



# Clearing China's solar energy prices

How much does a solar panel cost in China?

That's more than 60% below the US price of 40 cents per watt, according to the report. A year ago, Chinese panels cost 26 cents per watt. China's price plunge gives manufacturers there an enormous advantage over rivals in places like the United States and Europe.

Why did solar panel prices drop in China in December?

Module prices in China slid to a record low in December as manufacturers in the country rushed to clear their inventories amid a seasonal lull, PV magazine reported last week. Solar panel demand tends to drop off during the winter months in the country.

Why are Chinese solar panels so expensive?

A year ago, Chinese panels cost 26 cents per watt. China's price plunge gives manufacturers there an enormous advantage over rivals in places like the United States and Europe. US producers have been increasingly concerned by the wave of new factories in China, which could make their own uneconomical.

Will China's crowded solar power sector keep global prices low?

Consolidation in China's crowded solar power sector is pushing smaller players out of the market, but excess production capacity - with more on the way - threatens to keep global prices low for years.

Should China's solar industry exit the market?

China's main solar industry association earlier this month called for rational pricing and urged companies to be more disciplined in bidding for projects. Over the summer, it said struggling manufacturers should exit the market as soon as possible.

Why did China's top solar companies lose in the third quarter?

Photographer: Qilai Shen/Bloomberg (Qilai Shen/Bloomberg) (Bloomberg) -- China's top solar manufacturers posted big losses in the third quarter as severe overcapacity and price wars continue to hurt the companies producing equipment critical to global energy transition.

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Strong state support and huge private investment have made China's solar industry a global powerhouse, but it faces new headwinds, from punitive tariffs abroad to a brutal price war at home.

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Oversupply pushed prices of finished solar panels in China down 42% in 2023, making Chinese panels more than 60% cheaper than US-made equipment, with some module-only manufacturers taking orders at negative margins to preserve market share, Wood Mackenzie analyst Huaiyan Sun said.

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Bidding prices for panels should not be lower than production costs, which is against the law, according to a statement from the China Photovoltaic Industry Association on Friday. The group will start investigating and publishing solar production costs, and recommended a floor of 0.68 yuan (\$0.1) per watt.

China's world-dominating solar firms have been forced to sell below cost after a breakneck buildup in capacity to feed China's renewables boom. Companies are undercutting each other to maintain market share, and most are expected to report losses this year, BloombergNEF said in a report earlier this month. Consolidation has already seen ...

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Chinese solar companies agreed to reduce over-production and self-regulate after a price war and oversupply hurt profits, agreed at a CPIA meeting. From early 2023, overcapacity decreased the prices of key solar components up to 48%, leading to significant losses, with five major firms losing over 10 billion yuan.

9 ???&#0183; Once prices rise enough to restore profitability, many idle factories are likely to be reactivated, suppressing prospects of any material price rebound,&quot; Tan said. The China Photovoltaic Industry Association said production volumes of key components such as polysilicon, silicon wafers, cells and modules have seen significant year-on-year growth ...

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