



# Photovoltaic panel application requirements

What are the requirements for a solar photovoltaic (PV) panel?

4.6.1 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels supported by framing that have sufficient uniformly distributed and unobstructed openings throughout the top of the array (horizontal plane) to allow heat and gases to escape, as determined by the enforcing agency, are generally not subject to this requirement (CBC Section 903.3.3).

What are the NFPA requirements for solar PV systems?

The electrical portion of solar PV systems shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70. CS512.2 (IFC 1204.2) Access and pathways. Roof access, pathways, and spacing requirements shall be provided in accordance with Sections CS512.2.1 (IFC 1204.2.1) through CS512.3.3 (IFC 1204.3.3).

Do solar PV panels comply with fire/roof classification requirements?

4.1.1.3 Solar PV panels installed as a part of a building's roof structure: Solar PV panels installed as integrated roofing material shall comply with the minimum fire/roof classification requirements for roof covering as required by the current CRC Section R902.

Do you need a permit to install solar panels?

Generally, local governments require a homeowner's solar installer/contractor to obtain a permit for rooftop panels before they can be installed. After the PV system is installed, a professional from the local government will inspect the new array to ensure all building, electrical, and safety codes have been followed.

What are the California Solar permit requirements?

The specific structural and fire requirements are covered in other parts of the California Solar Permitting Guidebook. This covers photovoltaic system interconnected to the load side of a single-phase AC service panel of nominal 120/240Vac with a bus bar rating of 225A or less.

What are the requirements for ground-mounted photovoltaic panels?

Ground-mounted photovoltaic panel systems shall comply with Section CS512.1 (IFC 1204.1) and this section. Setback requirements shall not apply to ground-mounted, free-standing photovoltaic arrays. A clear, brush-free area of 10 feet (3048 mm) shall be required for ground-mounted photovoltaic arrays. CS512.5 (IFC 1204.5) Buildings with rapid shutdown.

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CS505.1 (IBC 1512.1) Photovoltaic panels and modules. Photovoltaic panels and modules installed upon a roof or as an integral part of a roof assembly shall comply with the requirements of [this code] and the International Fire Code.



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For updated regulatory requirements for Solar PV Systems and more information on solar and renewable energy, please refer to EMA's Consumer Information: Solar and the Solar Energy ...

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