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Solar panels are cheaper than glass





Overview

Is solar the cheapest form of energy?

The cost of turning sunlight into electricity has fallen more than 90 percent over the last decade. Solar is now the cheapest form of newly built energy generation. Job done?

Not quite. Right now, solar works well at cost-competitive prices and can help us cut emissions significantly.

Should solar power be more efficient?

With more efficient solar cells, you need fewer panels and less land for the same power output. It would also make fossil fuels even less competitive. Coal-fired power and car engines are around 33-35 percent efficient, meaning most of the energy embodied in fossil fuels is actually lost as heat and noise.

Are mono-glass panels better than thin glass?

RETC's tests show mono-glass panels with 3.2 mm tempered glass have about twice the hail resistance of thin glass-glass versions. If your area sees hail often, mono-glass offers better safety and resilience. Weight affects roof load AND installer effort. A standard residential mono-glass panel weighs around 40 lb.

Should solar panels be halved?

Halving panel prices over the past two years have led to rising solar adoption. Generation from solar means emissions equivalent to about 1.6bn tonnes of CO₂ were avoided last year, roughly on a par with US power sector emissions, according to Ember. But there is nonetheless a less obvious cost.



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In the first half of this year China installed 256 gigawatts of solar capacity -- more than twice the rest of the world combined, according to energy think-tank Ember.

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