



What happens when lightning strikes photovoltaic panels





Overview

Lightning strikes can damage solar panels directly or indirectly. Surge protection devices like Citel DS72-RS-120 are recommended. When a lightning strike occurs near or directly on a solar panel, the current from the lightning can travel through the metal framing and into the ground wire, causing damage to the solar panel. While comprehensive research shows solar installations are remarkably resilient to extreme weather, lightning represents one risk factor worth addressing.



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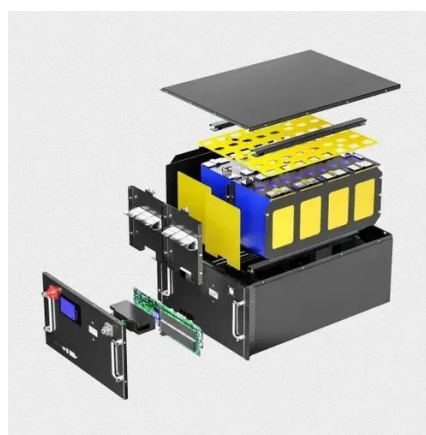


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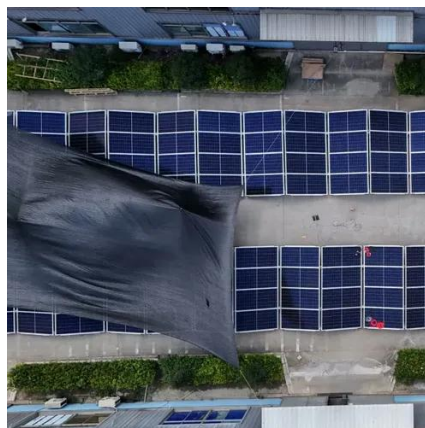


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It would likely cause damage to the panels and other solar PV cells and other solar PV equipment like the inverter, fuse, and cables. The tremendous energy from lightning can cause module ...

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Because lightning damage can render solar panels unsafe, you should inspect your solar panels immediately following a lightning storm. If you discover damage, you must repair or replace any solar panels ...



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Direct Strike: Lightning hits a panel, inverter, or mount directly, causing broken panels, burnt wires, melted parts, or fire. Repairs are costly and may need full replacements. Indirect Strike (Induced ...



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