

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# High temperature resistant solar panels



## Overview

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For high-temperature performance, choose monocrystalline panels with low temperature coefficient ( $-0.26\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-0.29\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and N-type cells (30% less power loss at  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  vs. P-type). Which solar panels are best for hot climates?

The Panasonic Evervolt panels are a great option for property owners living in areas with extreme temperatures due to their impressive temperature coefficient of  $-0.26\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Another option is the REC Alpha solar panels.

What is the temperature coefficient of a solar panel?

The temperature coefficient is expressed as a negative percentage per degree Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and it's measured relative to a solar panel temperature of  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This table ranks solar panels by how well they handle heat, from the best temperature coefficient to the worst. For more specifications on these models, see our solar panel comparison table.

Do solar panels hate heat?

Solar panels love sunshine, but they hate heat – as they heat up, they produce a little less power. The temperature coefficient is expressed as a negative percentage per degree Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and it's measured relative to a solar panel temperature of  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Which solar panel is the most heat-resistant?

However, REC edges out Phono with a slightly better NOCT, making it the most heat-resistant solar panel in our comparison table. Close behind is the Aiko Neostar 2P, clocking in at  $-0.26\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$  — still excellent, and well above average. By contrast, budget or older-design panels might be around  $-0.35\%$  to  $-0.38\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Do high temperatures affect solar panel efficiency?

It might be counter-intuitive to think that high temperatures decrease solar panel efficiency. After all, solar panels are at their best when fully exposed to

sunlight. But, they can become as hot as 80°C; like any other electronic device, solar panels can suffer from high temperatures. Let's see why. The sun at its zenith.

Are rooftop solar panels better than rated panels?

The flip side is that on cold sunny days, panels can actually perform slightly better than their rated output (because if cell temperature is below 25°C, the same coefficient means a gain). But since Australian rooftops often get pretty toasty, it's the drop in output with heat that we care about.

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