

## Solar Energy South Africa

# What kind of light does solar power use



## Overview

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Can a PV cell convert artificial light into electricity?

Some PV cells can convert artificial light into electricity. Sunlight is composed of photons, or particles of solar energy. These photons contain varying amounts of energy that correspond to the different wavelengths of the solar spectrum. A PV cell is made of semiconductor material.

What is a photovoltaic (PV) cell?

A photovoltaic (PV) cell, commonly called a solar cell, is a nonmechanical device that converts sunlight directly into electricity. Some PV cells can convert artificial light into electricity. Sunlight is composed of photons, or particles of solar energy.

How much energy does a solar cell produce?

That means a solar cell can't produce any more electrical energy than it receives each second as light. In practice, as we'll see shortly, most cells convert about 10–20 percent of the energy they receive into electricity.

What is solar energy used for?

This energy can be used to generate electricity or be stored in batteries or thermal storage. Below, you can find resources and information on the basics of solar radiation, photovoltaic and concentrating solar-thermal power technologies, electrical grid systems integration, and the non-hardware aspects (soft costs) of solar energy.

Do solar panels generate electricity at night?

Solar panels generate no electricity at night time. Solar panels can't store energy, so you have to use the electricity they generate when the sun is shining. You need batteries to store the energy generated. These are expensive. – Solar cells convert the light from the sun into electricity.

Are solar cells the best way to make power from sunlight?

Photo: Solar cells aren't the only way to make power from sunlight—or even, necessarily, the best way. We can also use solar thermal power (absorbing heat from sunlight to heat the water in your home), passive solar (designing a building to absorb sunlight), and solar collectors (shown here).

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Solar panels can capture both direct and indirect light (light that shines through clouds), but perform at around 10-25% of their normal efficiency when it's cloudy. Cloudy days can be beneficial, however, as rain washes the panels and ...

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Solar power converts energy from the sun into electricity through the use of solar panels. So how does it all work and what are the different types of solar panels? Solar energy was used by humans as early as the 7 th century B.C. when ...



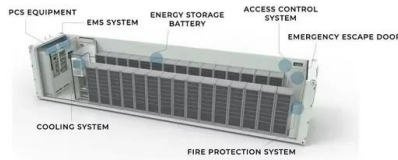
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Solar panels, also known as photovoltaics, capture energy from sunlight, while solar thermal systems use the heat from solar radiation for heating, cooling, and large-scale electrical generation. Let's explore these ...

## Can Solar Panels Work with Artificial Light?

The types of solar panels have an impact on energy generation too. Therefore, energy generation is a combination of compatible artificial lights and solar panels. Overall, if you want to use solar panels with artificial light, incandescent ...



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