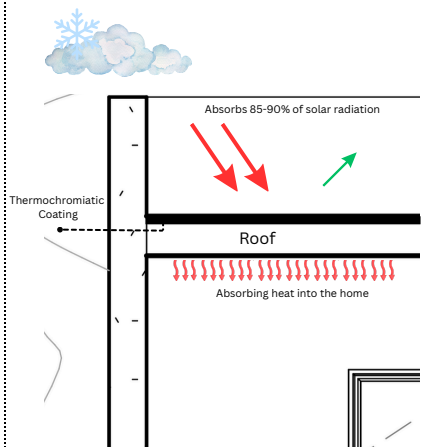


**Thermochromic Coating turns white/yellow in hot weather**



**Thermochromic Coating turns black in cold/chill weather**

## Calculations

### Estimations

- 1) **Roof Size:** 100m<sup>2</sup> roof
- 2) **Peak Sunlight hours per day:** 5 hours
- 3) **Solar Absorbance and Reflectance:**

- Black Surface: Absorbs 85-90% of solar radiation
- White/Yellow Surface: Reflects 75-95% of solar radiation

### 4) Dubai's Solar Intensity:

- Peak Solar Radiation: 900-1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>
- Annual Average Solar Radiation: 2200 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

Hence,

Total Solar Power:

$$100\text{m}^2 \times 1000\text{ W/m}^2 = 100,000\text{ W or }100\text{kW}$$

### Without thermochromic roof (black surface).

85% Absorbance

$$\text{Heat Absorbed} = \text{Total Solar Power} \times \text{Absorbance}$$

$$100\text{ kW} \times 0.85$$

$$= 85\text{ kW of heat absorbed per hour at peak}$$

### Cooling Load

Total heat gain per day:

$$85\text{kW} \times 5\text{ hours/day} = 425\text{ kWh/day}$$

Assuming 300 days of sunlight in Dubai:

$$425\text{kW/day} \times 300\text{ days} = 127,000\text{ kWh/year}$$

### Air Conditioning Efficiency

In Dubai, AC units typically have an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 3 to 4 (every 1 kW of electricity used, the AC removes 3-4kW of heat).

So, to remove 127,500 kWh of heat, the AC would consume:

$$127,000 / 3.5 = 36,459\text{ kWh / year}$$

### Cost Calculation

Dubai's electricity rate: 0.30 to 0.50 AED per kWh (based on DEWA rates).

Estimated annual electricity cost for cooling the black roof's heat gain taking the average of 0.4 AED:

$$36,459 \times 0.4 = \mathbf{14,583.60\text{ AED per year}}$$

### With a thermochromic roof

25% Absorbance

$$\text{Heat Absorbed} = \text{Total Solar Power} \times \text{Absorbance}$$

$$100\text{ kW} \times 0.25$$

$$= 25\text{ kW of heat absorbed per hour at peak}$$

### Cooling Load

Total heat gain per day:

$$25\text{kW} \times 5\text{ hours/day} = 125\text{ kWh/day}$$

Assuming 300 days of sunlight in Dubai:

$$425\text{kW/day} \times 300\text{ days} = 37,500\text{ kWh/year}$$

### Air Conditioning Efficiency

In Dubai, AC units typically have an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 3 to 4 (every 1 kW of electricity used, the AC removes 3-4kW of heat).

So, to remove 37,500 kWh of heat, the AC would consume:

$$37,500 / 3.5 = 10,714.29\text{ kWh / year}$$

### Cost Calculation

Dubai's electricity rate: 0.30 to 0.50 AED per kWh (based on DEWA rates).

Estimated annual electricity cost for cooling the black roof's heat gain taking the average of 0.4 AED:

$$10,714.29 \times 0.4 = \mathbf{4,285.60\text{ AED per year}}$$

### Conclusion:

A thermochromic roof offers a highly effective solution for reducing heat absorption, lowering cooling energy consumption, and significantly cutting electricity costs. With an annual savings of 10,298 AED (70.6% reduction in cooling expenses), this technology proves to be both energy-efficient and cost-effective. Given Dubai's intense heat, integrating thermochromic roofing can enhance sustainability, improve indoor comfort, and contribute to long-term financial savings, making it an ideal choice for modern buildings in hot climates.