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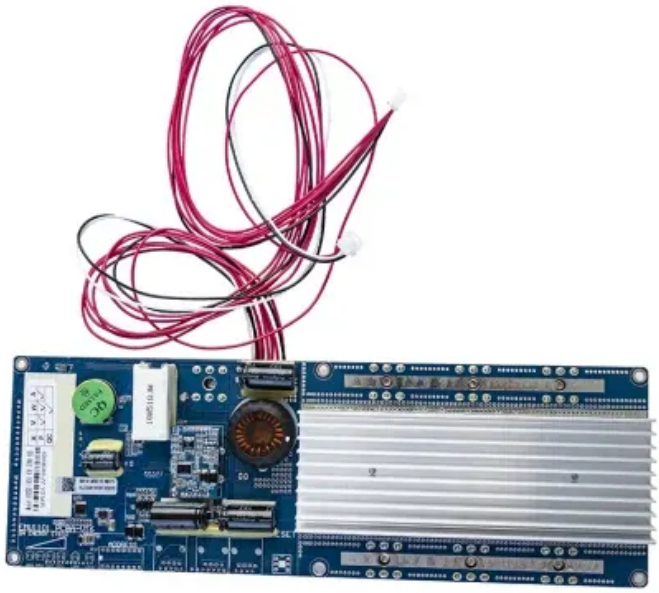

Overview

Solar panels can sustain structural damage when hit by strong wind gusts. High winds may lift, bend, or crack panels, especially if they are not securely fastened. Panels exposed to wind speeds over 60 mph face increased risk of fractures in glass surfaces or damage to the. On-site solar photovoltaic (PV) systems can be made more resilient to severe weather events by leveraging lessons learned from field examinations of weather-damaged PV systems and from engineering guidance resources. Total array loss from Hurricane Maria. Photo from Gerald Robinson, Lawrence. Severe storms, hail, and hurricane-force winds are on the rise in many regions—and with them, damage to photovoltaic systems. Extreme weather conditions are particularly common during the summer months, with wind speeds that can not only uproot trees but also tear solar modules from their anchors. However, their efficiency and performance can be significantly influenced by environmental factors and seasonal variations.

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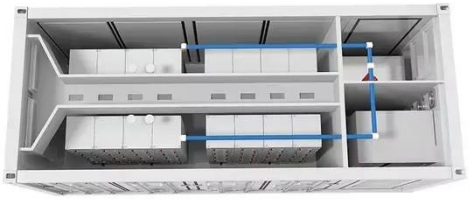

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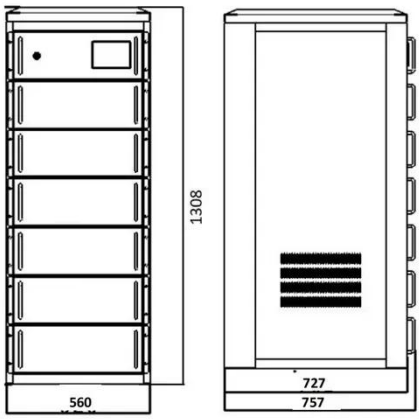

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