

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

# Photovoltaic panel assembly grounding specifications and standards



## Overview

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What is a solar substation grounding guide?

**Abstract:** This guide is primarily concerned with the grounding system design for photovoltaic solar power plants that are utility owned and/or utility scale (5 MW or greater). The focus of the guide is on differences in practices from substation grounding as provided in IEEE Std 80.

Why is proper grounding of a photovoltaic power system important?

Proper grounding of a photovoltaic (PV) power system is critical to ensuring the safety of the public during the installation's decades-long life. Although all components of a PV system may not be fully functional for this period of time, the basic PV module can produce potentially dangerous currents and voltages for the life of the system.

What is the purpose of the grounding system design guide?

**Scope:** This guide is primarily concerned with the grounding system design for ground-mount photovoltaic (PV) solar power plants (SPPs) that are utility owned and/or utility scale (5 MW or greater). The focus of the guide is on differences in practices from substation grounding as provided in IEEE Std 80.

What is electrical & PV grounding?

Before discussing the subject of grounding, the term “grounding” requires definition. There are two types of grounding in electrical and PV systems—equipment grounding and system grounding. Equipment grounding is known in the ROW as safety grounding or protective earthing.

Does a photovoltaic system have a DC grounding system?

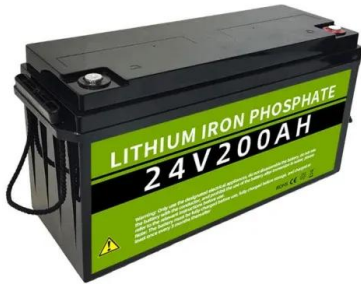
Photovoltaic systems having dc circuits and ac circuits with no direct connection between the dc grounded conductor and ac grounded conductor shall have a dc grounding system. The dc grounding system shall be bonded to the ac grounding system by one of the methods in (1), (2), or (3).

Do I need a grounding electrode for a PV array?

While a separate grounding electrode system is still permitted to be installed for a PV array, per 690.47 (B), it is no longer required to be bonded to the premises grounding electrode system. In PV systems with string inverters, the equipment grounding conductor from the array terminates to the inverter's grounding bus bar.

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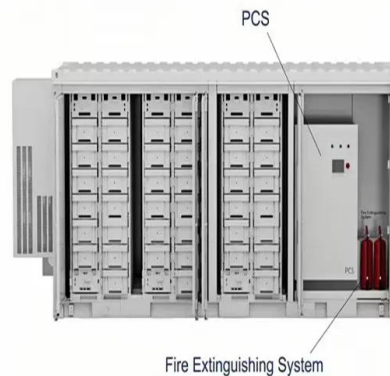


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### Solar ABCs: Recommended Standards for PV Modules and Systems

The report explains what grounding is and defines different types of grounding. It also describes existing National Electrical Code ® (NEC ®) grounding requirements in some detail, explains ...



### IS 12834 (2013): Solar photovoltaic energy systems- Terms, ...

This Technical Specification deals with the terms and symbols from national and international solar photovoltaic standards and relevant documents used within the field of solar photovoltaic ...



### ON THE GROUNDING AND BONDING OF SOLAR ...

Ground-fault protective devices (GFPDs) must meet four requirements; they must: 1) Detect ground-faults in the dc conductors of a PV system, including functionally grounded conductors; 2) Isolate faulted circuits ...



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## Solar Panel Sizes, Dimensions & Weight

A standard 60-cell 1.7m<sup>2</sup> solar panel weighs around 18kg, while a 72-cell 2.3m<sup>2</sup> module weighs around 23.5kg. Not only are 72-cell solar panels heavier, but their extra height makes them more difficult to carry and ...

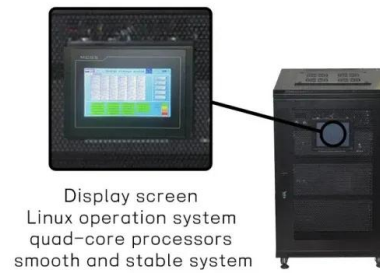


## Solar Photovoltaic: SPECIFICATION, CHECKLIST AND GUIDE ...

the mounted aluminum framed PV panels (i.e., other PV technologies or ground mount systems), EPA recommends that an installer certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy ...

## FM Data Sheet 1-15, "Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Panels" ...

FM disallows the use of any PV panel systems using foam plastics, unless specifically FM approved as part of the assembly. FM Approval Standards 4476 and 4478 for Flexible and ...



## Guidelines for Designing Grounding Systems for Solar ...

Grounding and bonding is a subject area that can be confusing to many. In this blog post, we summarize key points according to the NEC. The NEC is the primary guiding document for the safe designing and installation ...

## Basic Understanding of IEC Standard Testing For ...

The performance PV standards described in this article, namely IEC 61215 (Ed. 2 - 2005) and IEC 61646 (Ed. 2 - 2008), set specific test sequences, conditions and requirements for the design ...



## Photovoltaic Module Grounding: Issues and Recommendations

Study Outline. Address gap in requirements and methods for reliable grounding of PV module frame and mounting components. Preliminary "lay-of-the-land" Report (BEW) - Published ...



## Standards and Requirements for Solar Equipment, Installation, ...

who are developing or revising standards and requirements for installation, licensing and certification, equipment, and warranties for solar photovoltaic (PV) equipment and systems. It ...



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## A Full Guide to Photovoltaic Panel Installation and ...

PV panels perform best in direct sunlight, and their efficiency decreases in cloudy or shady conditions. Over time, photovoltaic panels experience a natural decrease in efficiency due to aging and exposure to ...

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