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A solar-powered AC is also known as a solar photovoltaic (PV) air conditioner. It works the same as the typical split AC system, but the AC unit is powered with solar energy produced by solar panels instead of the energy from power grids.

The systems are usually paired with solar batteries and inverters to steer it and store energy produced by the solar panels. The AC can use the stored energy later after sunset or on cloudy days.

The solar charge controller, also known as the charge regulator, is a current and/or voltage regulator that prevents batteries from overcharging. It also ensures that power doesn't run back to the solar panel during the night, preventing battery drainage.

A battery bank is a group of connected batteries that uses series or parallel wiring. The battery bank grants more power storage than a single battery, and it stores electricity generated by your solar photovoltaic system. This energy can be stored to use anytime.

A solar-powered AC system consists of a PV system, a charge controller, a battery bank, and an inverter air conditioning unit. We will first explain the mechanics of how a standard air conditioner and PV system operate before jumping into describing how the essential functions of the components of a solar-powered AC system work together.

What we discussed so far was the typical solar-powered air conditioning system that operates like any other electrical appliance in your home powered by PV (solar) panels. The results are the same for any solar air conditioner, but the difference is in the energy source and how it converts warm air into cool air. There are three types, the solar thermal hybrid air conditioner, the solar hybrid air conditioner, and absorption chillers.

Absorption chillers use solar energy to power the motor and fan in the heating and cooling action that produces cool air via water evaporation and condensation. These ACs can be run off batteries or can be plugged in to use electricity load.

Solar energy is a renewable source of energy that is needed for the future of our planet. It's sustainable, reduces our utility bill, diversifies its application, and consists of low maintenance costs. However, there are some pitfalls to solar energy.



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