

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

Stationary Energy Storage System Installation Standards



Overview

IRC 2018 requirements specify that ESS must be:
Listed and labeled in accordance with UL 9540
Installed per manufacturer's instructions
Not installed within a habitable space of a dwelling unit
Protected from impact from vehicles with an approved barrier
Ventilated if battery chemistry produces flammable gas during normal operation
What is a stationary energy storage system (ESS)?

This standard applies to the design, construction, installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of stationary energy storage systems (ESS), including mobile and portable ESS installed in a stationary situation and the storage of lithium metal or lithium-ion batteries.

What is a safety standard for stationary batteries?

Safety standard for stationary batteries for energy storage applications, non-chemistry specific and includes electrochemical capacitor systems or hybrid electrochemical capacitor and battery systems. Includes requirements for unique technologies such as flow batteries and sodium beta (i.e., sodium sulfur and sodium nickel chloride).

What are the fire and building codes for energy storage systems?

However, many designers and installers, especially those new to energy storage systems, are unfamiliar with the fire and building codes pertaining to battery installations. Another code-making body is the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Some states adopt the NFPA 1 Fire Code rather than the IFC.

What if the energy storage system and component standards are not identified?

Table 3.1. Energy Storage System and Component Standards 2. If relevant testing standards are not identified, it is possible they are under development by an SDO or by a third-party testing entity that plans to use them to conduct tests until a formal standard has been developed and approved by an SDO.

What is the maximum energy rating per ESS unit?

The maximum energy rating per ESS unit is 20 kWh. The maximum kWh capacity per location is also specified—80 kWh when located in garages, accessory structures, and outdoors and 40 kWh in utility closets or storage spaces. For storage capacities that exceed these limits, non-residential requirements come into play (NFPA 855 Chapters 4-9).

Do electric energy storage systems need to be tested?

It is recognized that electric energy storage equipment or systems can be a single device providing all required functions or an assembly of components, each having limited functions. Components having limited functions shall be tested for those functions in accordance with this standard.

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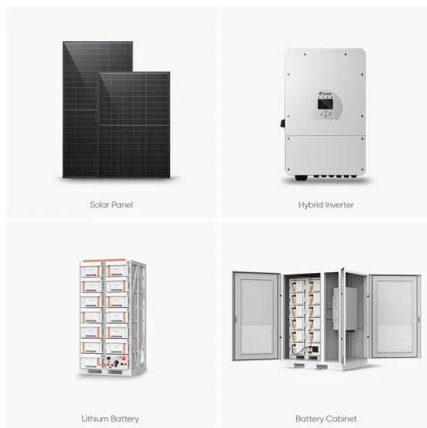


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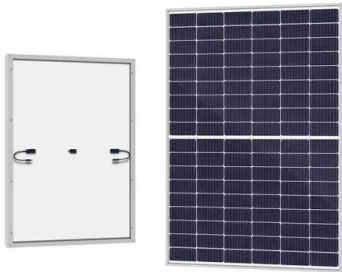
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