

How to wire the photovoltaic panel protection switch



Article Overview

A photovoltaic panel protection switch is wired between the solar panels and the downstream system components to safely isolate and protect the circuit from overcurrent or faults.

Understanding the Protection Switch

A PV protection switch (also called a DC disconnect or isolator) is designed to safely interrupt the flow of electricity from the solar panels to the charge controller, inverter, or battery bank. It protects the system from overcurrent, short circuits, and allows safe maintenance or emergency shutdowns ().

Wiring Steps

- Turn Off All Power Sources Before wiring, ensure the solar panels are not exposed to sunlight or are covered to prevent live voltage. Safety is critical when working with high DC voltages ().
- Identify the Positive and Negative Lines Solar panels have positive (+) and negative (-) terminals. The protection switch is typically installed on the positive line of the PV array to interrupt current flow safely ().
- Connect the PV Array to the Switch
- Use appropriately rated DC cables for the voltage and current of your solar array.
- Connect the positive output from the solar panels to the input terminal of the protection switch.
- Ensure the negative line bypasses the switch and goes directly to the charge cont...

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