

## SolarInvert Energy Solutions

# North Korea photovoltaic module project



## Overview

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Can solar power solve North Korea's energy problems?

Jeong-hyeon, a North Korean escapee, told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung, the second-most populous city, “relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television”. But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country’s energy woes.

Where is photovoltaic power available in North Korea?

Based purely on sunlight, the most suitable areas of North Korea are across the mountain ranges that make up most of the interior of the country. Figure 1. Practical photovoltaic power potential across North Korea. Image: Aditi Sharma/38 North Global Solar Atlas 2.0.

Does North Korea have a thermal power station?

While North Korea’s thermal power stations continue to play an important role in the state’s energy mix, the stations were built decades ago in collaboration with engineers from the former Soviet Union and China. The outdated technology makes them inefficient, and thermal capacity has not risen significantly in decades.

Does North Korea have a power plant problem?

Shin Jung-soo, a researcher at the Korea Energy Economics Institute, told Daily NK that North Korea’s efforts to build small and medium-sized power plants since the 1990s “have had minimal impact on power distribution due to poor management and resource allocation issues.”.

Does North Korea have a two-tier energy system?

Under North Korea’s two-tier energy system, which prioritises industrial facilities, the only way for many citizens to access electricity is to pay state functionaries to allow them to install cables to siphon off power from local

factories.

Is North Korea encouraging wind turbines?

Reports claim that the North Korean government is encouraging production plants to erect and make use of wind turbines. Prioritizing the development of off-grid renewable energy in North Korea will provide a more significant number of North Koreans with access to energy.

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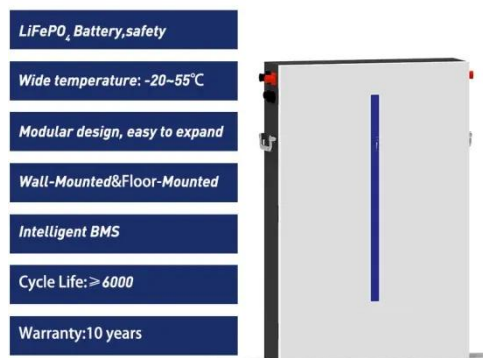
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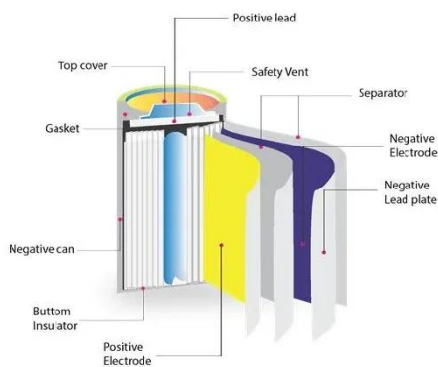
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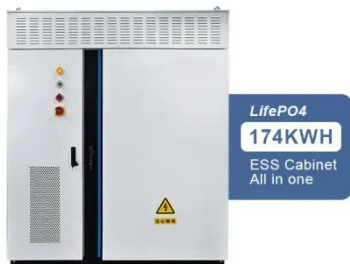
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