

Reasons for overcapacity of photovoltaic silicon panels



Overview

Taiyang News warns that overcapacity in solar manufacturing is likely to persist through 2027. While low prices seem like a win for buyers in the short term, the long-term impact on innovation, labor stability, and global market balance is far more complex. In July 2025, several of China's largest polysilicon manufacturers announced they would voluntarily cut a third of their total production capacity. The move, reported by Reuters, carried an. – The Chinese photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing sector is experiencing severe overcapacity, with production exceeding demand by over two times across silicon material, wafers, cells, and modules, leading to continuous price wars and widespread losses. – A proposed joint platform for silicon material. Abstract: In recent years, overcapacity restricts the healthy and sustainable development of photovoltaic industry, which has a serious impact on China's economic growth and stable operation. Supply-side structural reform is imminent.

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