

Can solar panels be installed between railway tracks?

Swiss startup Sun-Ways is looking to do just that by installing solar panels in between railway tracks. Despite many household and business rooftops rocking solar panels, and dedicated "farms"; also soaking up the Sun's energy, there's still huge potential for harvesting much more.

Could solar panels be rolled out across Switzerland's railway track?

Pistons clamp the solar panels to the railway track. The start-up has big ambitions for its eco-innovation. In theory, panels could be rolled out across the entirety of Switzerland's 5,317 kilometre-long railway network. The photovoltaic cells would cover an area around the size of 760 football fields.

Can a solar power plant be removed from a railway track?

Railway maintenance company Scheuchzer SA has developed a machine to install or remove the Sun-Ways panel modules. The "solar power plant" has been designed so that the panel modules can be temporarily removed while railway engineers perform track maintenance, and then put back down when work has been completed.

Which companies are testing a photovoltaic system on railway sleepers?

Two other companies, Italy's Greenrail and England's Bankset Energy, are testing photovoltaic elements installed on railway sleepers. However, Sun-Ways is the first to have patented a removable system, in collaboration with EPFL, the Swiss federal technology institute in Lausanne. "That is the innovation," says Danichert.

Could Switzerland's first solar power plant be deployed on a railway line?

A PV system prototype developed by Sunways. From pv magazine France Switzerland's Federal Office of Transport (FOT) has given a permit to the country's first removable solar power plant to be deployed on a railway line.

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