

# Polycrystalline silicon bifacial solar panels





## Overview

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Are bifacial solar panels better than monofacial panels?

The technology behind solar panels continues to evolve and improve. Manufacturers are now able to produce bifacial panels, which feature energy-producing solar cells on both sides of the panel. With two faces capable of absorbing sunlight, bifacial solar panels can be more efficient than traditional monofacial panels – if used appropriately.

What is a bifacial silicon solar panel?

The bifacial silicon-based cell architecture consists of PERC+, p -PERL, n -PERC, n -PERT, n-PERL, heterojunction, IBC and TOPCon cells. A typical bifacial silicon solar panel consists of a glass sheet on both front and back sides, a transparent polymer sheet and a thin silicon wafer layer with a shelf life of at least 25 years.

Why do bifacial solar panels increase power conversion efficiency?

The increase in the bifacial silicon solar cells is due to the reduction in silicon wafer thickness and the increase in the transparency of the panels. Under better albedo and proper mounting angles, a typical bifacial solar panel is expected to show 50% more power conversion efficiency than the monofacial counterpart.

What is a monofacial solar panel?

This is precisely achieved from monofacial solar cells to bifacial solar cells. As discussed in the previous section, the monofacial solar panels are made up of either a p - or n-type silicon wafer layer covered on both sides with Ethylene Vinyl Acetylene (EVA), a polymer material kept as the cover to protect the silicon wafer.



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