

# **Photovoltaic curtain wall payback period**





## Overview

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The solar panel payback period typically ranges from six to 10 years, varying based on system size, location and incentives. Federal and local rebates, including a 30% federal tax credit, significantly lower initial solar installation costs. Is photovoltaic energy payback a good idea?

Producing electricity with photovoltaics (PV) emits no pollution, produces no greenhouse gases, and uses no finite fossil-fuel resources. The environmental benefits of PV are great. But just as we say that it takes money to make money, it also takes energy to save energy. The term “energy payback” captures this idea.

How does a PV module pay back?

Most of the energy that goes into manufacturing a PV module is in the form of electricity (kWh). Payback calculations are based on paying back this electricity with PV electricity produced by installed modules.

Should you factor inflation into your solar payback period?

Factoring inflation into your solar payback period is crucial as electricity prices tend to rise over time, historically at an average rate of 3.5% annually. This means your savings on electricity bills will increase each year. For example, if your initial annual savings are \$1,200, these savings will grow each year due to rising electricity costs.

Do local irradiation and grid characteristics affect PV module payback times?

The effects of PV module manufacturing regions were considered for imported modules and domestic modules. Evaluating installation locations across multiple U.S. regions show the effects of local irradiation and grid characteristics on payback times.

How long does it take to pay back a multicrystalline module?

Paybacks for multicrystalline modules are 4 years for systems using recent



technology and 2 years for anticipated technology. For thin-film modules, paybacks are 3 years using recent technology, and just 1 year for anticipated thin-film technology (see Figure 1).



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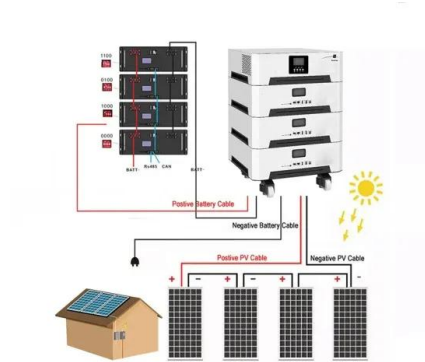


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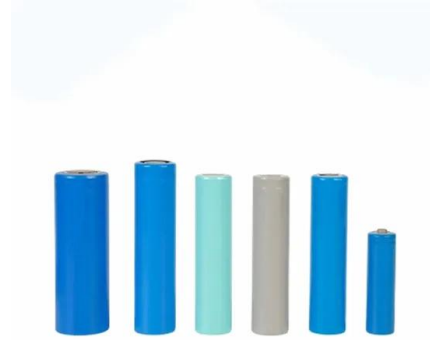
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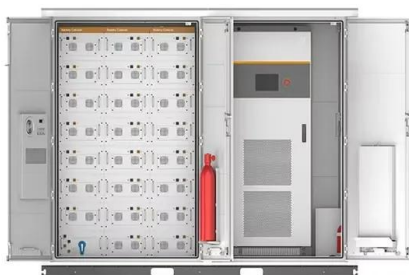
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In 2004, Wuxi Suntech built China's first photovoltaic curtain wall project--the Suntech Power R& D Center, using polycrystalline silicon components with a cost as high as 80 yuan/watt. ...

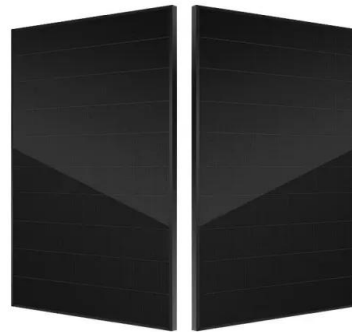
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Generally speaking, the cost of ordinary modern curtain wall after installing photovoltaic modules is about twice the original.

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