

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Solar On-site Energy Recommended Solar Cells



## Overview

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Is on-site solar a good choice?

While not a de facto choice – especially for large hyperscale facilities – on-site solar is growing in popularity as companies look to boost their green credentials and save money against high energy costs. Operators large and small have deployed solar panels to the rooftops of their facilities.

Is on-site solar power a necessity?

In some markets, on-site generation is a necessity if a company wishes to get a facility through the planning process. And, at a time of increasing energy costs, every penny counts. “On-site solar power is one of the lowest-cost sources of clean energy but can have some limitations,” says Iron Mountain’s Pennington.

How can on-site solar PV & energy storage improve sustainability?

To achieve sustainability goals while meeting the increasing electricity demands of electrification, organizations are pairing on-site solar PV generation with on-site energy storage. These systems, which are considered as “behind-the-meter” (BTM) systems, allow facilities to maximize the benefits of on-site renewable generation.

Does a data center need rooftop solar?

For any sizable data center, rooftop solar is unlikely to cover a large portion of a facility’s energy needs. Most solar deployments are in the hundreds of kilowatts (kW), compared to megawatts of demand per data hall at today’s hyperscale facilities.

Is solar photovoltaic electricity a viable energy source?

The cost of solar photovoltaic electricity has been divided by 10 in the last 12 years, making it one of the most competitive energy sources in the world today. It is now possible to dispose one’s own autonomous energy ecosystems

that can continuously meet up to 100% of one's own electricity needs.

Can on-site storage be used alongside solar PV?

If a utility restricts the exports from a facility to the grid, the use of on-site storage alongside solar PV can provide a solution to avoid costly infrastructure upgrades, thus increasing the feasibility of larger on-site PV installations.

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