

Photovoltaic module prices are inverted







Overview

How much does a PV module cost in 2022?

Since November 2022 alone, PV module prices have roughly halved, to a record low. To put that into perspective, electricity prices on the European Energy Exchange in Leipzig averaged €30 (\$32.64) per megawatt-hour in 2020 and have fluctuated between €77/MWh and €102/MWh since March 2023.

When will PV module prices rise?

As a result, module prices will likely rise moderately but steadily until at least early next quarter. This outlook reflects delays in deliveries from major brands, with restocking for mid-sized PV systems not expected until April or May.

Are photovoltaic power plants undercuting production costs?

Photovoltaic power plants undercut production costs of around \$0.01/kWh in 2020, in sunny regions, and the current PV price trend enables even lower production costs. The average costs shown in the Bloomberg chart above could be significantly undercut with new systems.

Are module prices going up?

From pv magazine Germany After remaining flat early in the year, module prices have started rising for the first time in more than two years. The increase is affecting all technology classes, including high-efficiency modules, but the change in that category remains too small to register on price charts. That is likely to shift soon.

Where did photovoltaic cost data come from?

Photovoltaic cost data between 1975 and 2003 has been taken from Nemet (2009), between 2004 and 2009 from Farmer & Lafond (2016), and since 2010 from IRENA. Prices from Nemet (2009) and Farmer & Lafond (2016) have been



converted to 2024 US\$ using the US GDP deflator, to account for the effects of inflation.

Are PV systems a good investment?

In a future market with dynamic tariffs and bidirectional charging, PV systems are more than just add-ons – they are essential for maximizing self-sufficiency. However, module price alone is becoming less relevant to overall system economics. Long-term reliability matters more, as maintenance or replacement costs can erode investment returns.



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