

# Foreign trade price of solar panels





## Overview

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Will US tariffs affect solar panels imported from Southeast Asia?

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How much does a solar panel cost abroad?

A solar panel that costs \$100 abroad could now cost \$130–\$150 in the U.S., pushing residential and commercial installation costs up by thousands. While manufacturing jobs may rise slightly, studies show 5 installer jobs are lost for every factory job gained. From 2017 to 2021, SEIA estimates 62,000 solar jobs were lost due to previous tariffs.

How will tariffs affect solar panels & inverters in 2025?

In summary, as of April 2025 we see solar panel prices up by 20–40% (depending on origin), inverters up ~10–30%, and battery costs up significantly (~30% or more) compared to pre-tariff levels. These increases correlate directly with the reciprocal tariff rates imposed (34% on China, 36–49% on SE Asia, etc.), underlining the tariffs' impact.

Which solar companies do not incur import tariffs?

Other “Domestic” Suppliers: A few manufacturers with U.S.-based production or assembly – such as Hanwha Qcells (Georgia factories), First Solar (Ohio), Mission Solar (Texas), and Silfab (Washington) – do not incur these import tariffs on their U.S.-made panels. They have an effective price advantage now.



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