

Solar Energy South Africa

Light passenger car plus photovoltaic panels



Overview

What is solar assisted passenger electric vehicles (sapev)?

Solar assisted passenger electric vehicles Solar Assisted Passenger Electric Vehicles (SAPEV) resides in the concept of integrating solar photovoltaics (PV) in a vehicle to enhance the driving range or act as an alternative energy source. This ideology has been a well-established approach in the automotive sector since the 1990s.

Can vehicle integrated photovoltaics benefit passenger cars?

We provide a general overview on vehicle integrated photovoltaics (VIPV) for passenger cars. Historic examples are reviewed to demonstrate that VIPV can provide an economic benefit due to the current and unique setting of very low solar cell costs and ambitious goals for electric vehicles. Subsequently, four guiding questions are addressed: 1.

Are vehicle-integrated photovoltaic (vipv) products adapted for EV Integration?

A comprehensive review of fast-changing vehicle-integrated photovoltaic (VIPV) products and lightweight PV cell and module technologies adapted for integration into electric vehicles (EVs) is presented in this paper. The number of VIPV projects and/or products is on a steady rise, especially car-based PV integration.

Do passenger cars have solar photovoltaics?

Apart from passenger cars, manufacturers and researchers have developed solar mobility in vehicles like urban buses , trucks , auto-rickshaws (tuk-tuk) , and minivans . However, this paper primarily focuses on solar photovoltaics implemented in passenger cars.

What are on-board photovoltaics in vehicles?

On-board photovoltaics in vehicles usually involve curved PV modules, and the

vehicles are, by definition, at different locations, as well as both static and non-static. The mean annual energy production also depends on the use cases, and there is a lack of data available for both irradiance and associated products.

Can photovoltaic panels be used in cars?

. Integrating photovoltaic panels into vehicles could increase driving distance and reduce reliance on fossil fuels to charge batteries [38,39]. Some automobile manufacturers have introduced solar panels in some of their vehicles, but the conversion efficiency of solar cells remains a challenge .

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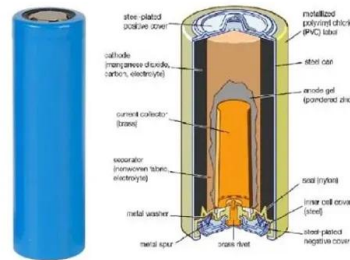


Vehicle-integrated photovoltaics for low-speed electric ...

Canadian startup Capsolar claims its flexible solar modules can be adapted to any type of low-speed electric vehicle with no extra modification and custom work. The panels have an efficiency of

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