

How to remove dust from solar panels?

Dust accumulation on solar panels is a major operational challenge faced by the photovoltaic industry. Removing dust using water-based cleaning is expensive and unsustainable. Dust repulsion via charge induction is an efficient way to clean solar panels and recover power output without consuming any water.

How can electrostatic dust removal transform the photovoltaic solar power industry?

Alternate effective cleaning methods can therefore significantly transform the photovoltaic solar power industry. Electrostatic dust removal has the potential to eliminate the water footprint and contact scrubbing damage associated with solar panel cleaning. There are mainly two types of techniques for electrostatic dust removal systems.

Can a waterless cleaning method remove dust from solar panels?

Dust that accumulates on solar panels is a major problem, but washing the panels uses huge amounts of water. MIT engineers have now developed a waterless cleaning method to remove dust on solar installations in water-limited regions, improving overall efficiency. Image courtesy of the researchers.

Can a transparent surface remove dust from solar panels?

Efficient, contactless, and waterless removal of dust from solar panels is imperative to large-scale solar farms. The study presents a transparent, nano-textured, and electrically conductive surface, that enables electrostatic cleaning of solar panels and retains high efficacy for small dust particles which are difficult to remove.

1. Introduction

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