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# Global thin-film photovoltaic module production capacity



## Overview

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GlobalData estimates that global thin-film module capacity will reach 26.69GW and a market value of \$102.76bn in 2023. Considered second-generation solar cells, thin-film cells perform better in low-light and extreme temperatures, making them useful for specific applications. What is the global solar module manufacturing capacity?

Image: International Energy Agency Global solar module manufacturing capacity is set to exceed 1.5 TW by 2035, according to forecasts from the IEA. Its latest report, “Energy Technology Perspectives 2024,” covers the production of solar, wind turbines, electric cars, batteries, electrolyzers, and heat pumps.

What is thin film photovoltaic (PV)?

Introduction Thin film photovoltaic (PV) technologies often utilize monolithic integration to combine cells into modules. This is an approach whereby thin, electronically-active layers are deposited onto inexpensive substrates (e.g. glass) and then interconnected cells are formed by subsequent back contact processes and scribing.

Does China still dominate the global solar PV module market?

China continues its dominance of the global solar PV module market. Declining costs of PV module production have made solar installations more affordable globally. Source: [abriendomundo/Shutterstock.com](#).

Are CdTe solar modules the highest production thin film photovoltaic technology?

Herein we have reviewed the developments in the cell technology that has enabled CdTe solar modules to emerge as the highest-production thin film photovoltaic technology.

What is the growth rate of photovoltaics?

Please send any comments or suggestions for improvement to both [simon.philipps@ise.fraunhofer.de](mailto:simon.philipps@ise.fraunhofer.de) and [warmuth@pse-projects.de](mailto:warmuth@pse-projects.de) Photovoltaics is a fast-growing market: The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of cumulative PV installations was about 27% between the years 2014 and 2024. Wafer size increased.

How much power does a PV module produce?

Keeping the same number of cells, larger PV module sizes are realized, allowing a power range of over 700 W per module. In 2024, Europe's contribution to the total cumulative PV installations amounted to 23%. In contrast, installations in China accounted for 49% (in 2023 43%) and in North America for 5% respectively.

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### Solar module manufacturing capacity could exceed 1.5 TW by ...

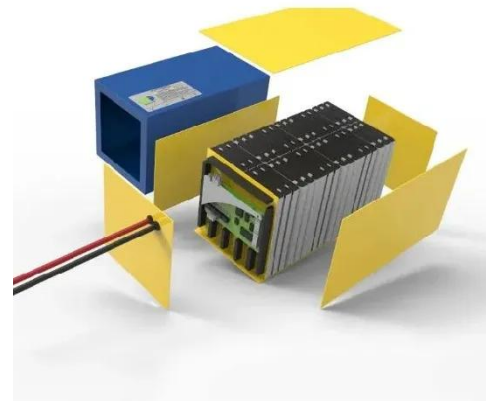
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## Thin Film Photovoltaics Market Size, Share

Thin film photovoltaics market size was valued over USD 7.14 billion in 2023 and is estimated to grow at a CAGR of over 16.5% between 2024 and 2032, driven ...

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## India's Solar Module Manufacturing Capacity Exceeds ...

Of the total capacity, India added 20.8 GW solar module and 3.2 GW cell manufacturing in CY 2023. A majority or 60% of this is equipped to ...

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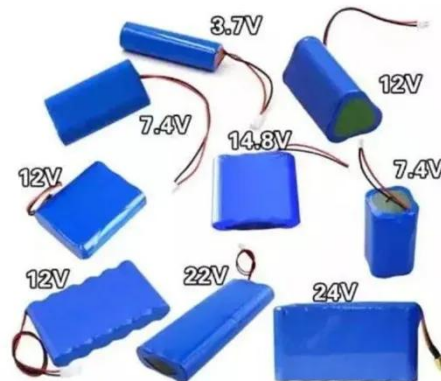
The solar cell and module manufacturing capacity in the United States and India is forecasted to triple in the coming years. However, the cost of manufacturing cells and modules in these ...

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## IEA: Global photovoltaic module production capacity will exceed ...

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), global solar panel production capacity will exceed 1.5TW by 2035. Its latest report, Energy Technology Outlook 2024, ...

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## Data and Tools , Photovoltaic Research , NREL

PVWatts Calculator Estimates energy



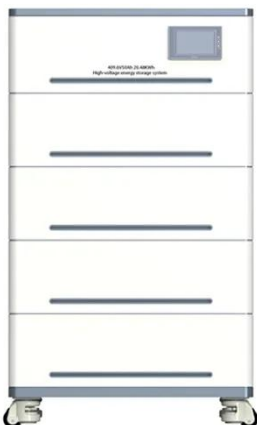
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## First Solar, Inc., Why Invest

First Solar's thin film PV technology produces energy-efficient modules with a superior degradation rate, temperature coefficient, spectral and shading response, and the smallest ...

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## Global solar module production shares by technology, Statista

Thin film solar modules held a share of two percent of the total production. The production of solar photovoltaic modules worldwide reached approximately 612 gigawatts in 2023.

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## CdTe-based thin film photovoltaics: Recent advances, current ...

Cadmium telluride (CdTe) thin-film PV modules are the primary thin film

product on the global market, with more than 30 GW peak (GWp) generating capacity representing many ...

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## Global PV module manufacturing to reach 1.8TW in 2025 - report

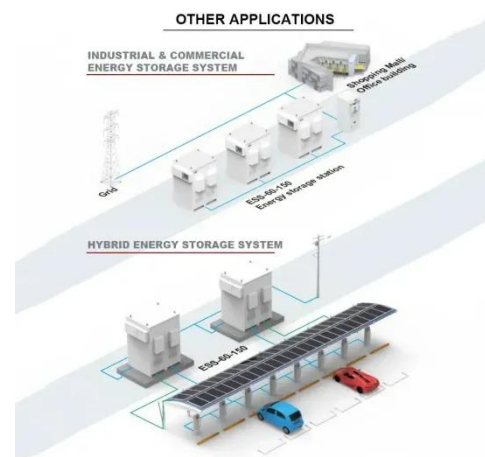
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## Photovoltaics Report

In 2024, approximately 96% of solar modules and their components came from Asia, primarily from China with a module production share of about 80%, which also controls more than 95% ...

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## First Solar plans to double manufacturing capacity by ...

Year-end 2026, the company expects to have 14 GW of U.S. solar capacity and



11 GW internationally, reaching 25 GW of global solar module ...

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For Si-based technology modules, ingot manufacturing or wafer production is



identified as having the highest environmental impact contribution while for thin-film technology modules, the metal ...

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## Beyond silicon: Thin-film tandem as an opportunity for photovoltaics

The latter results, combined with established thin-film R&D centers and equipment suppliers in the EU and the USA [26], may provide an opportunity to build new thin-film ...

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Solar PV manufacturing capacity and production by country and region, 2021-2027 - Chart and data by the International Energy Agency.

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## CdTe Perspective Paper

Purpose This document describes the state of cadmium telluride (CdTe) photovoltaic (PV) technology and then



provides the perspective of the U.S. Department of ...

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## Fall 2024 Solar Industry Update

Though thin-film PV represented around 3% of global PV deployed from 2015 through 2023, it accounted for more than 17% of U.S. PV deployments during this period (24% of utility-scale ...



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## Solar Photovoltaic Manufacturing Basics

Those systems are comprised of PV modules, racking and wiring, power electronics, and system monitoring devices, all of which are manufactured. Learn how PV works. Read the Solar ...

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## The Global Thin Film Photovoltaics Market 2025-2035

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## First Solar CdTe modules could add US\$10 billion to ...

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