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Photovoltaic (PV) systems use solar panels to convert sunlight into electricity. A system is made up of one or more PV panels, a DC/AC power converter (also known as an inverter), a racking system that holds the solar panels, electrical interconnections, and mounting for other components. Optionally it may include a maximum power point tracker (MPPT), battery system and charger, solar tracker, energy management software, solar concentrators or other equipment.

A small PV system may provide energy to a single consumer, or to an isolated device like a lamp or a weather instrument. Large grid-connected PV systems can provide the energy needed by many customers.

The electricity generated can be either stored, used directly (island/standalone plant), or fed into a large electricity grid powered by central generation plants (grid-connected/grid-tied plant), or combined with one or many domestic electricity generators to feed into a small grid (hybrid plant).









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	DC	Grid Tie	Multi Hybrid	Island
Typical Use				
Camping	•			
Small Holiday Home	•			~
Staff quarters	~			~
Residential	~	~		~
Commercial		~	~	3
Lodges				~
Industrial		~		
Reduction of electricity cost		~	~	
Reduction of diesel cost		~	~	~
Back-up power needed			~	~
Continuous power needed			~	~
Remote locations (farms, parks)	~	7		~
Grid independent				-
No grid power available				~
System Specifications				
PV panels	~	~	~	~
Inverter		~	~	~
Charge Controller	~			~
Battery	~		~	~
12V	~			
220V		~	~	~
Advantages				
Cost effective (short payback)		~	~	
Very low maintenance		~	~	3
Staged, modular expansion	~	~	~	~
Complete grid independence	~			~
Reduced carbon footprint	•	~	>	~
Batteries sized only for essential power			~	
users				
Batteries only used during grid power failure			~	
No power storage losses		~	~	
Option of external power source (grid, generator, wind)			~	~
More reliable power supply than grid			~	~
No need for lifestyle adaptation		~	~	
Remote monitoring possibilities		~	~	~

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