

Solar Energy South Africa

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Overview

Are solar panels stolen?

Several instances of solar panel theft have been reported, including an incident at Gateshead International stadium as well as a larger incident in 2021 in which 221 solar panels were stolen from a solar farm. Solar panel theft is the primary issue, although some landowners report that it isn't just the panels themselves that are stolen.

Did UK police find solar panels stolen from Worcestershire site?

Photo: DeterTech From pv magazine Global 04/23 When the UK police visited an address in Staffordshire they suspected of harboring solar panels stolen from a Worcestershire site in 2019, they not only recovered 13 modules but also found paperwork indicating planned shipments to Madrid for resale.

How much property was stolen from UK solar sites last year?

Speakers at the event, held in Telford, in the west of England, appealed for solar site owners to report all incidents of criminal damage, no matter how small. Taylor said GBP 574,300 (\$691,500) worth of property was reported stolen from UK solar sites last year, but noted that the real figure is likely higher.

Are solar panels a crime?

Vandalism is not always a planned, deliberate crime. Still, it can be caused by disruptive individuals who see a remote field of solar panels as a chance to cause extreme damage without being caught, smashing solar panels and rendering them redundant.

How much does a solar theft cost?

Strecke says European solar thefts typically cause €60,000 (\$63,900) of damage, when repairs and loss of business are factored in. "Solar crime is on the increase," says Rachael Oakley, director of crime intelligence at Telford-

based DeterTech, formally known as SmartWater Group thanks to its product-marking technology.

How many solar panels can a thief remove?

Viamon's Strecke says organized raiders typically remove 100 panels to 300 solar panels – 10 tons' worth at the top end. In one case, he adds, thieves removed more than 15,000 panels – 5 MW of generation capacity – in one weekend. “It is organized crime, with big logistics in the background,” he says.

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to £1,014 annually, totalling nearly £30,000 of



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Panels and cables offer a relatively easy, and high value target for thieves, and in 2019, £900,000 worth of solar panels were stolen from sites in Wales 2, resulting in serious financial losses for the companies operating them.

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