

Sun Tracking Solar Panel Using Arduino

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Abstract: *A Sun Tracking Solar Panel system is designed to improve the efficiency of solar energy generation by continuously aligning the solar panel with the direction of maximum sunlight. Traditional fixed solar panels receive sunlight at varying angles throughout the day, resulting in reduced energy output. This project utilizes an Arduino-based control system to automatically track the sun's movement from east to west.*

The system employs light-dependent resistors (LDRs) to detect the intensity of sunlight and determine the optimal orientation of the panel. Based on the sensor inputs, the Arduino microcontroller processes the data and drives servo or DC motors to adjust the panel's position accordingly. This real-time tracking mechanism ensures that the panel remains perpendicular to sunlight, thereby maximizing energy absorption.

The proposed system is cost-effective, energy-efficient, and suitable for both small-scale and large-scale solar applications. Experimental results demonstrate a significant increase in power output compared to stationary panels. This project highlights the potential of embedded systems in enhancing renewable energy technologies and contributes to sustainable power generation.

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