

# **Operation and maintenance of solar energy systems**





## Overview

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Do photovoltaic systems need maintenance?

The expansion of photovoltaic systems emphasizes the crucial requirement for effective operations and maintenance, drawing insights from advanced maintenance approaches evident in the wind industry. This review systematically explores the existing literature on the management of photovoltaic operation and maintenance.

Why is maintenance important for solar PV systems?

The execution of regular maintenance procedures is critical in ensuring the optimal operation and durability of solar PV systems. This will also ensure its maximal performance and fasten the return on investment. By dividing these responsibilities into distinct subsections, a comprehensive strategy for system maintenance is achieved.

Why is maintenance management important for PV power plants?

Therefore, maintenance management is essential for reliable and effective operation of PV power plants, ensuring uninterrupted system operation and minimizing downtime. Compared to well-established technologies such as hydro, thermal, and wind, the O&M processes for PV systems are not yet fully structured in many operating companies .

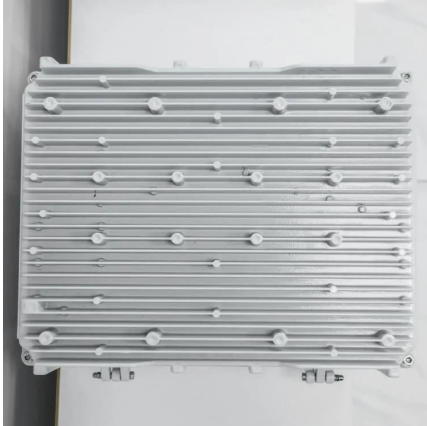
What are the maintenance strategies for solar PV systems?

In literature, three general maintenance strategies for solar PV systems are mentioned: corrective, preventive, and predictive maintenance. Fig. 8 shows the evolution of maintenance strategies over time, along with examples of maintenance activities for PV systems. Fig. 8. Evolution of maintenance strategies.



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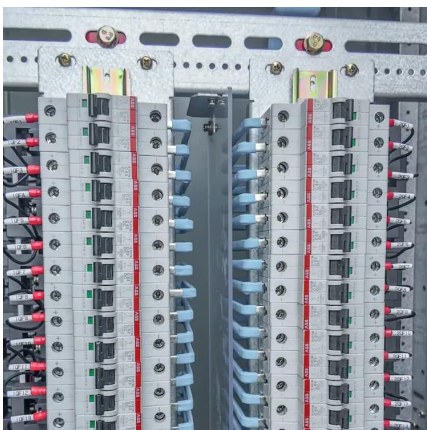
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