



BY THE NUMBERS

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- **223** solar panels
- **545,000** pints annually
- **100%** renewably powered

SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE

Supporting increased resilience and deployment of distributed energy resources and making the investment tax credit (ITC) for solar and production tax credit (PTC) for wind refundable can bring more projects like this to Colorado.

SOLAR AND WIND POWER CRAFT BEERS AT SKA BREWING CO.

Ska Brewing Co. has described themselves as pioneers in the canned craft beer movement, but the Durango-based company could also be considered pioneers for renewable energy. In 2018, Ska installed 223 solar panels on top of its headquarters to power their brewery operations with 100% renewable power.

The brewery partnered with local contractor Shaw Solar to install its grid-tied solar-power system, with one major goal: covering as much surface area of its roof as possible. The result was a system capable of producing 68 kilowatts of clean energy. The panels now provide roughly a quarter of the brewery's electricity, with the rest reliant on wind power. The brewery's founder, Durango-resident Dave Thibodeau, touted their ongoing sustainability efforts and shared, "our independently owned craft brewery is independent from the grid."

The estimated power provided by the panels is equivalent to the energy needed to brew approximately 545,000 pints annually. The local brewery has long been committed to other sustainability initiatives. Its headquarters is insulated with recycled jeans, and the bar's tables are up-cycled from old bowling alley lanes. The brewery also features an on-site recycled water irrigation system for its surrounding plants and grass.

