

# Is it okay to install iron sheets under photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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els installed on a COLORBOND® steel or ZINCALUME® steel roof, shield the roof from the sun and prevent beneficial washing from rainfall. Areas on the roof directly beneath the PV panels are considered to be unwashed and may be subject to accelerated corrosion due to an. Part 1 of this series outlined the advantages of installing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on metal roofs: the lifecycle costs of rooftop solar installations; the solar PV system and roof together considered as a single asset; and the resulting lowest lifetime costs for this combined asset. Part 2. While iron sheets initially cost \$15-25/m<sup>2</sup> versus PV systems' \$70-120/m<sup>2</sup>, consider these 2024 realities: PV panel installation has evolved dramatically. Modern systems use: Iron sheet installation still requires: "We reduced warehouse retrofit time from 14 days to 72 hours by switching to PV. High-quality photovoltaic panels can function efficiently for 25 years or longer but may require regular maintenance to sustain performance. Iron sheets are rated for about 50 years of use, making them ideal for roofing and construction. Building is a 40x60 and has a perfect full south exposure 15° tilt. Downside is it's a metal roof on 5' centers. Obviously I'm going to consult and obtain engineered plans, but does anyone see a downside to Iron. On Australian rooftops, the most common alternative to a tiled roof is a sheet metal based product. These are often called names such as tin roof, corrugated iron, Colorbond, galvanised iron, galve sheet, Trim-Dek, Klip-lok, Zincalume and Galvalume. Metal roofs provide the right amount of both structural strenght and reflectivity to make the most of your solar installation.

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PV fasteners and brackets should be installed away from sheet side laps as they may distort the profile and interfere with the specifically designed anti-capillary laps, leading to the ingress of water.



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