

# Solar inverter decay over several years



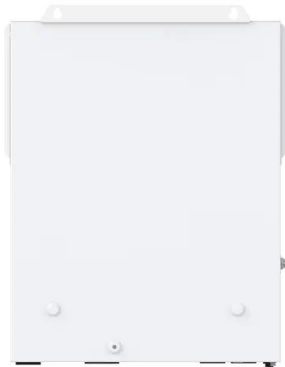
## Overview

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Solar inverters last 10–15 years on average, with microinverters and power optimizers often lasting 20+ years. Heat, quality, installation, and maintenance heavily influence lifespan. In my years of basking in the glow of solar-powered electricity, I've marveled at how my trusty solar inverter could possibly start slacking off. But here I am, witnessing its mid-life crisis firsthand. Understanding inverter lifespan and when to budget for replacement is key to protecting your investment and avoiding unexpected costs. Real-world life usually varies significantly from the stated warranty and service life because of environmental stress and load, heat, etc. Investors should know how long each inverter type lasts to schedule and fund realistic replacements and. Panels can reliably produce power for 25–30 years, but inverters work harder, handle more stress, and naturally have a shorter lifespan. String inverters, microinverters, and string inverters paired with DC optimizers all have their own expected lifespans. Solar inverters are the unsung heroes of solar energy systems, converting sunlight-harvested DC power into usable AC electricity for your home or commerce and industry.

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