



# Why are photovoltaic panels so power-hungry

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Just like the cells in a battery, the cells in a solar panel are designed to generate electricity; but where a battery's cells make electricity from chemicals, a solar panel's cells generate ...

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 The Flow of Electricity in A Solar Cell  
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 The movement of electrons, which all carry a negative charge, toward the front surface of the PV cell creates an imbalance of electrical charge between the cell's front and back surfaces. This imbalance, in turn, creates a voltage potential similar to the negative and positive terminals of a battery. Electrical conductors on the PV cell absorb the ...  
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#b_results .b_vidAns{border-radius:6px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);padding:16px 20px;gap:10px;background:#fff}@charset
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.b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none!important;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)
0!important;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#b_results #serpvidans.vsacf
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.mc_vtvc,#b_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{margin:0}#b_results
#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_channel,#b_results #serpvidans.vsacf
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf,#serpv
idans.vsacf .expctn .expbody,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mmlist{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)}#serpvidans.vsacf
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var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)
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.mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--smtc-ctrl-link-foreground-brand-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body2);heig
ht:auto;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
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.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block
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.b_title{padding-left:0}.vsacf .b_title
.mmtitle{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle1-strong);margin-bottom:0}.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
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var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);border-right:2px solid
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7px;width:7px;height:7px;transform:rotate(45deg);display:inline-block;margin-left:4px}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_title .mmtitle{margin-bottom:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc{width:100%;margin-bottom:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{height:100%;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small) 0
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var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-default);background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#s
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.mc_vtvc_title{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc,#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf
.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{position:static}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:block}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)
var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .rmts .mc_bc
ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock.rmoverlay{height:36px}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd
.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-i
mage-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0
0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
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.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf
span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0
0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vsacf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title
strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt .b_sldr
.slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#se
rpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-co
ntent:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion
.b_CompactExpansionBtnText{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1-strong);color:var(--bing-smtc-foregr
ound-ctrl-neutral-primary-alt-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow{display:flex;margin:0;height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow
path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-ctrl-neutral-primary-alt-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control
.b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:
1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results
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.vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta

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.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless
.mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_
bs{overflow:hidden}#mc_cwvc_1770442539983 { width:356px; max-width: 100%; } .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 16px 16px 16px 16px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 139px; margin-top:
-0px; } .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 54px; line-height: 18px; margin-bottom: 18px; margin-top: 0px; }
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 35px; } .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 147px; }
.mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 139px; } .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 200px; }
.mc_vtvc{background-color:#fff;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);line-height:0;margin:0;position:relative;border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc.noshado
w{box-shadow:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;position:relative}.mc_vtvc>a{colo
r:#71777d;display:block;text-decoration:none;width:100%}.mc_vtvc>a:focus::after{outline:2px solid
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ckground-color:#d5d5d5;position:relative}.mc_vtvc_th
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ban_lo{bottom:0}.mc_vtvc_ban_up{top:0}.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:normal;margin-bottom:11px;overflow:
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tvc_act_sep{border-top:1px solid #d5d5d5;height:40px;margin:0 8px}.mc_vtvc_fh
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.b_topTitle{margin-bottom:8px}.mc_vtvc_htc{width:100%;height:100%;position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left
:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_htb{width:100%;height:100%;background:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:
0;left:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_ht{width:100%;padding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vert
ical-align:middle;text-align:center}.mc_vtvc_th_live_b{background-color:#c80000;color:#fff;display:inline-bl
ock;padding:2px 8px;font:11px/14px
Arial;border-radius:2px;text-transform:uppercase;height:15px;width:26px;position:absolute;left:8px;top:110p
x}.isvctrl .isv
.mc_vtvc_ban_up{left:0;right:initial}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{right:0}.vt_text.b_IRight
.b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0 1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.mc_vthtb{width:100%;height:100%;bac
kground:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0;display:table}.mc_vtht{width:100%;pad
ding:0
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ical-align:middle;text-align:center;display:table-cell}.vt_text.b_IRight .b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0
1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
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8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0
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ontain;position:absolute;margin:auto;bottom:0;top:0;left:0;right:0;box-shadow:none;border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc
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%3D%2232%22%20height%3D%2232%22%20viewBox%3D%220%200%2032%2032%22%20fill%3D%22
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20fill-opacity%3D%220.6%22%2F%3E%0D%0A%20%20%20%20%3Cpath%20d%3D%22M14.2354%201
0.1923C13.2355%209.62986%2012%2010.3524%2012%2011.4997V20.5C12%2021.6472%2013.2355%202
2.3698%2014.2354%2021.8073L22.2356%2017.3073C23.2551%2016.7339%2023.2551%2015.2661%2022.
2357%2014.6926L14.2354%2010.1923Z%22%20fill%3D%22white%22%20fill-opacity%3D%220.9%22%2
F%3E%0D%0A%3C%2Fsvg%3E)}.mc_vtvc_meta{box-sizing:border-box;display:inline-block;line-height:18
px;position:relative;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_meta_block{bottom:0;position:absolute;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_m
eta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:11px;height:17px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-space:now
rap}.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{display:inline-block}.mc_vtvc_meta_row
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{position:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_block,.mc_v
tvc_meta_block a{color:#444}.b_dark
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{color:#edebe9}.mc_vtvc_meta_row>:nth-of-type(n+2)::before{content:"
"}.mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:">
"}.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px;padding-bottom:4px;font-weight:bold;color:#00809d;text-transform:u
ppercase;font-size:11px}.mc_vtvc_kmt,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
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0 16px 0 0;color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta
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lor:#444;padding-bottom:3px}.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_w{po
sition:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden;posit
ion:absolute;top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w .cico,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w
.cico{border-radius:0;overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_c{overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_bg
img{margin-top:-20px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_w
.mc_vtvc_meta{background:rgba(255,255,255,.75)}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w img,.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w
.mc_vtvc_cb_w{filter:blur(25px);transform:scale(1.2)}body[--video-metadata-channel-color:#3c3c3c]body.b
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.mc_vtvc_title,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_title strong{font-weight:bold}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_th
.cico{height:132px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.empt
yStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurp
ose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vtbc
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-31px;display:inline-block;height:8px;width:12px;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:6px}.vtbc
.pivot{height:20px;width:8px;min-width:8px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{background:url(
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RK5CYII=)}.mc_bc_w{height:18px;padding:8px;text-align:right}.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);p
adding:2px
8px;line-height:14px;color:#fff;display:inline-block;vertical-align:middle;border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}
.mc_bc_w .pivot{text-align:center;margin-right:1px;height:14px}.vsarr .mmgrid .mc_bc_w
.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);opacity:1}.mmsi{height:16px;width:16px;position:relative;top:5px;
padding-right:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}.mmsi-microsoftnews,.mmsi-msn{top:3px}.vrhdata
{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
.pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"] .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.vrhol{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th img{transition:all .3s
ease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--ma
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg) center
no-repeat;mask-size:12px;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-card-on-image-default);width:20px;height
:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvi{width:22px;height:22px;mask-size:16px}[data-tps="S"] .pffvt{font-size:0}[data-tps="S"]
.pffvi{width:24px;height:24px;mask-size:24px;align-self:center}.hvpv.h5s
.pffvt{display:inline-flex}.hvpv.h5s .vrhtc.pffv .vrhol{display:none}.hvpv.h5s .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga

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p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.pffvt{text-decoration:underline}.vrhcp
.vrhol{position:absolute;width:100%;height:35px;max-height:35px;bottom:0;left:0;padding:0;background:none;
display:block;z-index:9}.vrhcp.vrhol.hide,.vrhcp.vrhol.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;po
sition:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-
radius:2px;padding-right:8px}.vrhotdiv{display:inline-block}.vrhotnt{color:#fff;font-size:11px;font-weight:bold;background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);padding:2px
8px;margin-left:0;top:0;box-sizing:border-box;position:relative}.vrhc.ricons{position:absolute;right:8px;top:10px;left:auto;bottom:auto;height:18px;display:inline-block;cursor:poi
nter}.vrhol.icons_1.vrhot{margin-right:27px}.vrhol.icons_2.vrhot{margin-right:49px}.vrhol.icons_3
.vrhot{margin-right:79px}.vrhol.vrhotnt,.vsb_tr_chd.vrhol.icons_1
.vrhot{margin-right:0}.vpb{position:absolute;display:block;bottom:0;left:0;height:4px}.vpb
div{position:absolute}.vpbnt{width:0;background:#fff}.vpbnt.test{display:none}.vpb.back{background-color:#999}.vrhcp
.vrhol.npb{height:36px;max-height:36px}.vrhol.vadda{width:22px;height:18px;padding:0;margin-right:0;margin-left:2px;bottom:0;position:relative;display:i
nline-block;z-index:1;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;overflow:hidden}.vrhol.vadda.hide{display:none}.vrhol.vadda.mc_vfaa{margin:3px 5px}.ricons.vol{float:left}.ricons
.adultFlag{float:right}.vol{width:22px;height:18px;bottom:0;margin-left:1px;margin-right:1px;position:relati
ve;display:inline-block}.vol.hide,.vol.hide{display:none}.vol.bg{background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px}.vol.bg.volnt{position:absolute;bottom:0}.vol
.vol.bg.volnb{border-radius:0 0 2px 2px}.vol.volsliderHandle.bg{border-radius:2px 2px 0 0}.volnt
.volsliderHandle{height:70px;display:none;width:22px;float:left;bottom:18px;position:absolute;display:block
}.volnt.volsliderHandle.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vsb{height:54px;width:4px;background-color:#999;margin:9px auto
8px;position:relative;display:block;border-radius:2px}.volsliderHandle
.vsh{height:6px;width:14px;padding:9px 7px 9px 7px;margin:0
-12px;display:block;position:absolute;top:30px}.volsliderHandle.vsh.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vshi{height:4px;width:14px;background-color:#fff;border-radius:2px}.volMuteIcon{width:16px;height:14px;
margin:2px
4px;float:left}.volMuteHandle{width:22px;height:18px}.vo{background:url(/rp/fFZxBXEIP9WYOO0jhTaEl
yLhEVU.svg)no-repeat}.vm{background:url(/rp/fsX-ZVd03wB2TL0vmQJxSp4U9vs.svg)
no-repeat}.vl{background:url(/rp/YXYMPC1Rry_XJGc7Yg8lR4B2eEs.svg)
no-repeat}.vf{background:url(/rp/NoslR4amKTs1zYxWy3laZN3HRk.svg)
no-repeat}@media(forced-colors:active){.vol{forced-color-adjust:none}}.vrhc.line.vt_vp,.vrhc.popout
.vt_vp,.vrhc.mousefollow
.vt_vp{position:absolute;bottom:0;border:hidden;padding:0;top:0;left:0;z-index:3}.vrhtc
.hide{display:none}.vrh_clc.vt_vp,.vrh_clc.vrhtc.vrhi,.vrh_clc.player_ol{cursor:pointer}.vrh_clc
.cico{border-radius:0}.vrhtc{border:hidden;top:0;left:0;padding:0}.vrhc.mousefollow.vrhtc,.vrhc.popout
.vrhtc{background-color:#999}.vrhtpc.load
.player_ol{background:url(/rp/J_o2maogFDeUOsovPJL-ofEuxJ4.gif)center center no-repeat}.vrhc.line.vrhtc
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.vrhi,.vrhc.popout .vrhtc .vrhi,.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhtc
.vrhi{position:absolute!important;border:hidden;z-index:2;padding:0;left:0;top:0}.player_ol{position:absolute
;width:100%;height:100%;bottom:0;border:hidden;z-index:7}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc
line,.vrhc.mousefollow{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;display:table-row-group;background:none}.vrhc.p
opout,.vrhc.mousefollow{z-index:4;box-shadow:0 4px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.1),0 2px 80px rgba(0,0,0,.2)}.vrhc
line{z-index:1;margin:0}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc line{position:absolute;top:0}.vrhc.popout{border:1px solid
#fff}.vrhc.mousefollow{position:fixed}.vrhcpc{position:relative;top:0;left:0;display:table-row}.vrhcpc
.vrhtc{position:relative;overflow:hidden}.vrhc.hide{display:none}@keyframes
vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc:not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
img{color:transparent}.vrhc
line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc: hover,.vrhc: link,.vrhc: active,.vrhc: visited{color:#000;text-decoration:no
ne}.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none
}.vrhstat{height:0;overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; }
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title {
height: 44px; line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom:
120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; } .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin:10px 1px 0}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px;padding:0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:400;font-size:16px;height:44px;line-height:22px;margin-bottom:0;margin-top:0;c
olor:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th .cico,.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th div.rms_img{border-radius:6px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th{height:111px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_htc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}#serpvidans.vasac.cardless{box-shadow:none}.cardless.m
mmlist .mc_bc{padding:2px 8px;line-height:14px;border-radius:2px;font-weight:normal}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc: hover
.mc_vtvc_title{text-decoration:underline}.mmgrid>div{ width:197px;display:inline-block;margin-right:8px;m
argin-bottom:8px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);position:relative;vertical-align:top;overflow:hidden;white-space:normal;border-radius:6px}.vs
arr .mmgrid>div,.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div{margin-right:8px;margin-bottom:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{height:auto}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}.mmgrid
.mc_tc{border:0}.vsa .mmgrid>div:nth-child(3n){margin-right:0}.vsa
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.b_moreLink{padding-top:4px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:18px;font-size:100%;height:17px}.vsarr
.mmgrid>div:nth-child(2n){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:128px}.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div:nth-child(2){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr.uipolish
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidansrr.uipolish .mc_vtvc_meta_channel,#serpvidansrr.uipolish #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_metadata .video_source{color:#767676}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata_container,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata_container
.video_metadata>h3{width:100%}@media(max-width:1362.9px){#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div{width:168px;height:206px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico
.rms_img{width:168px;height:100px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{padding:12px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:34px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:15px;font-size:13px;height:15px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:4px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:114px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:343px!important;height:194px!important;margin-right:0} @media(max-width:1274.9px){#s
erpvidansrr .mmgrid>div{width:124px;height:164px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div .cico .rms_img{width:124px;height:76px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{padding:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:12px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:28px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:13px;font-size:11px;height:13px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:96px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:256px!important;height:144px!important;margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .maskthumb
.mc_bc_w{padding:8px 4px 4px 8px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(1),#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(2){margin-bottom:24px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline .mmgrid{border-bottom:1px
solid #ececec;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata{max-width:auto;padding:12px 16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard{margin-bottom:12px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05),0 2px 3px
rgba(0,0,0,.1);border-radius:6px}#serpvidansrr .b_rich{padding-top:0}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.videoPlayer{border-radius:6px 6px 0 0;overflow:hidden}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata>h3{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;-webkit-line-clamp:1;line-he
ight:15px;height:15px;font-size:13px;color:#000;margin-bottom:20px;font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Seri
f;font-style:normal;display:block}#serpvidansrr.vsarr1stbig #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata
.actionmenu{display:none}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_summary,#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_source{line-height:15px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer
.vtbc{right:0}.vsb_tr_c{position:relative;width:100%;overflow:hidden;background:#1d1b28;height:583px;ma
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100%);font-size:11px;line-height:1.3px}.va\_tt .mc\_vtvc\_ht{padding:0 24px;text-shadow:0 1px 2px rgba(0,0,0,.2)}.va\_tt .mc\_vtvc\_center\_play{bottom:52px}.va\_tt .mc\_vtvc:hover .mc\_vtvc\_title{max-height:52px;white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-box-orient:vertical;-webkit-line-clamp:4}#serpvidans .va\_tt .slide{margin-right:0;vertical-align:bottom;transition:width .2s,height .2s}#serpvidans .va\_tt .slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:8px}#serpvidans .va\_tt .mm\_vrc>div{padding-bottom:0}.va\_tt .vsb\_tr\_chd .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{height:auto;padding:8px;color:#ddd}.va\_tt .vsb\_tr\_chd .mc\_vtvc\_th\_dock{height:72px;position:absolute;bottom:0;background:linear-gradient(360deg,rgba(0,0,0,.55) 60.35%,rgba(0,0,0,0) 100%)}.va\_tt .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_row\_channel{font-size:13px;line-height:1.5px;font-weight:500;color:#fff;white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;margin-bottom:6px}.va\_tt .vsb\_tr\_chd .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_title{height:auto;font-size:11px;line-height:1.3px;color:#ddd;white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis}.va\_tt .slide .mc\_vtvc{width:100%}.va\_tt .slide video{object-fit:cover}.va\_tt .mc\_vtvc\_th .cico{width:100%;height:204px}.va\_tt .b\_overlay .btn.bigrounded{top:auto;bottom:0;margin-bottom:93px}.va\_tt .vt\_onhv .mc\_vtvc\_htb{padding-top:86px}.va\_tt .vsb\_tr\_chd .mc\_vtvc .vtmu,.va\_tt .vsb\_tr\_chd .mc\_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:6px}.va\_tt .vcmt\_ct,.va\_tt .vcmt\_ctt{display:block;margin-bottom:4px;font-size:11px}.va\_tt .vasyt::before{content:"";background:url( RK5CYII=) no-repeat;background-size:18px 18px;padding-right:22px}.va\_tt .vasig::before{content:"";background:url( hmQ1ZBNp+W5KCDlgYzmdgVqlgpqWkL91h8xoGRrbkwgNfgCrNU52RRS2YvnzsbNEJ67kGQvWbeSEktVHE9+ew3y4nlKIYIU0NrISibSj/6x9yk7fByZj98lff68KBD7tmxJjSPHU8sAaUWUUBPFaK22uQTf9DIPfYLEy1NtZ1SaVD6PAP1A+9Dj09BmfbNjhbN0NPjqOxfzfz/G0my2Onf1WCyDMzYIFzeQVWscHsGtJz15N



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1astmNL87Gbcna32bGqffAk5KbCQ5BdKzTYvEV8CXi7fhqSTG3BiXA02i+x7puwRcikgIoOtXObp5idKDr  
4HVAsLJi8SzY5y8yyHYhLGLCuzLk9GzBqkNg0hv34noh5/YTFwnIjdOdzmC8JY8/E+YDFN95CByLx+Gu  
3U/XCx24PK/yRddvQx/+D2pWSRvdyhg1s12gg59Chl9mDKW1MzAO3cE1rWvobr6oHKPin4N8QocCUAk  
T0RiBgznoCd+I3NN8IwicqRdTSQqotNtBMgFw6qQH1JufoDcrNz7tPRzBfz3JehZI8BifODDeHUZNXAjJF  
RtUNVipGyilNiWkmse6MvGjoaxnNTyN0NFV7172S3sstxML9nxBRL7I00c+my8BhmvwqZRJVovMKoSt  
CDgQsQV+xbNq1OmYoZLo6PzeGi+fwFJbz1IhJBeawAAAABJRU5ErkJggg==)

no-repeat;background-size:18px 18px;padding-right:22px }.va\_tt  
.vastt::before{ content:"";background:url(  
AAAMCAYAAABWdVznAAAA90IEQVR4AZWQu2sCQRDGJyYHCQdqPEKqSHr7NOZFyvQJi1YKYII  
1irY+ieoiKXYKZaniI3WIoqg4AMfhaAcCMJ93q2vwkXODz6WnZnf7swQEuu0w6D1Wn7y4cOJO/sLL8c  
H8ps1ernCdYCueCoJm03iAyaLGWa3SszstDFg028BoBvnfdw4IWt+hTgtLVUX67ZcBcjCKV0HEl/h0epT2c  
gT8IBAljt+KNNsHMLU3yhUUebH+xGwWx+JRjOKdutUk+53wZVCPLGvnj/f2ZCFchXh6RjDwYS1dnF  
LHo8XvZIMNVuE7PyD1SScATcHyqhuNevQt8H62BZHiaf6ZtXqegAAAABJRU5ErkJggg==)

no-repeat;background-size:contain;padding-right:20px }.va\_tt  
.vasfb::before{ content:"";background:url(/rp/zvtkyPveEhrXqHA-euzAa983fpQ.png)

no-repeat;background-size:contain;padding-right:20px }.vcmt\_ctt.vasyt::before{ background-size:15px  
15px;padding-right:19px }.vcmt\_ctt.vasig::before{ background-size:15px

15px;padding-right:19px }.vcmt\_ctt.vastt::before{ background-size:contain;padding-right:17px }.vcmt\_ctt.vasf  
b::before{ padding-right:17px }.mm\_vrc{ padding:24px 32px } @media screen and  
(max-width:1022px){ .mm\_vrc{ margin:0 } } @media screen and  
(max-width:766px){ .mm\_vrc{ margin:0 } }.mm\_vrcc{ padding:0 0 32px 0;margin-bottom:0}.mm\_vrcc  
h2{ padding-bottom:20px }.mm\_vrcc h2 a{ font-family:"Segoe  
UI",Arial,Helvetica;font-size:20px;color:#000;line-height:18px }.mm\_vrcc .b\_overlay

.btn{z-index:3}.mm\_vrcc .vrhc{z-index:2}.mm\_vrcc .mc\_vtvc\_th .cico{padding-bottom:0}#dg\_c  
.mm\_vrc,#dg\_c .mm\_vrcc{padding:8px 16px 0 16px}#dg\_c .mm\_vrcc .mc\_vtvc{width:100%}#dg\_c  
.mm\_vrcc a:hover{text-decoration:underline }.isvctrl .mm\_vrcc

.slide{overflow:visible}.mm\_vrc{padding:16px 100px 0 160px}.mm\_vrc .b\_overlay  
.btn.bigrounded.next{right:-44px}.mm\_vrc .b\_overlay .btn.bigrounded.prev{left:-44px}.mm\_vrc .b\_overlay  
.btn.bigrounded .cr>div,.mm\_vrc .b\_overlay .btn.bigrounded

.cr>div:hover{box-shadow:none;border-radius:0;margin:0;background-position:16px  
9px;background-size:12px

22px;background-color:transparent;background-image:url(/rp/rKVnxf6wkbxI0DBa2Au3IVC5Sog.svg)}.mm\_  
vrc .b\_overlay .btn.bigrounded .cr>div{opacity:.7}.mm\_vrc .b\_overlay .btn.bigrounded  
.cr>div:hover{opacity:1 }.mm\_vrc h2

a{font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;font-style:normal;font-weight:500;color:#111}.mm\_vrc  
h2{display:inline-block;padding-bottom:16px }.mm\_vrc>div{position:relative;padding-bottom:32px }.mm\_vrc  
.see\_more{position:absolute;right:0;top:3px }.mm\_vrc

.see\_more>a{font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;font-style:normal;font-weight:normal;font-size:16px;li  
ne-height:18px;color:#000}#vsb\_more{padding:16px 0 4px 160px;color:#111}#vsb\_vid\_cat .mm\_vrc h2  
a::after{display:inline-block;margin-left:12px;content:"";background-image:url(/rp/rKVnxf6wkbxI0DBa2Au3  
IVC5Sog.svg);background-size:7px 14px;width:7px;height:14px;opacity:.7}#vsb\_vid\_cat .mm\_vrc h2

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a:hover::after{opacity:1}.mm_vrc .mm_vrc_sub{display:inline-block;margin-left:24px}.mm_vrc
.b_hList{position:absolute;height:20px;top:3px;overflow:hidden}.mm_vrc
.b_hList>li{padding-right:24px;padding-bottom:0}.mm_vrc .b_hList a{font:normal 13px/20px
"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Serif;color:#111}.mm_vrc .mc_vtvc_tot .mmsts
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:none}.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 10px 10px 10px 10px; }
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 190px; margin-top: -0px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title { height: 150px; line-height: 15px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .vsb_tr_chd
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 20px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.vtpl { bottom: 198px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 190px; } .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock {
height: 60px; } .tr_bt .mc_vtvc_th
img{height:auto;width:100%}.grad_b{position:absolute;width:100%;top:30%;bottom:0%;background:linear-
gradient(180deg,rgba(48,44,39,0) 0%,#302c27 100%)}.mc_vtvc_th_dock{width:100%;background:#302c27}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_th{background-color:transparent}.vsadc .grad_b{top:81.8%}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta{line-height:15px;position:absolute;bottom:0%;background:transparent}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:12px;height:16px}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_meta_row a{color:#dadada}.mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_title,.mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title a{color:#fff}.vsadc .mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_title{line-height:18px}.vsadc .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_meta_row,.vsadc .mc_vtvc_tot
.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{color:rgba(255,255,255,.7)}.vsadc
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}.vtdc_default{background:#302c27}.vtdc_default_g{backgrou
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0,0) 0%,#8c5400 100%)}.vtdc_pink{background:#a3394b}.vtdc_pink_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(163,57,75,0)
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19,0) 0%,#774077 100%)}.vtdc_red{background:#811515}.vtdc_red_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(129,21,21,0)
0%,#811515 100%)}.vtdc_white{background:#464646}.vtdc_white_g{background:linear-gradient(180deg,rgba(70,70,70,0
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