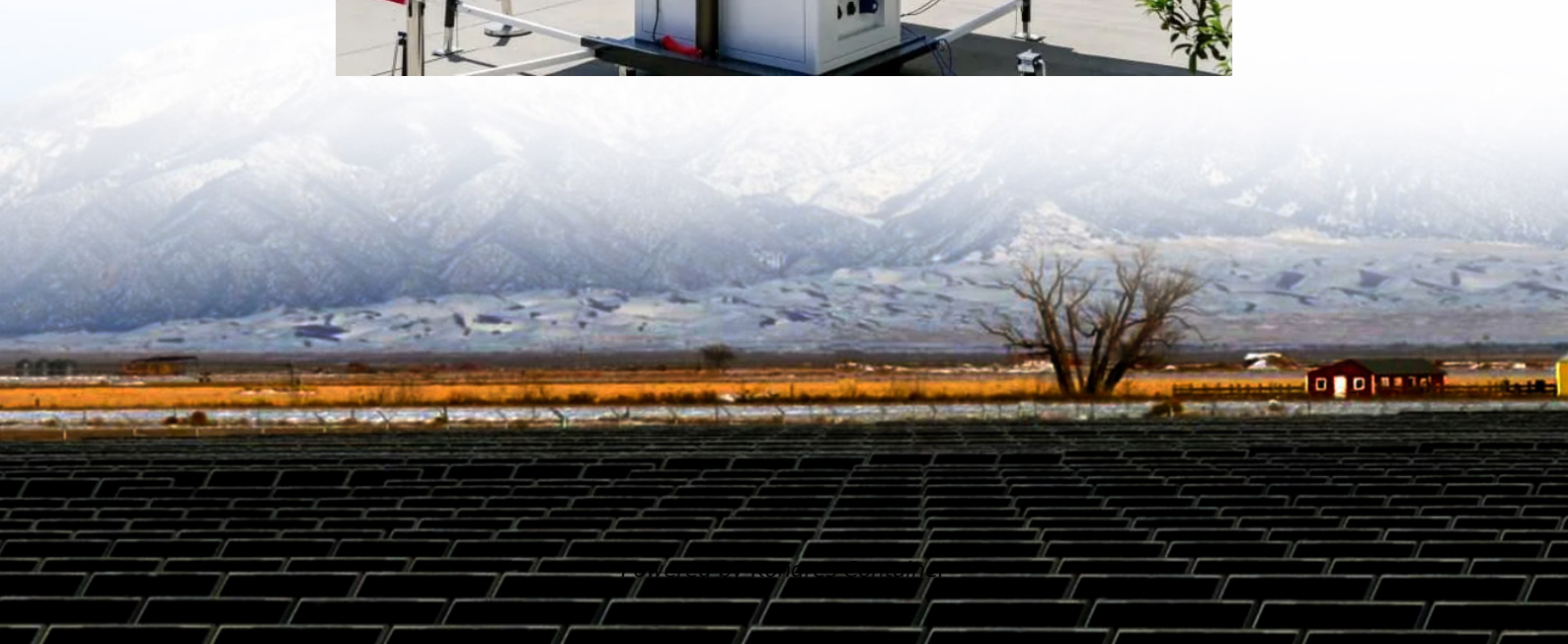


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The cost of one watt of solar panels



Overview

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How much does a solar system cost per watt?

As of publishing, the average cost per watt is \$2.84. Most solar companies set the price according to the solar system's wattage. A solar installation's "cost per watt" is a little like the "price per square foot" when you buy a house. It helps compare the value of solar energy systems in different sizes.

How much does a home solar system cost?

In 2025, we surveyed 1,000 home solar customers across the U.S. to understand their experience shopping for and installing solar panel systems. Most homeowners said they paid around \$16,129 for a solar panel system, with an average of 14 solar panels installed.

Why do solar panels cost more than a Watt?

For instance, commercial installations or large residential systems can negotiate better pricing due to the volume of panels purchased. Conversely, smaller installations may face higher costs per watt because the fixed costs associated with installation, such as labor and permitting, are spread over fewer panels.

How do you calculate the cost of a solar system?

Solar panel costs are usually measured in the cost per watt of solar installed. However, solar system sizes are measured in kilowatts (kW). To calculate the total price of installing a home solar system, you'll need the system size to be in watts. To convert kilowatts to watts, all you need to do is multiply the system size in kW by 1,000.

What is the cost per watt?

By analyzing the cost per watt, homeowners and businesses can make informed decisions that align with their financial goals and energy needs. To begin with, the cost per watt is a fundamental metric that reflects the price of solar panels divided by their total output capacity in watts.

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