

# **Burundi installs solar air conditioner on roof**





## Overview

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Does solar irradiation affect roof insulation?

The roof is the part of a building that is most affected by solar irradiation, and improving roof insulation is a key strategy for enhancing comfort and reducing air conditioning and cooling loads in buildings located in hot-humid areas [2, 3].

How much does a solar AC cost?

We found that the investment in a solar AC generally pays for itself within 10 years of purchase. Angi reports the average homeowner spends \$3,400 on a solar air conditioner. In general, they cost \$1,600-13,000. Mini splits are more affordable, while solar-powered central air conditioners cost more.

What is a solar AC system?

Most solar AC systems are hybrid, meaning they use traditional electricity sources in addition to solar power. Hybrid systems are more popular in very hot environments where it's necessary to run the AC at night (when there's no sun) to keep comfortable. For complete off-the-grid air conditioning, there are solar-only systems.

Are solar-powered central air conditioners a mini split?

Though solar-powered central air conditioners exist, most solar ACs are mini splits. Mini splits differ from central ACs because they don't require ductwork to operate. Traditional central ACs consist of an outdoor compressor that pushes air through evaporator and condenser coils to cool it.



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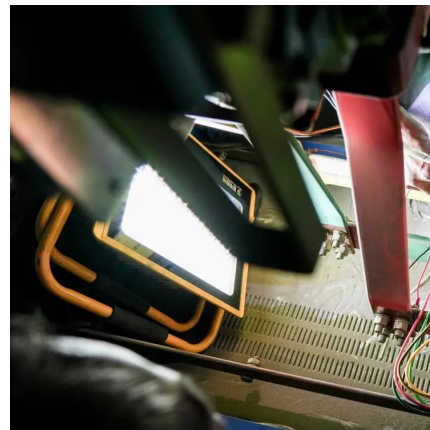


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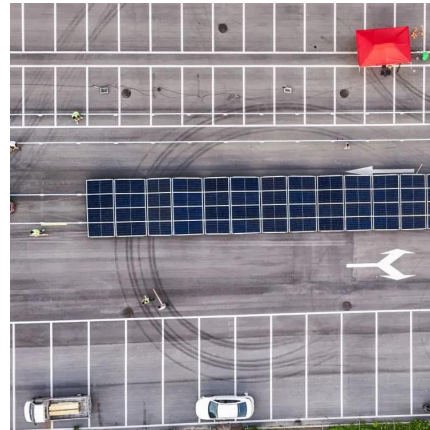
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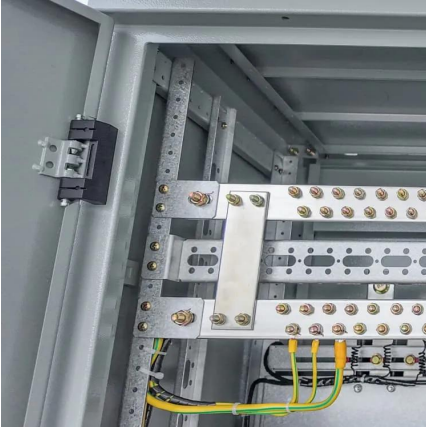
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