

Off-grid Solar Lighting

Light where it's needed. No power required.

Let there be light

Vital to all life on earth, the sun is an abundant source of natural energy. Every hour, the amount of power that reaches our planet from the sun is greater than the entire world consumes in a year. Solar power offers a virtually unlimited source of clean, renewable energy – and this relatively untapped resource is increasingly considered as the future-facing solution to support our growing energy needs.

Within this brochure, you'll find a range of innovative, solar lighting solutions from DW Windsor designed to support a variety of off-grid lighting applications.

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Why solar lighting?

With no need for cabling or connection to the grid, solar-powered lighting provides the opportunity to bring light to any location, making it ideal for remote or environmentally sensitive applications. And with zero emissions and no ongoing electricity costs, solar lighting is fast becoming a viable solution for organisations looking to reduce their annual electrical expenditure and cut carbon emissions.



Clean energy source

Solar lighting offers a sustainable, environmentally friendly alternative to traditional cabled solutions which draw their electricity from the national power grid.

By harnessing the power of the sun to provide illumination, solar lighting can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels for electricity production, significantly reducing carbon emissions and lowering air pollution while also helping to protect the environment and natural resources.

Furthermore, solar lighting technology also offers energy independence by reducing our reliance on traditional energy infrastructure and therefore is unaffected by power disruption.



Lighting where needed

Offering unparalleled flexibility and versatility of location, solar lighting has the unique ability of delivering illumination wherever it is required.

Perfect for a wide variety of 'off grid' applications, solar luminaires can be installed in remote areas with no access to the power grid, or simply anywhere that cable trenching would be financially prohibitive or overly disruptive – such as conservation areas or places of special environmental interest.

What's more, these luminaires can be deployed quickly to provide temporary lighting in situations where illumination is required for safety and security, such as new housing developments, highway maintenance or special events.



No electricity costs

Once installed, solar lighting is essentially a source of 'free' illumination. With no ongoing electricity costs, and in the face of rising global energy prices, solar lighting has become a commercially feasible alternative for appropriate applications.

When factoring in the costs of trenching for cabled lighting solutions and the fact that no specialist electrical skills are required for installation, the argument in favour of solar is even more persuasive.

As solar technology continues to advance, while the price of energy continues to rise, costeffective solar lighting is now within reach of more applications than ever before.



Solar lighting in the UK

There is a misconception that the UK does not receive enough sunlight to make solar lighting a viable solution. This is simply not the case and developments in lighting technology, such as the use of intelligent control systems and integrated motion sensors help to manage light and battery levels - prolonging the available hours of illumination, even in the longest winter nights.

Net Zero targets

The UK's commitment to reach Net Zero Carbon by 2050 means local authorities are under greater pressure than ever to reduce their carbon footprint. At the same time, this is offset by the need to provide adequate illumination for the safety and comfort of people. Balancing these seemingly opposite requirements is a delicate task, however, for certain applications, solar lighting can help.

Here to help

Our experienced team is here to support your solar project needs, from a feasibility report through to product specification and lighting design. If you require any further information or assistance, please contact us.

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Typical solar applications

Our solar lighting solutions are suited to a range of 'off-grid' applications, from rural or remote settings to any location without access to the power grid. This includes:



Car parks



Footpaths

Cycleways



Parks



Conservation areas



over a 25 year period. DNI is the most important parameter for energy yield calculation and performance assessment for solar photovoltaic technologies.

Long term average DNI (1994 - 2018)

Solar lighting technology

How solar works

The photovoltaic effect is a physical and chemical phenomenon that generates voltage and electrical current in a material upon exposure to light. When the sun shines onto a solar panel, energy from the sunlight is absorbed by semiconductor materials in the panel. This creates direct current (DC) electricity that charges a connected battery which, in turn, powers the light.

At DW Windsor, Our solar lighting solutions take advantage of the latest solar technologies, as well as the highest quality materials to ensure our product quality and performance standards are maintained.

In addition to the LED light source, there are three critical components to an off-grid solar lighting solution – the solar panels, batteries and control system.





Monocrystalline panels

Photovoltaic (PV) cells convert light directly into electricity; however, not all solar panels are the same. At DW Windsor, we only use monocrystalline panels made from single silicon crystals as these offer a higher efficiency compared to other solar panels



Lithium iron phosphate batteries

Our solar solutions utilise lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO4) batteries which offer significant advantages over other battery types due to their higher energy density, including added safety, longer lifespan and a wider operational temperature range



Intelligent control systems

All of our solar solutions are managed by advanced lighting controllers to optimise battery life and are fitted with motion sensors to help manage light levels during quieter periods to ensure reliable and consistent illumination throughout the night



Solar lighting solutions

We offer a range of solar lighting solutions – from standalone Solar Bollards and Solar Lanterns with integrated panels, to modular Solar Systems which can be customised to suit the specific needs of your geography and location, helping to deliver the right light in the right place at the right time.





Lightsoft Solar

Lightsoft Solar is an omni-directional, indirect illuminated bollard. It features a sophisticated square design with integrated solar panels on all four sides for maximum charging exposure. Lightsoft Solar can be specified with a range of control options to help extend operational time.

Technical details

176lm / 352lm / 528lm
2W/4W/6W
5 distributions
3000K/4000K
40W (4x 10W)
211Wh
Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
2-step dimming with PIR override, dusk to dawn, solar custom
Die-cast aluminium housing Tempered glass glazing Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery

Luminaire finishes:







Typical applications



Parks



Footpaths



Retail parks









Prague Solar Glare-free solar bollard

Prague Solar is a DarkSky approved, glare-free illuminated bollard. It features a contemporary, low profile design with integrated solar panels on its front and rear sides. Prague Solar can be specified with a range of control options to help extend operational time.

Technical details

Lumen output:	222lm / 495lm / 665lm
Power:	2W/4W/6W
Optical control:	4 distributions
Colour temperature:	3000K / 4000K
Solar panel:	40W (4x 10W)
Battery capacity:	211Wh
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	2-step dimming with PIR override, dusk to dawn, solar custom
Materials:	Die-cast aluminium housing Tempered glass glazing
	Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery

Luminaire finishes: (other colours available on request)





Typical applications



Parks

Footpaths



Conservation areas











Augusta Solar Architectural solar bollard

Augusta Solar is an elegant illuminated bollard with glare-free concealed optics. Designed to complement contemporary urban spaces, it features integrated solar panels on both its faces. Augusta Solar can be specified with a range of control options to help extend operational time.

Technical details

Lumen output:	120lm / 240lm / 360lm
Power:	2W/4W/6W
Optical control:	1 distribution
Colour temperature:	3000K / 4000K
Solar panel:	40W (4x 10W)
Battery capacity:	211Wh
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	2-step dimming with PIR override, dusk to dawn, solar custom
Materials:	Die-cast aluminium housing Tempered glass glazing Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery

Luminaire finishes: (other colours available on request)





Typical applications



Offices

Housing developments



Public realm









Sofia Solar Contemporary post-top solution

Sofia Solar is a contemporary, post-top luminaire that draws inspiration from traditional lanterns. It features an elegant, open-sided design and an integrated solar panel for a more discreet appearance. The luminaire is also Dark Sky friendly, helping to combat light pollution.

Technical details

Lumen output:	1800lm
Power:	12W
Optical control:	4 distributions
Colour temperature:	2700K/3000K/4000K
Solar panel:	18W
Battery capacity:	154Wh
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	Integrated PIR sensor
Materials:	Die-cast aluminium housing Tempered glass glazing Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery
Mounting:	Ø76 / Ø60mm post-top

Luminaire finishes:





Typical applications



Footpaths



Parks & plazas



Housing developments











Sierra Solar Functional column-mounted solution

Sierra Solar is a modern, all-in-one functional lighting solution defined by its angled design and low-profile appearance. Featuring an integrated solar panel, Sierra Solar is suited to a wide range of off-grid lighting applications. The luminaire is also Dark Sky friendly, helping to combat light pollution.

Technical details

Lumen output:	6100lm (Midi) / 9700lm (Max)
Power:	30W (Midi) / 50W (Max)
Optical control:	3 distributions
Colour temperature:	3000K / 4000K
Solar panel:	45W (Midi) / 75W (Max)
Battery capacity:	538Wh (Midi) / 922Wh (Max)
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	Integrated PIR sensor
Materials:	Die-cast aluminium housing Tempered glass glazing Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery
Mounting:	Ø76 / Ø60mm post-top & side entry

Luminaire finishes:





Typical applications



Car parks



Cycleways

Business parks







Torino Sleeve Scalable solar lighting solution

Torino Sleeve is a vertical solar solution featuring wraparound photovoltaic panels to maximise solar absorption regardless of orientation. Available in three sizes, the tubular design is also wind and weather-resistant. Torino Sleeve can be specified with almost all of DW Windsor luminaires.

Technical details

Lumen output:	up to 6000 lm
Power:	up to 40W
Optical control:	up to 14 distributions
Colour temperature:	2700K/3000K/4000K
Solar panel:	100W/150W/200W
Battery capacity:	307Wh / 691Wh
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	Integrated PIR sensor
Materials:	Die-cast aluminium frame Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery
Mounting:	Ø76 / Ø60mm post-top & side entry

Luminaire finishes: (other colours available on request)







Typical applications



Footpaths



Car parks



Housing developments







Torino Panel Simple solar lighting solution

Torino Panel is a simple, cost-effective solar solution featuring a flat photovoltaic panel mounted directly to the top of the column. With a tilt angle optimised for the UK, the panel can be easily orientated on site to maximise solar absorption. Torino Panel can be specified with a range of DW Windsor luminaires.

Technical details

Lumen output:	up to 6000 lm
Power:	up to 40W
Optical control:	up to 14 distributions
Colour temperature:	2700K / 3000K / 4000K
Solar panel:	100W/200W/300W
Battery capacity:	307Wh/691Wh
Autonomy:	Varies by usage and location, contact us for calculations
Control:	Integrated PIR sensor
Materials:	Aluminium frame Monocrystalline silicon panel Lithium iron phosphate battery
Mounting:	Ø60mm side entry

Luminaire finishes: (other colours available on request)



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Typical applications



Footpaths

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Car parks



Housing developments



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