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Overview

What is the hottest planet in our Solar System?

But Venus is shrouded in clouds and has a dense atmosphere that acts as a greenhouse and heats the surface to above the melting point of lead. It has a mean surface temperature of 867°F (464°C). So Venus – not Mercury – is the hottest planet in our solar system.

Which planet has the most extreme temperature swings in the Solar System?

Mercury gets a special shout-out for being the world with the most extreme temperature swings in the Solar System. This has to do with Mercury’s proximity to the Sun, orbital and rotational speeds, and lack of substantial atmosphere.

What is the hottest part of the Sun?

The hottest part of the Sun is its core, where temperatures top 27 million°F (15 million°C). The part of the Sun we call its surface – the photosphere – is a relatively cool 10,000° F (5,500°C). In one of the Sun’s biggest mysteries, the Sun’s outer atmosphere, the corona, gets hotter the farther it stretches from the surface.

What is the temperature of the first planet from the Sun?

The first planet from the Sun, Mercury, experiences extreme differences in temperature when it goes from day to night. During the day, the planet is extremely close to the Sun and can reach up to 430°C!.

What planets are colder than the Sun?

For Jupiter, we think the temperature is roughly -108°C. Saturn is further from the Sun, and so is colder, at roughly -138°C. Finally, the ice giants, Uranus and Neptune. These planets are the furthest from the Sun, and we know the least about these planets as only one mission has passed these planets (Voyager mission).

Does the size of a solar farm affect temperature?

Our simulations also show that the access roads between solar fields allow for substantial cooling, and therefore, increase of the size of the solar farm may not affect the temperature of the surroundings. Simulations of large (e.g., 1 million m2) solar fields are needed to test this hypothesis.

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