

# Solar power generation is not expensive



## Overview

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In 2024, solar photovoltaics (PV) were, on average, 41% cheaper than the lowest-cost fossil fuel alternatives, while onshore wind projects were 53% cheaper. Onshore wind remained the most affordable source of new renewable electricity at USD 0. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 22 July 2025 - Renewables maintain their cost leadership in global power markets, IRENA's new report on Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2024 confirms. A new analysis shows just how much of a gap there is between renewable energy sources and traditional ones. 4 cents/kWh and onshore wind at 3. “We think that fundamentally this energy. This paper presents average values of levelized costs for new generation resources as represented in the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) for our Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025) Reference case.

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### Solar and Wind's Hidden Price Tag: Why Cost Isn't the Whole Story

Solar and wind power have become increasingly cost-competitive over the past decade, prompting claims that they are now the cheapest sources of new electricity. Federal and state ...

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### Levelized Costs of New Generation Resources in the Annual ...

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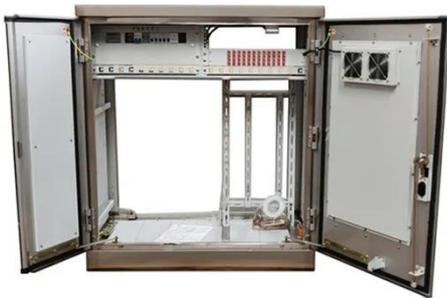
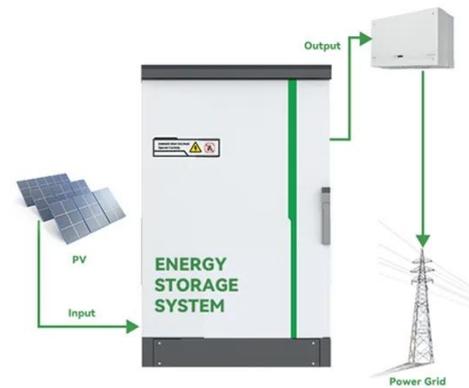
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## Wind and Solar are the Worst

## Generating Technologies, Heavily

Enormous subsidies for solar and wind generation technologies are proving much more expensive than advertised. They also carry hidden costs and burdens on the grid, most recently seen ...

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## Wind and Solar Energy Are Cheaper Than Electricity ...

This year's report concludes that renewables are the "most cost-competitive form of generation," even without subsidies.

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The unavoidable intermittency of electric power supply from wind and solar cannot be overcome without increasing cost. Backup and storage expenses must necessarily grow as ...

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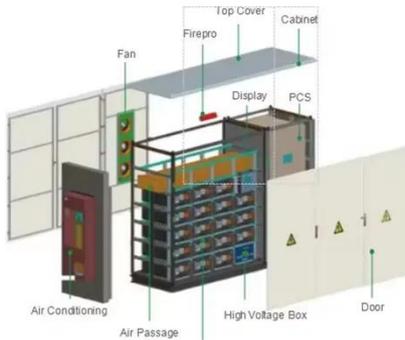


## Solar Shame: The True Cost of Solar Power , RealClearEnergy

But solar electricity costs about seven times more than its most direct competitor, electricity generated using natural gas. State and federal subsidies

reduce the cost of solar to two ...

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## 91% of New Renewable Projects Now Cheaper Than Fossil Fuels ...

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## Why did renewables become so cheap so fast?

What determines the cost of renewable power is the cost of the power plant, the cost of the technology itself. To understand why solar power got so cheap, we have to understand why solar ...

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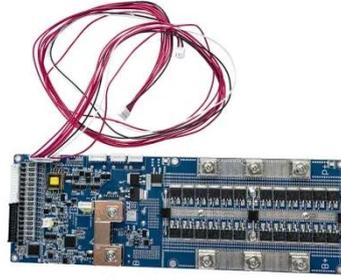


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Discover why 81% of renewables now cost less than fossil fuels. Complete 2025 analysis with latest data, cost

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