

# Design and Fabrication of Solar Panel Cleaning Mechanism

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**Abstract:** *The increasing energy demands and the need for efficient utilization of renewable energy sources, such as solar power, have highlighted the importance of conserving energy. However, dust accumulation on photovoltaic (PV) modules poses a significant challenge to the reliability and efficiency of solar panels. The presence of dust reduces the radiation reaching solar cells, resulting in power losses that can reach 4.4% daily and over 20% during prolonged dry periods. The losses vary throughout the day based on the sunlight angle and the ratio between diffuse and direct radiation. To mitigate these efficiency losses, regular cleaning of solar panels is essential. In response to this need, a solar panel cleaning mechanism has been developed to automatically clean PV modules, increasing their efficiency and enhancing the productivity of solar power plants. This project aims to provide a cost-effective, scalable, and transparent cleaning system that not only improves performance but also ensures integrity and consistency. By reducing the reliance on manual labour for cleaning, this mechanism offers a practical solution for the removal of dust, benefiting solar panel users and supporting the goal of universal energy access.*

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