

# Photovoltaic panel counterweight fixing method

How do you fix a PV system to a flat roof?

There are two fundamental options for fixing a PV system to a flat roof, ballasted or mechanical. A ballasted system adds additional weight to anchor the array to the roof whereas mechanical installations cover two key methods, either they are fixed to the deck penetrating the roof covering or they do not and leave the waterproofing system intact.

How do I choose a solar panel mounting system?

Whether it's a flat commercial rooftop or a pitched residential roof, the material--be it metal, tile, or asphalt--will dictate the appropriate mounting system. Solar Panel Specifications: The size, weight, and configuration of the solar panels must be compatible with the mounting system to ensure a secure installation.

What are the best practices for Solar Roof mounting?

Best practices in the construction of solar roof mounting systems are critical to ensure the safety, efficiency, and durability of the installation. Effective planning is the first step toward a successful installation. This includes:

How can Sika help with a solar PV roof?

Sika can advise how to make your solar PV roof perform optimally, ensuring not only that the PV panels are mounted correctly, but also that the entire roof assembly is designed incorporating vapor retarders where required, proper insulation layers, appropriate fastening technology, correct detailing and more.

Are solar PV tracking systems worth it?

Solar PV tracking systems move the PV panels to track the sun, and are claimed to produce up to 30 per cent more electricity than a static array. The downside is the additional cost.

Should a solar PV array be installed on a new flat roof?

Any solar designer or specifier should give the same focus to ensuring the rooftop array is installed with methods that have as little impact as possible on the building and its waterproofing and that the array works to its maximum potential for its entire lifespan. There are numerous reasons for including a solar PV array on a new flat roof.

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