

# Understanding Photovoltaic Solar Panels



## Overview

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At a high level, solar panels are made up of solar cells, which absorb sunlight. They use this sunlight to create direct current (DC) electricity through a process called "the photovoltaic effect. Silicon is popular because it's efficient at absorbing. Solar panels capture sunlight, convert it to electricity, and power your home. When sunlight (made of tiny particles called photons) hits a solar panel, it strikes silicon cells that have been specially treated to create an electric. Solar photovoltaics (PV) is a very modular technology that can be manufactured in large plants, which creates economies of scale, but can also be deployed in very small quantities at a time. But we all know solar isn't just for providing remote power needs. There's virtually unlimited reasons why people choose to go solar.

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