

# **Solar panel installation direction**





## Overview

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What direction should solar panels face?

Solar panels should face true south, not magnetic south. The difference between these directions, called magnetic declination, can vary by up to 30 degrees depending on your location. Use NOAA's magnetic declination calculator to find your local value and adjust accordingly.

How do I choose the best angle and direction for solar panels?

Understanding how solar panels work and the factors that affect their efficiency is crucial in determining the best angle and direction for installation. The angle of inclination must be adjusted to match your location's latitude, while the orientation must be based on where you want to direct most of your energy consumption.

How do I choose the best solar panel placement?

Another important consideration for optimal panel placement is roof structure. The angle and direction of your roof can significantly impact how much energy your solar panels generate. A south-facing roof with a slope between 30-45 degrees is typically ideal for maximizing solar production in North America.

What angle should solar panels be installed?

A common rule of thumb is that solar panels are most productive when installed at an angle to match the local latitude. That's true "if every day is sunny," as a SETO spokesperson told us. "But on cloudy days, the optimal angle is zero," because the clouds diffuse the sunlight throughout the entire sky.

Why should you choose the right solar panel orientation and direction?

Optimal solar panel orientation and direction ensures you get more out of every ray of sunshine while minimizing any potential drawbacks due to suboptimal solar installation positioning. With a little research and careful



planning, you can enjoy all the benefits of harnessing clean, renewable energy from the sun.

What is solar panel positioning?

Before diving into specific recommendations, it's essential to understand the key concepts that govern solar panel positioning. Orientation refers to the cardinal direction your solar panels face (north, south, east, or west), also known as the azimuth angle.



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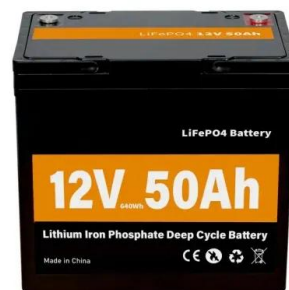
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