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Solar panel inventory days



Overview

As a rule of thumb Ideal holding time is as follows: • Raw materials: 15 to 30 days, balancing import lead times and working capital efficiencies. Lesser is better. • Work in progress: 1 to 3 days, reflecting an effective production cycle time. What is solar inventory management?

Solar Inventory management needs to help improve demand planning and liquidity/cash flow. It also needs to help accomplish distributed storage and match labor availability to sales orders and inventory levels. The best techniques for solar inventory management are the Reorder point formula, Consignment and Safety Stock.

Why is solar inventory management so difficult?

The volatile nature of the solar industry makes Solar Inventory management a challenging task. Excess solar inventory can very quickly be made obsolete by new technology. Solar inventory can also get devalued because of frequent price drops.

What are the best techniques for solar inventory management?

The best techniques for solar inventory management are the Reorder point formula, Consignment and Safety Stock. Solar Inventory includes inventory management of solar modules, solar cells, PV materials, solar paste, silicon wafers, frames, backsheets, junction boxes, PV glass, PV Equipment, PV connectors and racking & mounting.

How has the solar industry innovated over time?

The Department of Energy has an excellent resource called the Solar Innovation Timeline where you can see how the solar industry has innovated over time. While this innovation has improved the throughout of solar modules and helped bring the price down, it has also created a risk of obsolescence which very much impacts inventory management.

Can solar inventory be devalued?

Solar inventory can also get devalued because of frequent price drops. Sales cycles are not very predictable because demand is closely linked to consumers' energy bills, price volatility and incentives provided by governments. Solar Inventory management needs to help improve demand planning and liquidity/cash flow.

Is solar inventory a 'yes-to-be-sold' cost?

Regardless, the safest bet is to limit the amount of inventory you carry that's not directly for a sale order that you have in your hand. So, one of the key objectives of inventory planning is to help preserve your capital by limiting the amount of "yet-to-be-sold" inventory. When it comes to solar inventory, Storage is a non-negligible cost.

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