

SolarTech Power Solutions

Microinverters are expensive



Overview

What is the cost of a micro inverter?

A microinverter costs \$1.15 per watt. This is compared to \$0.75 per watt for central inverters. You may also consider using a power optimizer, which costs around \$1.00 per watt and achieves similar results.

Are microinverters better than traditional inverters?

The greatest advantage of microinverters over traditional inverters is the drastically lowered chance of a system shutdown. Because a string inverter is interconnected, one single point of failure means your entire system will be unable to provide your home with any AC power, rendering your solar panels useless.

What is the difference between a string inverter and a microinverter?

The major difference between string (or central) inverters and microinverters is the number of solar panels they connect to. Traditional inverters connect to an entire solar array or string, which can be anywhere from a couple to hundreds of individual solar panels.

What is the difference between a solar inverter and a microinverter?

Traditional inverters connect to an entire solar array or string, which can be anywhere from a couple to hundreds of individual solar panels. On the contrary, microinverters are connected to each solar module and are usually mounted on the racking system. Traditional inverters are bigger and bulkier, making them difficult to carry and install.

Why are microinverters gaining popularity?

Despite their added cost, microinverters are rapidly gaining popularity thanks to their numerous advantages. Let us go over some of them: The greatest advantage of microinverters over traditional inverters is the drastically lowered chance of a system shutdown.

Are microinverter replacements more expensive?

In contrast, microinverter replacements are generally more labor-intensive and expensive, particularly when multiple panels are involved or the manufacturer requires on-site diagnostics.

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