

# Red bricks to make solar panels

Can red bricks be used as energy storage?

Imagine plugging in to your brick house. Red bricks -- some of the world's cheapest and most familiar building materials -- can be converted into energy storage units that can be charged to hold electricity, like a battery, according to new research from Washington University in St. Louis.

Could red brick be a 'dirt-cheap' energy storage material?

D'Arcy's team is aware that research on red brick has demonstrated its potential in absorbing heat, but they say this is the first time that a "dirt-cheap" construction material might be used to provide energy storage for microdevices that are a part of the building itself.

Could a brick supercapacitor be connected to a solar panel?

These brick supercapacitors could be connected to solar panels to store rechargeable energy. Supercapacitors store electric charge, in contrast to batteries, which store chemical energy.

Can red bricks be used as a battery?

That's what scientists in the United States did when they needed red bricks - the common kind used in buildings across the world - to prove their theory that the bricks could be transformed into a kind of battery to store energy used in homes and offices.

Could a red fired brick be a potential energy storage solution?

Potential solutions have been suggested in many forms, including massive battery banks, fast-spinning flywheels, and underground vaults of air. Now a team of researchers say a classic construction material--the red fired brick--could be a contender in the quest for energy storage.

Could bricks be a green energy solution?

Still, scientists see potential in the bricks as a possible green energy solution. Whether it's massive "farms" of solar panels or home rooftop installations, solar power continues to grow rapidly as an affordable and clean energy source. But storing the power from the sun when it's not shining is one of its challenges.

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