

# Solar panel supply chain





## Overview

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What is the solar photovoltaics supply chain review?

The Solar Photovoltaics Supply Chain Review, produced by the DOE Solar Energy Technologies Office with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will help the federal government to build more secure and diverse U.S. energy supply chains.

What is the supply chain for solar PV?

The supply chain for solar PV has two branches in the United States: crystalline silicon (c-Si) PV, which made up 84% of the U.S. market in 2020, and cadmium telluride (CdTe) thin film PV, which made up the remaining 16%. The supply chain for c-Si PV starts with the refining of high-purity polysilicon.

How is the global solar PV supply chain diversifying?

It finds that efforts to expand crystalline silicon manufacturing in the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia, and India, as well as improvements in recycling and the emergence of perovskite – pioneered by Japan, make the solar PV supply chain more robust. This report analyzes progress in diversifying the global solar PV supply chain.

What is a solar supply chain map?

These maps are an essential tool for solar development and equipment procurement specialists that want to understand the supply chain dynamics of these rapidly growing regions. Sinovoltaics also offers a specialized map that focuses on the electrical transformer manufacturers and tier 1 suppliers within Mainland China.

What role does China play in the solar supply chain?

With an increasing demand for solar energy, and thus for electrical transformers for solar and renewable energy projects, our annual solar supply chain map es reveals China's integral role in supporting global solar



infrastructure.

What are the primary inputs to the global solar supply chain?

The primary inputs to the global solar supply chain include: metallurgical-grade silicon (MGS), glass, resins to make plastic sheets (encapsulant and backsheets), and aluminum. MGS is produced from high-grade quartz. Quartz is a compound of silicon and oxygen, the two most abundant elements in the earth's crust.



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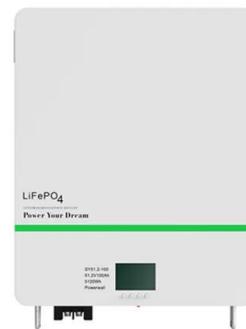


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