your reliance on fossil fuels (which improves your air quality and protects the environment), but it can also save you \$25,000 to over \$110,000 over its lifetime.

Should you add solar panels to your home?

This isn't the case for renewable electricity tariffs sold by energy suppliers. Adding solar panels improves the energy performance of your home, too, and can boost your energy performance certificate (EPC) rating. Live more sustainably: get our free monthly Sustainability newsletter to make eco-friendly changes for you, your home and the planet.

What is solar power & how does it work?

Solar power is a type of renewable energy that comes from sunlight. It can be installed on roofs or in rows or clusters on land. Solar could provide up to 70%

of clean, cheap electricity for homes in the UK. Solar power harnesses energy from the sun creating clean, renewable energy.

Why is solar energy a good option?

Solar plants produce so much clean energy that they even supply excess power to the grid during peak production hours! Due to its low carbon footprint (less than 0.05 pounds per kilowatt hour), solar energy is considered one of the cleanest and green forms available today.

2. Solar Energy Cuts Down On Expensive Utility Bills

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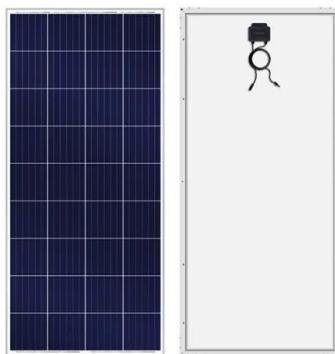
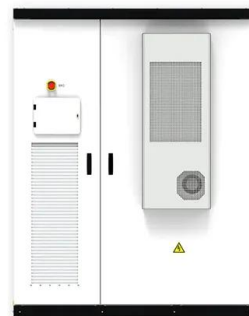


All you need to know about powering your home with solar panels

This is the maximum power generated by a solar panel in ideal conditions. It's a standardised unit of measurement that makes it easier to compare different manufacturers and designs of solar ...

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