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Are solar panels better?

Solar companies love to tout their superior equipment. It's one of the primary sales tactics used by the door-knocker mafia. Some sales reps will try to convince you that their panels are better because they have a higher wattage rating. However, bigger numbers don't always mean higher quality, and that holds true in the world of panel wattage.

Why are high-powered solar panels better than smaller solar panels?

Since larger panels require an equivalent amount of connections and labour compared to smaller panels, the installation cost per kW is reduced, resulting in a lower overall cost and decreased Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE). As explained below, high-powered panels are far larger than those used on residential rooftops.

How fast is solar wattage compared to price per watt?

Not so fast. An important metric in solar is price per watt (PPW). Price Per watt is simply the cost of the panel divided by the wattage. This metric is far superior to just analyzing the panel wattage because it factors in price. You use this metric when comparing panels for purchase.

Is a fewer wattage solar panel a good idea?

The ONLY benefit is that there is 1 fewer panel. This should only be considered when space is extremely limited and when you are REQUIRED to hit a certain kW size that panels with lower wattage can't hit. Doubling the cost lowers your ROI and increases your time to pay off.

Do solar panels have higher power ratings?

Despite the publicity surrounding the many high-powered panels, the PV cell advancements that enable these higher power ratings are universal. Thanks to these innovations, regular-size commercial and residential solar panels have also seen a significant increase in power, with 440W to 550W panels now standard.

How many watts is a solar panel?

For residential solar, most panels are in the range of 290-400 watts. Efficiency - This watt rating can be converted into a metric showing the efficiency of the panel which takes into consideration the total size of the panel and the watt rating. Most panels are somewhere between 15-21% efficient.

I've heard that sometimes the higher wattage panels are simply larger than the lower wattage panels. Make sure to check. I suspect the truth is somewhere in the middle where a 500 watt ...

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