

# Have the prices of photovoltaic panels dropped now

Will solar panel prices drop 40% this year?

Tim Buckley, director of Climate Energy Finance, speaks to pv magazine about the current steep trajectory of solar module prices. He estimates that PV panels prices will end up dropping by 40% this year and predicts the closure of old technology and sub-scale solar manufacturing facilities, both in China and globally.

### Are photovoltaic panel prices falling?

Never before in the history of photovoltaics have panel prices plummeted so significantly in such a short space of time. For a month or two now, the values have been below the previous all-time low of 2020 and even more so below the production costs of most manufacturers.

#### Why are photovoltaic module prices falling?

One reason for this is the "PV module glut" in warehouses in Europe,according to pvXchange's Martin Schachinger. We have all been asking ourselves for some time now: How far can photovoltaic module prices go down before the bottom is finally reached? Apparently,there is still room for further drops,as all prices have fallen again this month.

### Why will solar prices continue to drop?

A big reason why solar prices could continue to drop is significant development in the solar industry at large. The federal solar tax credit will be in place for at least the next 10 years. That means players in the solar industry -- from installers to manufacturers -- have received a green light to invest in their operations.

#### Are solar panels getting more affordable?

Experts say solar panels have gotten significantly more affordable in the last decade, and new federal incentives will only drive prices lower. There's a big new solar tax credit in town. A federal incentive expanded in 2022 through the Inflation Reduction Act can offset 30% of the cost of a residential solar installation.

## Why have solar module prices fallen so sharply?

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