

What is galvanic corrosion in solar PV?

The life of a solar PV system may be seriously effected by galvanic corrosion. The type of metal and the atmospheric conditions such as moisture and chlorides can cause serious structural failures in racking and mounting components. Galvanic Corrosion and Protection in Solar PV Installations | Greentech Renewables
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What is the best material for a PV bracket?

This characteristic makes aluminum a suitable choice for PV installations in coastal areas or locations with high humidity. At present, the main anti-corrosion method of the bracket is hot-dip galvanized steel with a thickness of 55-80 mm, and aluminum alloy with anodic oxidation with a thickness of 5-10 mm.

Can solar PV racking corrosion occur?

The metals in solar PV racking and mounting systems can be faced with corrosion if wrong metals are used together. The life of a solar PV system is 25 years, therefore system installers must target a similar life span for the racking materials. How does galvanic corrosion occur?

What are the bolts and nuts for PV systems?

There are some bolts and nuts that are stainless steel, bronze or brass. The installer has to be careful in choosing the right material. We usually suggest using anodized components to prevent corrosion for the PV systems that are near ocean (salt conditions). Below is a list of best practices for corrosion prevention:

What metals should be avoided in the galvanic series table?

As a rule of thumb, the solar installer has to avoid joining metals that are dissimilar in the Galvanic Series Table. (see below) For example, steel alloy is more anodic (more active) next to stainless steel or aluminum alloy is anodic next to brass.

Which material should be used for photovoltaic (PV) support structures?

When it comes to selecting the material for photovoltaic (PV) support structures, it generally adopts Q235B steel and aluminum alloy extrusion profile AL6005-T5. Each material has its advantages and considerations, and the choice depends on various factors. Let's compare steel and aluminum for PV support structures:

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