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Overview

Today, in 2025, it's about \$3/watt before tax credits or incentives—thanks to economies of scale and improvements in silicon PV manufacturing. Battery storage costs have also plummeted in the last 10 years. In 2010, batteries cost \$1000-\$1500/kWh. Will solar energy costs skyrocket?

A recent Wood Mackenzie report examines two possible tariff scenarios and concludes that costs will skyrocket for both utility-scale solar development and battery energy storage systems. From pv magazine USA.

Will solar and energy storage cost rise?

From pv magazine USA With much uncertainty around the final tariffs on solar and energy storage components coming into the United States, one thing that is certain, according to a recent report from Wood Mackenzie titled “All aboard the tariff coaster: implications for the US power industry,” is that the cost of power and energy storage will rise.

Will steel tariffs increase solar PV costs?

However, levies on steel imports have been imposed. Tariff costs are almost always paid by importers and passed on to buyers and end consumers through higher prices. Woodmac said that the current tariff regime would “significantly” increase costs in the US solar PV market.

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Will a US solar project be more expensive than Europe?

Under its “trade tensions” forecast, which assumes that the effective US tariff rate settles at 10% by the end of 2026, with a 34% rate on China, a US solar



project will be 54% more expensive than in Europe and 85% more expensive than the same plant built in China.

Are lab-tested solar modules performing better in 2024?

Lab-tested solar module performance has improved over the last year, according to data from US-based technical advisory firm RETC. The leading crystalline silicon solar manufacturers have shipped a record 500GW of PV modules in 2024, according to a report from analysts Wood Mackenzie.



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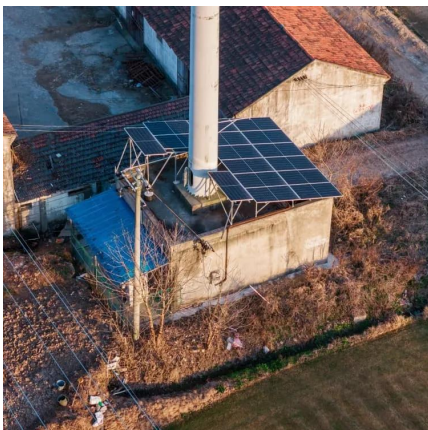
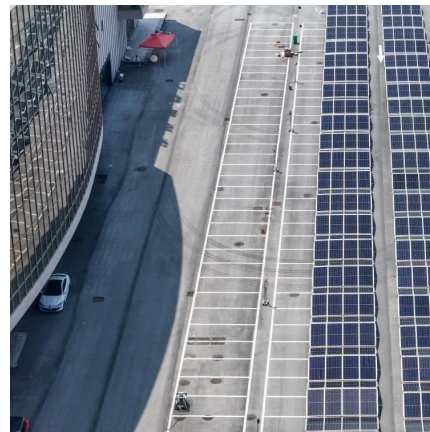


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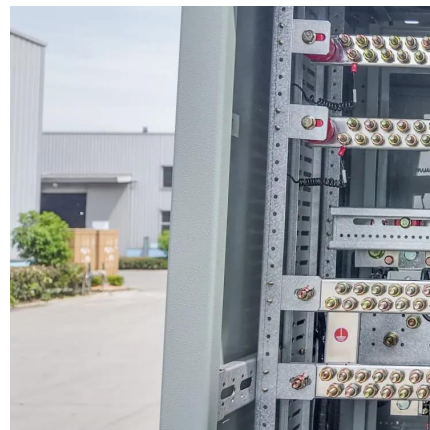


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