



# Five hundred years of solar power generation

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While other types of solar cells have existed since the 1880s, these new silicon solar cells produced power five times more efficiently, setting the stage for the future of solar energy.

OverviewHistory of market developmentSolar PV nameplate capacityCurrent statusHistory of leading countriesSee alsoExternal linksThe average price per watt dropped drastically for solar cells in the decades leading up to 2017. While in 1977 prices for crystalline silicon cells were about \$77 per watt, average spot prices in August 2018 were as low as \$0.13 per watt or nearly 600 times less than forty years ago. Prices for thin-film solar cells and for c-Si solar panels were around \$.60 per watt. Module and cell prices declined even further after 2014 (see pr...

Learn more about the long history of solar power and how modern public policy choices can change how the



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technology is implemented.

Solar technology isn't new. Its history spans from the 7th Century B.C. to today. We started out concentrating the sun's heat with glass and mirrors to light fires. Today, we have everything from ...

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