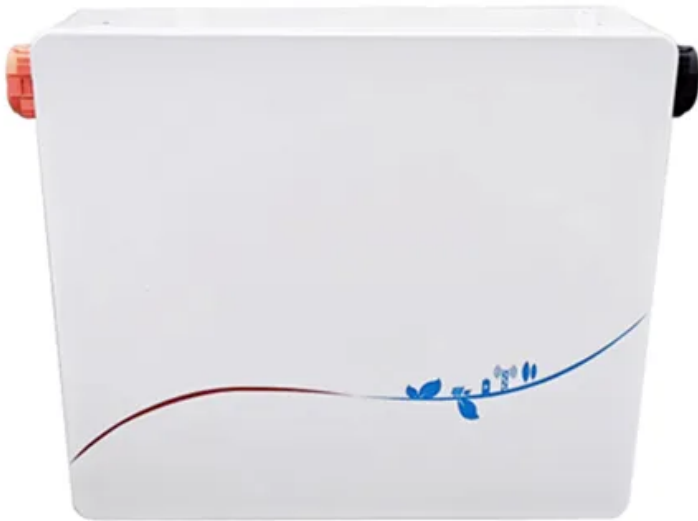


China s cities using solar power



Overview

Here we assess the deployable potential of RPV across 367 Chinese cities by incorporating variations in building types, regional characteristics and policy limitations. China is the largest market in the world for both photovoltaics (PV) and solar thermal energy. Its PV capacity crossed 1,000 gigawatts (one terawatt, 1 TW) in May 2025. 46 In 2021, 53 GW of solar power capacity was added in China-40% of the global total. This growth will support sustainable development goals (SDGs) via reductions in power-generation-related environmental emissions and water consumption while generating new . In 2024 alone, China installed 360 gigawatts (GW) of wind and solar capacity. 4 terawatts (TW) - that's roughly a third of the entire world's 4. Add this content to your personal favorites.

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As of at least 2024, China has one third of the world's installed solar panel capacity and is the largest domestic market for solar panels. A large part of the solar power capacity installed in China is in the form of large PV power plants in the west of the country, an area much less populated than the eastern part but with better solar resources and available land.

Photos: The Scale of China's Solar-Power Projects

As the Trump administration's "Big, Beautiful Bill" eliminates many clean-energy incentives in the U.S., China continues huge investments in wind and solar power, reportedly accounting for 74



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China: solar power capacity by province 2025, Statista

Capacity of operational solar power farms in China as of February 2025, by province/municipality (in megawatts)





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China has excellent solar resources, especially in the western part of the country. While China's solar resources are best in the northern and western regions, in recent years more solar has been

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The continent imported 60% more solar panels from China over the past year, though a lack of reliable installation data makes it a challenge to track the true pace of deployment.

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Ten representative cities were chosen according to their geographic locations and climate types, and the presented roof-facade framework was applied to estimate the practical solar energy



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