

Exterior wall photovoltaic panel specifications





Overview

The Renewable Energy Ready Home (RERH) specifications were developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assist builders in designing.

These specifications were created with certain assumptions about the house and the proposed solar energy system. They are designed for builders.

EPA has developed the following RERH specification as an educational resource for interested builders. EPA does not conduct third-party verification of the.

Builders should use EPA's online RERH SSAT to demonstrate that each proposed system site location meets a minimum solar resource potential. EPA has.

The builder should install a 1" metal conduit from the designated inverter location to the main service panel where the system is intended to be tied into the home's.

What is the minimum array area requirement for a solar PV inverter?

Although the RERH specification does not set a minimum array area requirement, builders should minimally specify an area of 50 square feet in order to operate the smallest grid-tied solar PV inverters on the market.

How much weight does a PV system add to a roof?

A conventional PV system that includes racking materials will add approximately 6 pounds per square foot of dead load to the roof or structure, though actual weights can vary for different types of systems. Wind will add live loads; the magnitude of live loads will depend on the geographic region and the final PV system.

What should be included in a solar PV system diagram?

The diagram should have sufficient detail to clearly identify: Figure 10: 70-Amp Double Pole Breaker. Figure 11: Site/System Diagram. The diagram



should include: array breaker for use by the location, size, orientation, conduit size and location and balance of system solar PV system. component locations.

What are photovoltaic panels & how do they work?

They are designed for builders constructing single family homes with pitched roofs, which offer adequate access to the attic after construction. It is assumed that aluminum framed photovoltaic (PV) panels mounted on a “post” and rail mounting system, the most common in the industry today, will be installed by the homeowner.

How much roof space does a solar system need?

would require on the order of 500 square feet of usable roof space (average of 1 kilowatt per 100 square feet) to install the solar panels. However, homes with a higher than average level of energy efficiency, such as those meeting ENERGY STAR® Homes Standards, may not necessitate an average-sized system.

Do I need to meter a photovoltaic system?

It is assumed that aluminum framed photovoltaic (PV) panels mounted on a “post” and rail mounting system, the most common in the industry today, will be installed by the homeowner. While metering the system is encouraged, the specification does not address system wiring elements for associated system sensors or monitoring equipment.



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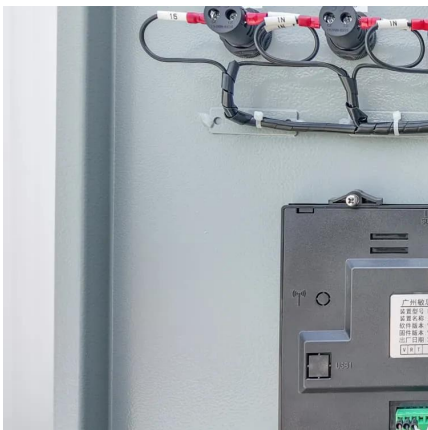
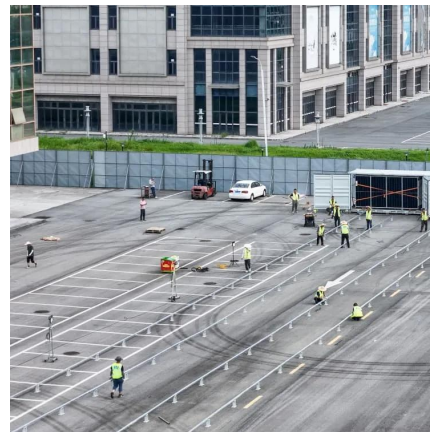


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