

# Do photovoltaic panels need to be equipped with network cable interfaces

Do all photovoltaic systems need to be connected to the electrical system?

All photovoltaic systems need to be connected to the electrical system in order to operate. The definition of electrical interface switchboard is used to refer to that category of switchboards designed to operate facilities made to produce electricity and deliver it to the grid.

#### How to wire solar panels together?

Wiring solar panels together can be done with pre-installed wires at the modules, but extending the wiring to the inverter or service panel requires selecting the right wire. For rooftop PV installations, you can use the PV wire, known in Europe as TUV PV Wire or EN 50618 solar cable standard.

## Do PV systems need exposed cable wiring?

A common thread in the installation of electrical systems is that the work be done in a neat and workmanlike manner [NEC 110.12] and that conductors are not exposed to physical damage [NEC 300.4]. These two important concepts are at times overlooked in PV systems when installing exposed cable wiring methods.

# What type of cable do I need for a solar array?

For rooftop PV installations, you can use the PV wire, known in Europe as TUV PV Wire or EN 50618 solar cable standard. For ground-mounted PV installations requiring underground installations, you need an Underground Service Entrance (USE-2) cable. Are you using microinverters or string inverters for your array?

#### Can a PV system be connected to a grid?

For large PV systems, any connection interface is likely to need discussion with the power network operator. For smaller systems (around 10 kVA), there are existing standards which will facilitate making a functional and safe grid connection. This note looks at some of the standards.

### Are photovoltaic systems more efficient if connected in parallel?

IEC 61727 Complaint Photovoltaic (PV) systems are typically more efficientwhen connected in parallel with a main power gird. During periods when the PV system generates energy this can be utilized and the grid energy used at other times. For large PV systems, any connection interface is likely to need discussion with the power network operator.



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