

## Solar for Auto Dealerships Drive Savings, Win Customers



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## **Agenda**



## Introduction



- You may have considered solar in the past and it didn't pencil out. It's time to look again.
- Rooftop solar is fast-becoming standard equipment for car dealerships
- Move your Electricity Bill from Fixed to Variable





# **Energy Challenges and Solutions**

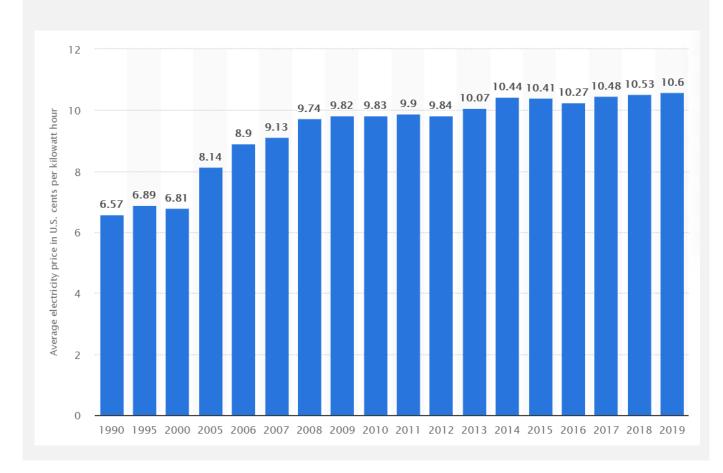


## The Rising Cost of Energy

## According to NADA

- On average, auto dealerships use 18% more energy than typical office buildings
- Energy is usually a dealership's 3rd highest overhead expense
- Dealerships are increasingly preparing for higher energy use due to on-lot EV charging stations

#### Average retail electricity rates from 1990-2019





## Your Roof Can Become a Profit Center

- Solar can help your dealership
  - Reduce operating costs
  - Hedge against recession or fluctuations in profitability
- The untapped savings from solar is equal to 2-3 more vehicles sold per month – yes, that's each month for decades!



Most dealerships have large, flat rooftops that are ideal for solar

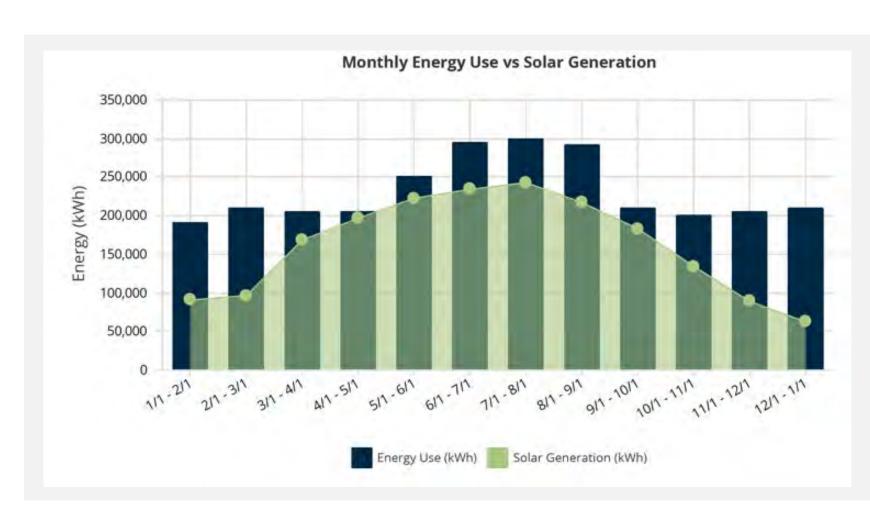


# Is Solar Right for My Dealership?

## Decipher Your Bill in 60 Seconds



- Solar design based on your energy bill
- Electricity Offset
- Reduction in Operating Costs



## Why Now?



It's good for the bottom line



Typical cash flow gains in Year 1 (and accumulated savings for decades)



26% federal investment tax credit (ITC) Entrepreneurial Dealers are paying attention



Significant new tax deductions may apply based on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

# **Sample 2** Studies

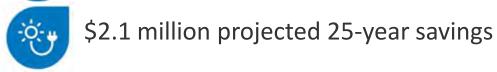
## Luther Auto Group (Minneapolis, MN)



#### **Quick Facts**







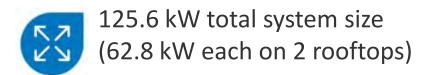
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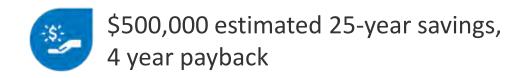
- Linda McGinty, VP of Real Estate

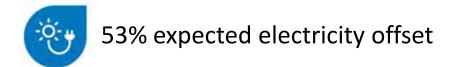
## **Covert Auto Group (Hutto, TX)**



**Quick Facts** 







"Electricity represents a large monthly expense for us and solar helps reduce that expense exponentially."

Dan Covert, Sales Manager

## **Boulder Nissan (Boulder, CO)**



#### **Quick Facts**



50.25 kW total system size



\$88K gross ROI in year 1, cash flow positive on day 1



67% approximate electricity offset (LED + solar)

"Customers are choosing us over the competitors. Our solar project is actually gaining us customers."

Ted Christiano, General Manager

## Fitzgerald Auto Mall (Gaithersburg, MD)



#### **Quick Facts**



890 kW total system size



\$258K estimated first year savings from solar (\$5.2M over life of system)



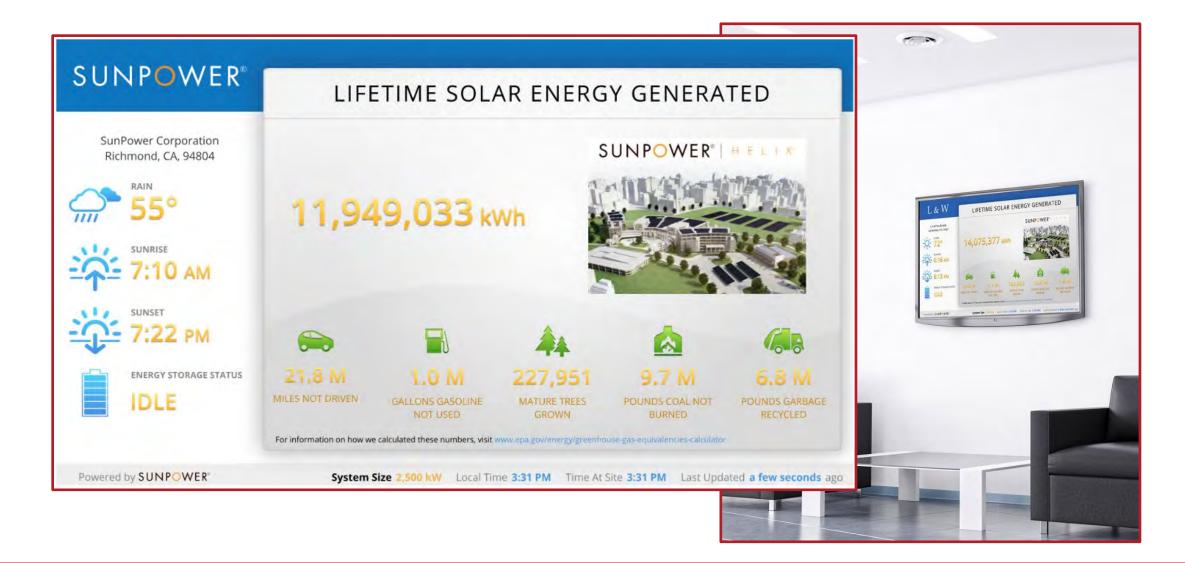
83% approximate electricity offset

"The solar canopy on the parking garage just made sense for us. Customer's cars and inventory are shaded while the panels generate energy on site. It's a win-win..."

- Jack Fitzgerald, Founder & Chairman

## **Showroom Kiosk**







# Key Decisions to Consider

## What's Best for Your Location?



#### Rooftop

- Capitalize on unused space
- Fast installation with minimal disruption to your operations

#### **Carport**

- Protection from the elements
- Marketing advantages
- Options include EV charging, lighting









Cash Purchase	Lease	PACE Financing	Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
One-time cost	Zero or low upfront cost	No upfront costs with positive cash flows on day one	No upfront capital cost
Own the system hardware	Hardware owned by third party; buyout option during and at end of term	Own the system hardware	Hardware owned by third party; buyout option during and at end of term
Payments are made during installation	Recurring payment for hardware lease + any remaining electricity costs	Long-term, fixed-rate financing paid through property tax bill	Payments for solar- generated electricity at a predetermined rate per kWh consumed

## Cash vs. Finance

Inputs and Key Financial Metrics



Both cash and finance introduce significant Year 1 cash flow with long-term savings. Cash maximizes payback, financing maximizes working capital.

#### **True Zero Down Financing**

- 1. \$299K in total lease payments with zero buy out; ITC is taken by the financier.
- 2. Monthly lease payments of \$3,117.
- 3. Solar savings start immediately, effectively reducing the monthly payment to \$1,121/mo. This means a \$350k system has a net cost of \$108k.
- 4. This \$350k system has a net cost of \$108k AND at the end of the lease, continue to save a total \$798,657 in ongoing energy savings.

Monthly Payment		\$2,937 30-Year LCOE Utility		\$0.351	Electricity Escalation Rate		2%
Initial Lease Costs		50 30-Year LCOE PV		\$0.051	Federal Income Tax Rate		21%
Term		7	30-Year NPV	\$217,973	State Income Tax Rate		8%
Total Payments		\$299,208 PV Degradation Rate		0,25%			
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Totals:	-\$299,208		-\$7,895	\$991,360	\$684,257		

## **Your Own Power Company**



- Many now opt to create a dedicated LLC, similar to F&I reinsurance concepts.
- LLC shareholders may stand to best benefit from incentives and have tax appetite.
- LLC owns the solar system and sells the energy generated back to the store, creating decades of passive revenue.
- Effective opportunity with potential Buy/Sell activity.



### **Tax Incentives**



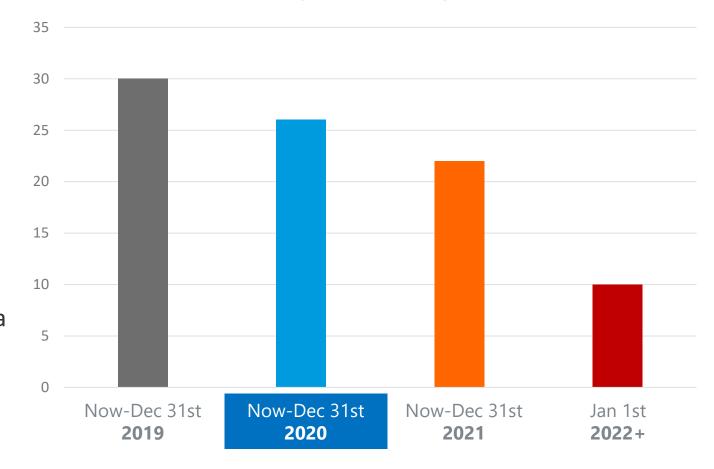
Take advantage of available subsidies and incentives

#### Incentives step down through 2022

#### **Federal incentive programs**

- Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC): 26% federal income tax credit for solar on residential and commercial projects\*
- Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery
   System (MACRS): Tax credit for corporations equivalent to annual depreciation of solar system area

#### There are also state and local incentives



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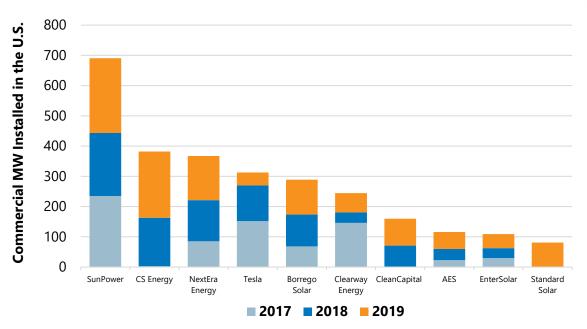
## **Choosing the Right Partner**



SunPower is #1 in U.S. commercial solar three years running



Powering more than 150 U.S Government Agencies and National Economy





SunPower ranked #1 in capacity in 2017, 2018 and 2019, Wood Mackenzie, March 2020.

## **Choosing the Right Partner**



#### **SunPower SunShift Rebate Program**



- Custom landing page for your marketing
- \$100 rebate for your dealership for each customer that receives a solar evaluation
- \$1000 rebate *for your* customers that go solar with SunPower

#### **SunPower NADA Alliance Program**

- \$2000 rebate for NADA members who install solar at their dealership
- \$500 donation to NADA Foundation



## What to Expect

### **Process**





We'll provide a no cost feasibility analysis for NADA members based on 12 months of your dealership's trailing utility bills



Your analysis will include all tax incentives and subsidies, and detail the options unique to your store so you'll be able to make an informed decision



We'll explain all the variables in your solar proposal that impact ROI

For no cost feasibility analysis, scan & email your utility bills to Ryan.Ferrero@SunPower.com

## **Example of Feasibility Analysis**



#### General Information

#### Solar PV Equipment Description

Solar Panels: (229) SunPower SPR-X22-360-COM Inverters: (1) Delta Energy Systems M80U

#### Solar PV Equipment Typical Lifespan

Solar Panels: Greater than 30 Years

Inverters: 15 Years

#### Solar PV System Cost And Incentives

Solar PV System Cost \$185,490 REC -\$9.978

Federal Tax Credit -\$55,647

Federal - 100% Bonus Depreciation -\$33,110

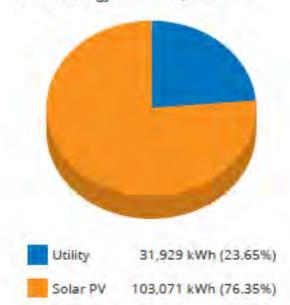
Net Solar PV System Cost: \$86,755

#### Solar PV System Rating

Power Rating: 82,440 W-DC Power Rating: 75,429 W-AC-CEC

#### **Energy Consumption Mix**

Annual Energy Use: 135,000 kWh



	Cash Purchase		
Total Investment	\$185,490		
Rebates and Incentives	\$98,735		
Net Investment	\$86,755		
30 Years Electric Bill Savings	\$581,636		
30 Years Net Present Value	\$164,651		
30 Years Solar Cost of Energy	\$0.029/kWh		
30 Years Utility Cost of Energy	\$0.200/kWh		





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## **Appendix**



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