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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 components of a solar racking system?

In the solar industry, most of the racking system components (including the solar module frames) are either mill finish aluminum (aluminum alloy) or anodized aluminum (increased corrosion resistance). There are some bolts and nuts that are stainless steel, bronze or brass. The installer has to be careful in choosing the right material.

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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How to prevent corrosion in PV systems?

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: Use one material to fabricate electrically isolated systems or components where practical.

How do I design a photovoltaic and solar hot water system?

Provide an architectural drawing and riser diagram for the homeowner showing the planned location for future photovoltaic and solar hot water system components. Space requirements and layout for photovoltaic and solar water heating system components should be taken into account early in the design process.

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