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**Is the solar power generation
version not afraid of hail**



Overview

Research from Central Michigan University found that almost all (99.3%) of solar plants in the U.S. Over a 25-year span, 100% of large-scale projects have a risk of 2-inch hail, said the study. Why are solar panels not afraid of hail?

Solar panels possess remarkable durability against hail due to several fundamental design aspects and materials utilized in their construction. Stringing capabilities, tougher modules, and real-time data are the new frontline in solar's fight against extreme weather. Alex Roedel and Jyoti Jain, NexTracker The global climate crisis is reshaping the way we think about energy resilience. As extreme weather increases, utility-scale solar. As Texas becomes the country's leader in generating solar power, the state's propensity for severe hailstorms is a hazard that energy companies aim to manage. I'm writing about solar and hail this week, not because of any incident, but because of a lack of incidents. In areas that have experienced very large hail (greater than 1 3/4" or 44 mm diameter), however, hail has caused significant damage to PV modules.

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Against this backdrop, solar power plants are not uniformly affected by hailstorms, meaning that the severity of impacts on different solar PV plants from the same hailstorm could be different.

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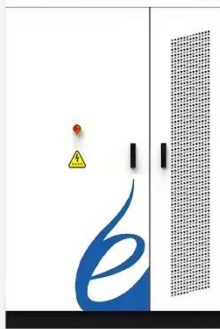
Research from Central Michigan University found that almost all (99.3%) of solar plants in the U.S. have at least a 10% chance of having hail of 2 inches near the project each year. Over a

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Hail Damage Mitigation for PV Systems , Department of Energy

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Why are solar panels not afraid of hail? , NenPower

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Flip your thinking -- solar operators should stow for hail, not wind

The vulnerability gap is telling -- solar panels are inherently more susceptible to hail impact than wind force. Large hailstones can shatter panels instantly, while smaller hail creates ...

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