

# Solar panels generate electricity and heat directly

Solar photovoltaic (PV) uses electronic devices, also called solar cells, to convert sunlight directly into electricity. It is one of the fastest-growing renewable energy technologies and is playing an ...

When the sun is shining, PV systems can generate electricity to directly power devices such as water pumps or supply electric power grids. PV systems can also charge a battery to provide ...

Solar panels use the photovoltaic effect and principles of solar physics to convert sunlight directly into electricity, providing a sustainable source of renewable energy.

Photovoltaic Cells Convert Sunlight Into Electricity  
 The Flow of Electricity in A Solar Cell  
 PV Cells, Panels, and Arrays  
 PV System Efficiency  
 PV System Applications  
 History of PV Systems

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. These photons contain varying amounts of energy that correspond to the different wavelengths o...  
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
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.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
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.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)
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ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
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.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0 0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta,.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0 0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vsaf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vsaf .va_tt .b_sldrp .slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vsaf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-content:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_CompactExpansionBtnText{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1-strong);color:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow{display:flex;margin:0;height:auto}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vsaf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none;padding:12px 20px 0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px 12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless .mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_bs{overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 44px; line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; } .mc_vtvc{background-color:#fff;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
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2.3698%2014.2354%2021.8073L22.2356%2017.3073C23.2551%2016.7339%2023.2551%2015.2661%2022.
2357%2014.6926L14.2354%2010.1923Z%22%20fill%3D%22white%22%20fill-opacity%3D%220.9%22%2
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.mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th .cico,.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th div.rms_img{border-radius:6px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th{height:111px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_htc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}#serpvidans.vasac.cardless{box-shadow:none}.cardless.m
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.mc_vtvc: hover
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ght:18px;position:relative;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_meta_block{bottom:0;position:absolute;width:100%}.mc_v
tvc_meta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:11px;height:17px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-spac
e:nowrap}.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{display:inline-block}.mc_vtvc_meta_row
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tvc_meta_block a{color:#444}.b_dark
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{color:#edebe9}.mc_vtvc_meta_row>:nth-of-type(n+2)::before{content:"
"}.mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:">
"}.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px;padding-bottom:4px;font-weight:bold;color:#00809d;text-transform:u
ppercase;font-size:11px}.mc_vtvc_kmt,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt .tbc_tt{display:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_title{max-height:18px;margin-bottom:18px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov.mmsts
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.mc_vtvc_kmt{display:block}.mc_vtvc_kmt_content
.b_factrow{line-height:17px;font-size:11px;max-height:34px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;padding:
0 16px 0 0;color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta

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.video_metadata_container,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata_container
.video_metadata>h3{width:100%}@media(max-width:1362.9px){#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div{width:168px;height:206px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico
.rms_img{width:168px;height:100px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{padding:12px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:34px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:15px;font-size:13px;height:15px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:4px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:114px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:343px!important;height:194px!important;margin-right:0}}@media(max-width:1274.9px){#s
erpvidansrr .mmgrid>div{width:124px;height:164px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div .cico .rms_img{width:124px;height:76px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{padding:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
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.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:256px!important;height:144px!important;margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .maskthumb
.mc_bc_w{padding:8px 4px 4px 8px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(1),#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(2){margin-bottom:24px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline .mmgrid{border-bottom:1px
solid #ecec;#ecec;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata{max-width:auto;padding:12px 16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard{margin-bottom:12px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05),0 2px 3px
rgba(0,0,0,.1);border-radius:6px}#serpvidansrr .b_rich{padding-top:0}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.videoPlayer{border-radius:6px 6px 0 0;overflow:hidden}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata>h3{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;-webkit-line-clamp:1;line-he
ight:15px;height:15px;font-size:13px;color:#000;margin-bottom:20px;font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Seri
f;font-style:normal;display:block}#serpvidansrr.vsarr1stbig #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata
.actionmenu{display:none}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_summary,#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_source{line-height:15px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer
.vtbc{right:0}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
.pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"] .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.vrhol{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
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.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th img{transition:all .3sease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--mai
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg)
center
no-repeat;mask-size:12px;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-card-on-image-default);width:20px;height
:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvi{width:22px;height:22px;mask-size:16px}[data-tps="S"] .pffvt{font-size:0}[data-tps="S"]
.pffvi{width:24px;height:24px;mask-size:24px;align-self:center}.hvpv.h5s
.pffvt{display:inline-flex}.hvpv.h5s .vrhct.pffv .vrhol{display:none}.hvpv.h5s .vrhct.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.pffvt{text-decoration:underline}.vrhct
.vrhol{position:absolute;width:100%;height:35px;max-height:35px;bottom:0;left:0;padding:0;background:non
e;display:block;z-index:9}.vrhct .vrhol.hide,.vrhct .vrhol
.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;po
sition:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-
radius:2px;padding-right:8px}.vrhot
div{display:inline-block}.vrhot
nt{color:#fff;font-size:11px;font-weight:bold;background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);padding:2px
8px;margin-left:0;top:0;box-sizing:border-box;position:relative}.vrhc
.ricons{position:absolute;right:8px;top:10px;left:auto;bottom:auto;height:18px;display:inline-block;cursor:poi
nter}.vrhol.icons_1 .vrhot{margin-right:27px}.vrhol.icons_2 .vrhot{margin-right:49px}.vrhol.icons_3
.vrhot{margin-right:79px}.vrhol
.vrhot .vsb_tr_chd .vrhol.icons_1
.vrhot{margin-right:0}.vpb{position:absolute;display:block;bottom:0;left:0;height:4px}.vpb
div{position:absolute}.vpb
nt{width:0;background:#fff}.vpb
nt.test{display:none}.vpb.back{background-color:#999}.vrhct
.vrhol.npb{height:36px;max-height:36px}.vrhol
.vadda{width:22px;height:18px;padding:0;margin-right:0;margin-left:2px;bottom:0;position:relative;display:i
nline-block;z-index:1;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;overflow:hidden}.vrhol
.vadda.hide{display:none}.vrhol .vadda .mc_vfaa{margin:3px 5px}.ricons .vol{float:left}.ricons
.adultFlag{float:right}.vol{width:22px;height:18px;bottom:0;margin-left:1px;margin-right:1px;position:relati
ve;display:inline-block}.vol.hide,.vol
.hide{display:none}.vol
.bg{background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px}.vol.bg,.vol
nt{position:absolute;bottom:0}.vol
.vol.bg.volnb{border-radius:0 0 2px 2px}.vol .volsliderHandle.bg{border-radius:2px 2px 0 0}.vol nt
.volsliderHandle{height:70px;display:none;width:22px;float:left;bottom:18px;position:absolute;display:block
}.vol
nt .volsliderHandle.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
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.vsb{height:54px;width:4px;background-color:#999;margin:9px auto
8px;position:relative;display:block;border-radius:2px}.volsliderHandle
.vsh{height:6px;width:14px;padding:9px 7px 9px 7px;margin:0
-12px;display:block;position:absolute;top:30px}.volsliderHandle .vsh.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vshi{height:4px;width:14px;background-color:#fff;border-radius:2px}.volMuteIcon{width:16px;height:14px;
margin:2px
4px;float:left}.volMuteHandle{width:22px;height:18px}.vo{background:url(/rp/ffZxBXEIP9WYOO0jhTaEl
yLhEVU.svg) no-repeat}.vm{background:url(/rp/fsX-ZVd03wB2TL0vmQJxSp4U9vs.svg)
no-repeat}.vl{background:url(/rp/YXYMPC1Rry_XJGc7Yg8lR4B2eEs.svg)
no-repeat}.vf{background:url(/rp/NoslR4amKTs1zYxWy3laZN3HRk.svg)
no-repeat}@media(forced-colors:active){.vol{forced-color-adjust:none}.vrhc line .vt_vp,.vrhc.popout
.vt_vp,.vrhc.mousefollow
.vt_vp{position:absolute;bottom:0;border:hidden;padding:0;top:0;left:0;z-index:3}.vrhtc
.hide{display:none}.vrh_clc .vt_vp,.vrh_clc .vrhtc .vrhi,.vrh_clc .player_ol{cursor:pointer}.vrh_clc
.cico{border-radius:0}.vrhtc{border:hidden;top:0;left:0;padding:0}.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhtc,.vrhc.popout
.vrhtc{background-color:#999}.vrhtpc.load
.player_ol{background:url(/rp/J_o2maogFDeUOsovPJL-ofEuxJ4.gif) center center no-repeat}.vrhc line .vrhtc
.vrhi,.vrhc.popout .vrhtc .vrhi,.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhtc
.vrhi{position:absolute!important;border:hidden;z-index:2;padding:0;left:0;top:0}.player_ol{position:absolute
;width:100%;height:100%;bottom:0;border:hidden;z-index:7}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc
line,.vrhc.mousefollow{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;display:table-row-group;background:none}.vrhc.p
opout,.vrhc.mousefollow{z-index:4;box-shadow:0 4px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.1),0 2px 80px rgba(0,0,0,.2)}.vrhc
line{z-index:1;margin:0}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc line{position:absolute;top:0}.vrhc.popout{border:1px solid
#fff}.vrhc.mousefollow{position:fixed}.vrhcpc{position:relative;top:0;left:0;display:table-row}.vrhcpc
.vrhtc{position:relative;overflow:hidden}.vrhc.hide{display:none}@keyframes
vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc.not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
img{color:transparent}.vrhc
line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc:hover,.vrhc.link,.vrhc.active,.vrhc.visited{color:#000;text-decoration:no
ne}.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none
}.vrhstat{height:0;overflow:hidden}.vsb_tr_c{position:relative;width:100%;overflow:hidden;background:#1d
1b28;height:583px;margin-bottom:16px}.vsb_tr_c.tr_nh{height:294px}.vsb_tr_c .mm_vrc h2,.vsb_tr_c
.mm_vrc .see_more{display:none}.vsb_tr_c .mm_vrc>div{padding-bottom:20px}.vsb_tr_c
.vsb_tr_t{position:absolute;top:16px;left:160px;font:normal 16px/19px
"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;font-weight:700;color:#fff;z-index:1}.vsb_tr_c
.vsb_tr_t::after{width:17px;height:12px;display:inline-block;background-size:7px
12px;background-repeat:no-repeat;background-position-x:right;opacity:.7;content:""}.vsb_tr_c
.vsb_tr_t:hover::after{opacity:1}.vsb_tr_c .mm_vrc
.mc_vtvc{background-color:#585858;border-radius:6px}.vsb_tr_c .mm_vrc
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{border-radius:6px}.vsb_tr_c .vsb_tr_chd{position:absolute;bottom:0;width:100%}.vsb_tr_c
.onhov .mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:none}.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel{font-size:13px;line-height:15px;font-weight:500;color:#fff;white-space:nowrap;
overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;margin-bottom:6px}.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{height:auto;font-size:11px;line-height:13px;color:#ddd;white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;t
ext-overflow:ellipsis}.va_tt .slide .mc_vtvc{width:100%}.va_tt .slide video{object-fit:cover}.va_tt
.mc_vtvc_th .cico{width:100%;height:204px}.va_tt .b_overlay
.btn.bigrounded{top:auto;bottom:0;margin-bottom:93px}.va_tt .vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_htb{padding-top:86px}.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:6px}.va_tt .vcmt_ct,.va_tt .vcmt_ctt{display:block;margin-bottom:4px;font-size:11px}.va_tt
.vasyt::before{content:"";background:url(
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RK5CYII=) no-repeat;background-size:18px 18px;padding-right:22px}.va_tt
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CDgQsQV+xbNq1OmYoZLo6PzeGi+fwFJbz1IhJBeawAAAABJRU5ErkJggg==)
no-repeat;background-size:18px 18px;padding-right:22px}.va_tt
.vastt::before{content:"";background:url(
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.vasfb::before{content:"";background:url(/rp/zvtkyPveEhrXqHA-euzAa983fpQ.png)
no-repeat;background-size:contain;padding-right:20px}.vcmt_ctt.vasyt::before{background-size:15px
15px;padding-right:19px}.vcmt_ctt.vasig::before{background-size:15px
15px;padding-right:19px}.vcmt_ctt.vastt::before{background-size:contain;padding-right:17px}.vcmt_ctt.vasf
b::before{padding-right:17px}.mm_vrc{padding:24px 32px}@media screen and
(max-width:1022px){.mm_vrc{margin:0}@media screen and
(max-width:766px){.mm_vrc{margin:0}.mm_vrcc{padding:0 0 32px 0;margin-bottom:0}.mm_vrcc
h2{padding-bottom:20px}.mm_vrcc h2 a{font-family:"Segoe
UI",Arial,Helvetica;font-size:20px;color:#000;line-height:18px}.mm_vrcc .b_overlay
.btn{z-index:3}.mm_vrcc .vrhc{z-index:2}.mm_vrcc .mc_vtvc_th .cico{padding-bottom:0}#dg_c
.mm_vrc,#dg_c .mm_vrcc{padding:8px 16px 0 16px}#dg_c .mm_vrcc .mc_vtvc{width:100%}#dg_c
.mm_vrcc a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.isvctrl .mm_vrcc
.slide{overflow:visible}.mm_vrc{padding:16px 100px 0 160px}.mm_vrc .b_overlay
.btn.bigrounded.next{right:-44px}.mm_vrc .b_overlay .btn.bigrounded.prev{left:-44px}.mm_vrc .b_overlay
.btn.bigrounded .cr>div,.mm_vrc .b_overlay .btn.bigrounded
.cr>div:hover{box-shadow:none;border-radius:0;margin:0;background-position:16px
9px;background-size:12px
22px;background-color:transparent;background-image:url(/rp/rKVnxf6wkboxI0DBa2Au3IVC5Sog.svg)}.mm_
vrc .b_overlay .btn.bigrounded .cr>div{opacity:.7}.mm_vrc .b_overlay .btn.bigrounded
.cr>div:hover{opacity:1}.mm_vrc h2
a{font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;font-style:normal;font-weight:500;color:#111}.mm_vrc
h2{display:inline-block;padding-bottom:16px}.mm_vrc>div{position:relative;padding-bottom:32px}.mm_vrc
.see_more{position:absolute;right:0;top:3px}.mm_vrc
.see_more>a{font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;font-style:normal;font-weight:normal;font-size:16px;li
ne-height:18px;color:#000}#vsb_more{padding:16px 0 4px 160px;color:#111}#vsb_vid_cat .mm_vrc h2
a::after{display:inline-block;margin-left:12px;content:"";background-image:url(/rp/rKVnxf6wkboxI0DBa2Au3
IVC5Sog.svg);background-size:7px 14px;width:7px;height:14px;opacity:.7}#vsb_vid_cat .mm_vrc h2
a:hover::after{opacity:1}.mm_vrc .mm_vrc_sub{display:inline-block;margin-left:24px}.mm_vrc
.b_hList{position:absolute;height:20px;top:3px;overflow:hidden}.mm_vrc
.b_hList>li{padding-right:24px;padding-bottom:0}.mm_vrc .b_hList a{font:normal 13px/20px
"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;color:#111}.mm_vrc .mc_vtvc_tot .mmsts
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:none}.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 10px 10px 10px 10px; }
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 190px; margin-top: -0px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title { height: 150px; line-height: 15px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .vsb_tr_chd
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.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 20px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.vtpl { bottom: 198px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 190px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock {
height:
        60px;
        } .tr_bt
.mc_vtvc_th
img{height:auto;width:100%}.grad_b{position:absolute;width:100%;top:30%;bottom:0%;background:linear-
gradient(180deg,rgba(48,44,39,0)
        0%,#302c27
100%)}.mc_vtvc_th_dock{width:100%;background:#302c27}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_th{background-color:transparent}.vsadc
        .grad_b{top:81.8%}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta{line-height:15px;position:absolute;bottom:0%;background:transparent}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:12px;height:16px}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_tot
        .mc_vtvc_meta_row
        a{color:#dadada}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_title,.mc_vtvc_tot
        .mc_vtvc_title
        a{color:#fff}.vsadc
        .mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_title{line-height:18px}.vsadc
        .mc_vtvc_tot
        .mc_vtvc_meta_row,.vsadc
        .mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row
        a{color:rgba(255,255,255,.7)}.vsadc
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}.vtdc_default{background:#302c27}.vtdc_default_g{backgrou
nd:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(48,2,39,0)
        0%,#302c27
100%)}.vtdc_black{background:#111}.vtdc_black_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(17,17,17,0)
0%,#111
100%)}.vtdc_blue{background:#3a4e74}.vtdc_blue_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(58,78,116,0)
0%,#3a4e74
100%)}.vtdc_brown{background:#69423d}.vtdc_brown_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(105,66,6
1,0)
        0%,#69423d
100%)}.vtdc_grey{background:#464646}.vtdc_grey_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(70,70,70,0)
0%,#464646
100%)}.vtdc_green{background:#324f32}.vtdc_green_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(50,79,50,0
)
        0%,#324f32
100%)}.vtdc_orange{background:#8c5400}.vtdc_orange_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(140,84,
0,0)
        0%,#8c5400
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Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar thermal technologies use sunlight to heat water for ...

At a high level, solar panels are made up of solar cells, which absorb sunlight. They use this sunlight to create direct current (DC) electricity through a process called &quot;the photovoltaic effect.&quot;

Solar panels generate a direct current of electricity. This is then passed through an inverter to convert it into an alternating current, which is funnelled into the grid, or used by homes and businesses which ...

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Solar technologies convert sunlight into electrical energy either through photovoltaic (PV) panels or through mirrors that concentrate solar radiation. This energy can be used to generate electricity or be ...

Solar energy is a form of renewable energy, in which sunlight is turned into electricity, heat, or other forms of energy we can use. It is a "carbon-free" energy source that, once built, ...

## **Solar panels generate electricity and heat directly**

Solar panels rely on the photovoltaic (PV) effect to create power. Sunlight is transmitted through photons - massless particles of electromagnetic radiation - which contain varying amounts ...

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