



Adding batteries and solar panels kerbal space program

Does solar panel placement work if the Sun is on?

This method of panel placement works in all orientations, whether side on to the sun, even if it's rotated or if it's pointed toward or away from the sun. Your other problem is getting enough electricity to power your station.

How many solar panels should be placed on a vessel?

@SergiiZaskaleta The optimal way to place them is one set of 4 and then offset the next set by 45 degrees on the far side of the vessel. That way, if it faces directly into the sun, you'll get all 8 panels in full sunlight and you can minimise overlap.

How should a solar panel be positioned?

You should position your panels in a way that your orientation doesn't matter. I like to go with 4x symmetry and either the 1x6 or 2x3 panels, that way at least 2 panels are in some sun at all time. I prefer the 1x6 because they can stretch around from behind your station and still get some power.

Will solar panels help if my ship drifts out of alignment?

Of course the more solar panels you have, the more electric charge you will generate, but all of the panels in the world won't help if your ship drifts out of alignment with the sun.

How many solar panels do I Need?

The 6 square solar panels (both 2x3 and 1x6) will supply 1.64 electricity units per second when pointed at the sun from Kerbin orbit (it increases as you get closer to the sun and decreases further away). That means that you'll need two sets of four to get all the power you need.

How do solar panels improve power generation?

Reorienting a vessel to manually aim the panels at the sun and eliminate shadows cast on them will also improve power generation. Generated power will also decrease with increasing distance from Kerbol, following the real-life inverse-square law: The efficiency produced by solar panels can be calculated using the formula:



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