Solar Energy South Africa

The role of photovoltaic panels on the roof of commercial buildings

Overview

Can commercial buildings' roofs be used for solar PV?

This study aims to investigate the utilisability of commercial buildings’ roofs for solar PV focusing on four types of buildings - shopping malls, office buildings, hotels, and hospitals. The study investigates the wide-ranging features of rooftops of these buildings which can restrict the application of PV.

What is solar PV roof research?

In recent years, solar PV roof research has undergone rapid evolution, transitioning from broad energy-related topics to more nuanced investigations into PV cell performance and storage technologies. Presently, there is a notable shift towards examining the holistic performance of PV roofs and their influence on building environments.

How many types of commercial buildings can use solar PV?

Four types of commercial buildings have been examined for five orientations. 19 types of restrictions towards rooftop application of PV have been identified. Utilization factor of building roofs has been found to range between 0.45 and 0.52. Solar PV is one of the most successful renewable energy technologies being used in buildings.

What is solar photovoltaic roof?

Solar photovoltaic (PV) roofs play a significant role in the utilization of renewable energy in buildings. This cluster, the largest among all, comprises 51 documents and is primarily associated with the keywords renewable energy, building envelope, passive design, tropical developing country, and domestic residential power.

Can solar photovoltaic roofs reduce energy consumption?

The presence of green roofs reduced energy consumption by about 0.1%, while photovoltaic systems could generate 26 megawatt-hours annually, with

a payback period of 6.5 to 7.5 years. Office buildings present significant potential for the installation of solar photovoltaic roofs.

Can solar PV be used in buildings?

Solar PV is one of the most successful renewable energy technologies being used in buildings. Buildings however pose different types of hurdles towards their utilisability for PV. Given the low power density of solar PV, buildings' restrictive features can have a significant impact on the application of renewable technology.

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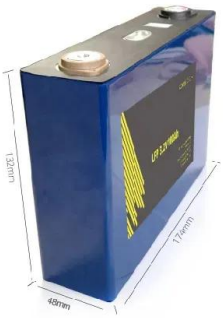

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