

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Kazakhstan s solar panel production industry



## Overview

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Why is Kazakhstan developing solar energy technologies?

Kazakhstan is developing solar energy technologies, namely production of photovoltaic modules using local silicon. As Kazakhstan is rich in silicon (85 million tons), production of silicon solar batteries on the domestic market was started (Sim, 2015).

How many solar power plants are there in Kazakhstan?

As of now, there are 51 solar power plants in operation in Kazakhstan. The government aimed to have 28 solar power plants operational by the end of 2021 and successfully met this goal. The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year.

How efficient is solar energy in Kazakhstan?

The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year, which corresponds to an area of about 10 km<sup>2</sup> of solar cells with a total efficiency of 16%. The average efficiency of modern solar panels varies in the range of 15-25%. Solar energy can be widely used in two-thirds of the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Is Kazakhstan a good place to install solar power plants?

At least 50% of the territory of Kazakhstan is suitable for installing solar power plants (Antonov, 2014). However, up until recently, solar resources of the country were not being used for power generation. Kazakhstan is developing solar energy technologies, namely production of photovoltaic modules using local silicon.

Will solar power meet the highest electricity demand in Kazakhstan?

Solar power generation in renewables energy is expected to meet the highest electricity demand on Kazakhstan's power grid. As of 2018, the solar power generation was 0.1 TWh and the installed capacity was 209 MW. Indian solar

PV EPC Company Sterling and Wilson expects to have 200 MW of capacity in Kazakh solar market by end of 2020.

How big is solar capacity in Kazakhstan?

Back in 2015, Astana was predicting installed solar capacity by the end of 2020 to reach 714 MW. A government report last month said solar capacity had reached 467 MW. Indeed, renewables are still small fry in Kazakhstan. Today solar accounts for 56 percent of the country's total renewable capacity.

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