

# Lightning strikes solar panels



## Overview

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Lightning strikes can damage solar panels directly or indirectly. Surge protection devices like Citel DS72-RS-120 are recommended. When lightning damage does occur, it accounts for 32% of weather-related solar panel incidents, making proper protection a valuable investment. Lightning is a common cause of failures in photovoltaic (PV) and wind-electric systems. This article will discuss what happens when lightning strikes a solar panel. Solar PV systems are designed to collect energy from sunlight, but they also have large metallic components including panels, frames, and mounts, along with extensive electrical wiring. The first major reason is that many PV systems are poorly grounded and poorly protected. All photos courtesy of NOAA unless otherwise noted.

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### Effective Ways to Protect Solar Panels from Lightning



Understanding how to protect solar panels from lightning is crucial for homeowners, businesses, and solar energy providers alike. This article will delve into the methods and best ...

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### How to protect your solar power system from lightning

Lightning strikes and solar panels: learn what happens when these two meet and how to protect your solar energy system from lightning damage. ...



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### Lightning Strikes: How to Protect Your Solar Panels from Damage

Occasionally, lightning strikes can directly impact solar panels, potentially causing significant damage to the system components. When a direct strike hits a solar panel, the intense ...

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### How to protect your solar power system from lightning

In this article, you will learn how to protect your solar power system from lightning. Drawing from decades of installer experience, we'll explore the most cost-effective techniques generally accepted ...

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## Solar Lightning and Lightning Protection

Most electrical and electronic damage in both grid-tie and off-grid solar electric systems is NOT due to a direct hit.

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## How to Protect Solar Panels from Lightning: Facts vs Myths

Do solar panels attract lightning and increase my home's risk of being struck? Answer: No, solar panels do not attract lightning or increase your home's strike probability.

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## Do Solar Panels Attract Lightning (Shocking Truth!)

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 ...

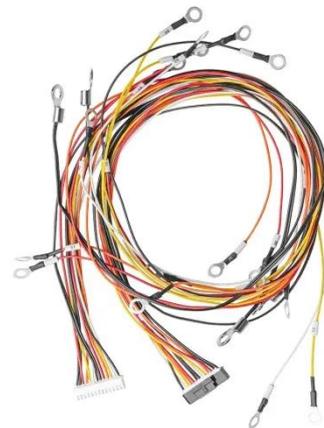
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## What Happens If A Solar Panel Gets Struck By Lightning?

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## Solar Installation Lightning Protection: What You Must Know

Learn step-by-step how to safeguard your solar installation from lightning damage with grounding, surge protectors, and lightning rods.

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## What Happens if Lightning Hits a Solar Panel? 5 Things

Photovoltaic panels do not attract lightning strikes but lightning can hit solar panels that can cause severe solar panel damage. For this reason, a surge

protector is used to catch the ...

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## How to Protect Solar PV Systems from Lightning

Lightning poses significant risks, including direct strikes, induced lightning, and ground potential rise, all of which can cause severe damage to PV systems. This article outlines the threats posed by ...

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