

## **PIENAAR ENERGY (PTY) LTD**

# **What is the shading distance between photovoltaic panels**



## Overview

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Minimum row spacing for solar panels, critical to prevent shading, is typically 2–3 meters in mid-latitudes (e., 40°N), calculated using winter solstice sun angle to maintain 90%+ energy output, with fixed-tilt systems often at 1.5x panel height for optimal performance. For this purpose, the distances of the rows from each other are determined using the calculations for the angle of incidence of solar radiation for December 23, when the sun is lowest above the horizon. To determine the correct row-to-row spacing, refer to the figure above. There is no single correct answer since the solar elevation starts at zero in the morning. Proper spacing ensures each row of panels receives maximum sunlight and avoids shading losses.

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### How to calculate the minimum distance between solar panels?

Learn how to calculate the minimum distance between solar panels to avoid shading between them and reduce yields.

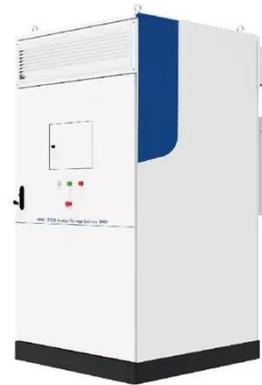
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### How to Calculate the Minimum Distance Between PV Panels?

Avoiding Shading: Ensuring there is no shading between solar panels is key to stable energy production. A gap of approximately 10-15 cm is recommended to prevent shading issues

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### Photovoltaic Array Row Spacing Calculator

The row spacing of a photovoltaic array is the distance between the front and rear rows of solar panels. This spacing is calculated to ensure that the rear panels are not shaded by the front panels, ...

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## PV Row to Row Spacing

If your system consists of two or more rows of PV panels, you must make sure that each row of panels does not shade the row behind it. To determine the correct row-to-row spacing, refer to the figure ...

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## Shade Calculator

Knowing the minimum angle of incidence of sunlight during the year, it is possible to determine the distance between successive rows of photovoltaic panels. The figure below shows the schematic ...

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## Determining Module Inter-Row Spacing , Greentech Renewables

When designing a PV system that is tilted or ground mounted, determining the appropriate spacing between each row can be troublesome or a downright migraine in the making. However, it is ...

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## What is the minimum distance between rows of solar panels

Minimum row spacing for solar panels, critical to prevent shading, is typically



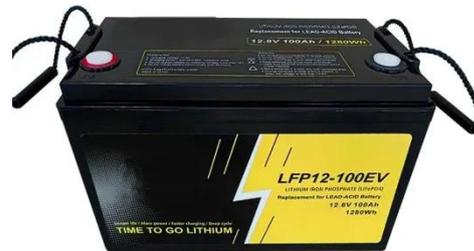
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## Optimizing Solar Panel Spacing for Maximum Efficiency

Now, let's walk through how to calculate the minimum distance between solar panels to avoid shading. Don't worry--this process might sound complicated, but we'll break it down into ...



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## How to Calculate Solar Panel Row Spacing for Maximum Efficiency

To take the guesswork out, we've built a Solar Panel Row Spacing Calculator. Enter your site's latitude, tilt, and azimuth, and it will calculate the minimum spacing needed to avoid shading at ...

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## Optimal Solar Panel Row Spacing Calculator , Avoid

## Shading

Using this calculator, you can determine the ideal distance between rows based on your location, panel tilt, height, and seasonal sun position, ensuring your solar array performs at its best all year round. ...

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