

# Photovoltaic support design wind speed calculation

What is the wind load of a PV support?

The wind load is the most significant load when designing a PV support; thus, its value and calculation should be investigated. Different countries have their own specifications and, consequently, equations for the wind loads of PV supports.

Can a PV system calculate wind and snow loads?

With the introduction of the ASCE 7-10, there are two potential design principles used for calculating wind and snow loads for PV systems in the U.S. until all state building codes have transitioned to ASCE 7-10. This paper will show how to calculate for wind and snow loads using both design principles.

How does wind load affect PV panel support?

2. Influencing Factors of Wind Load of PV Panel Support 2.1. Panel Inclination Angle The angle  $\nu$  between the PV panel and the horizontal plane is called the panel inclination (Figure 3). Because of the PV panel's varying inclination angle, a PV power generation system's wind load varies, impacting the system's power generation efficiency. Figure 3.

How to reduce wind load of PV support structure?

It is also necessary to reasonably increase the template gap and reduce the ground clearance in order to reduce the wind load of the PV support structure, enhance the wind resistance of the PV support structure, and improve the safety and reliability of the PV support structure. 2.7. Other Factors

How does wind load affect PV power generation?

A wind load accelerates the cooling of PV panels, thereby reducing the cell's temperature and increasing the power generation efficiency for PV power generation. However, the PV panel generates wind-induced vibration due to the wind load, which can damage the system (Figure 12).

How does wind direction affect the wind load on PV supports?

The wind direction angle significantly influences the wind load on PV supports. For example, distinct wind loads are produced on PV supports at varying wind direction angles. For flexible PV supports, the wind load is highly sensitive when the wind direction angle is  $150^\circ$  and  $176^\circ$ .

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