

# Useful life of photovoltaic panel production equipment



## Overview

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Modern panels degrade at an average of just 0.8% per year, sometimes even less. Most continue producing clean energy well beyond their 25–30-year warranties. End-of-life management for photovoltaics (PV) refers to the processes that occur when solar panels and other components of a PV system (racking, inverters, etc.) are decommissioned. Most PV systems are still in the early years of their life cycle. Given the high deployment targets for solar photovoltaics (PV) to meet U.S. decarbonization goals, and the limited carbon budget remaining to limit global temperature rise, accurate accounting of PV system life cycle energy use and greenhouse gas emissions is needed. In recent years, this trend has shifted towards considering PV plants in terms of 30–40 year lifetimes. Solar panels are designed to last for more than 25 years. The study examines the various stages involved, including raw material extraction, manufacturing, transportation.

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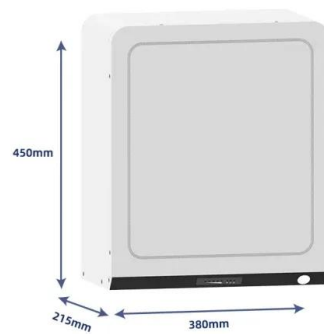


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The first 25 to 30 years after your solar installation is considered the system's "useful life", but panels can still produce electricity for decades longer. What is a solar panel's useful life?

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