

Solar Energy South Africa

How to generate electricity from solar energy more cost- effectively



Overview

Do solar panels generate electricity?

That said, the rate at which solar panels generate electricity varies depending on the amount of direct sunlight and the quality, size, number and location of panels in use. Even in winter, solar panel technology is still effective; at one point in February 2022, solar was providing more than 20% of the UK's electricity.¹

How do solar panels convert sunlight into electricity?

This can be converted into electricity using solar photovoltaic panels, known as 'solar PV', installed on your roof. This electricity can power your home, save you money, and help to decarbonise grid supplied electricity. Solar PV systems - a collection of solar panels - turn sunlight into electricity through the 'solar cells' they contain.

Why are solar panels becoming more energy efficient?

We've seen advancements in materials used, like perovskite which can absorb light across a broader range of the solar spectrum, and improvements in the design of solar cells, allowing them to capture more sunlight. These innovations mean that newer panels can convert more of the sun's energy into electricity than ever before.

What is solar power & how does it work?

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How can we make solar panels more efficient?

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How can I make the most of my solar panels?

There are plenty of ways to make the most of your panels, whether it's by cutting the installation costs, boosting your returns or maximising how much free electricity you use – all of which will speed up the return on your investment. Here are our tips to make solar panels as cost-effective as possible. Read more: [how much do solar panels cost?](#)

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