

National photovoltaic flow standard for battery cabinet



Overview

This article highlights the key codes and some of the top sections contractors working with solar PV and battery storage should be familiar with. The most common code system designers, installers, and inspectors refer to for PV and ESS systems are NFPA 70, or the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code, and the National Electrical Code (NEC). The NEC primarily addresses these systems in Article 706, which provides a framework for everything from disconnecting means to circuit calculations. Key rules focus on providing a clear and accessible ESS disconnecting means, defining requirements for an emergency, and defining requirements for utility-scale battery energy storage systems. Many of these codes mandate compliance with other standards not listed here, so the reader is cautioned that not all recognized model codes apply. NFPA is keeping pace with the surge in energy storage and solar technology by undertaking initiatives including training, standards development, and research so that various stakeholders can safely embrace renewable energy sources and respond if potential new hazards arise. The Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) and others can employ to evaluate performance of deployed BESS or solar photovoltaic (PV) +BESS systems. The new Article 706 applies to permanently installed energy storage systems (ESS) such as a battery room operating at over 50 volts ac or 60 volts dc. The ESS may be stand-alone or interactive with other electric power production sources (e.g., flywheels and compressed air).

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Article 690, Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems, is the primary article to reference when designing and installing PV systems. This article supplements, and in some cases modifies, the ...

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This document offers a curated overview of the relevant codes and standards (C+S) governing the safe deployment of utility-scale battery energy storage systems in the United States.

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[NEC Rules for PV Systems with Energy Storage \(Article 706\)](#)

Introduced in the 2017 NEC, Article 706 was created to centralize the rules for the growing number of ESS installations, from a solar powered generator for home to large commercial battery banks.



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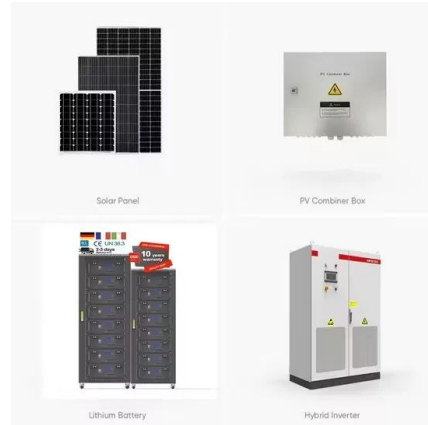
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