

CHEAP SOLAR WILL LET YOU DOWN 100%

Can you spot what is wrong with this advertisement of cheap solar systems?



Translating a Cheap Solar Advertisement

Australia offers the cheapest solar systems in the world. The reason is that the Australia Government channels some of the existing electricity charges into rebates for purchasers of solar systems.



Typical cheap solar advertisement – with many hidden traps – so let's learn how to avoid them.

Depending on the size of the residential system the Government "rebate" will be between \$2500 and \$3500 for many average residential systems. Unfortunately some very cheap solar systems also use the cheapest and lower quality material, usually made in China, and add a lot of promises and long warranties to these systems to make you feel you get quality.

So when the price is very cheap and the promises and warranties look very promising it is easy to fall prey to these cheap solar companies. But you will end up with headaches and low savings.

The key problems are, due to the low price point, issues with poor quality products, mediocre installation work and non existent after-sales service.

Warranties are mostly useless and if trouble starts with many failing systems on many roofs, these companies simply liquidate and restart under a new brand and restructured ownership, leaving customer with useless gear on their roof, and costly removals or repairs. The Federal Government, while very aware of the issue has done little to address it. For example each director of a liquidated company should have a registration number, so an end customer can easily check how many liquidated companies they have already had. But this innovative consumer focus approach has hit bureaucratic hurdles.

Your house if your biggest asset - it deserves a quality installation and long lasting equipment. Here is the guide to reading a Cheap Solar Advertising and understand what it really means.

How to translate advertisements for cheap short-life solar:

The company runs a number of cheap solar companies, so when one gets send into liquidation, the sister company keeps going and runs the same scam until they go bust. The owners of Boom Bust Solar also own Bim Ba Solar, Boom Boom Solar, Got Ya Solar and Dr Big Solar*.

They all run similar looking websites, so when you think you are dealing with competing companies, they all end up at the same source. So it does not matter if you book Boon Bust Solar or Boom Boom Solar – you will get the same poor practice installation crew and the same crap gear.

It run by the same team, from different call centres to give the impression of competition and choice.

Pressure sales Rule #1: Put a deadline on the seemingly too good to be true offer so customers have no time to research making hurried and regrettable decisions.

> The FREE quote unfortunately will cost you – when you have to pull the system and patch the holes in your roof, all paid by you.



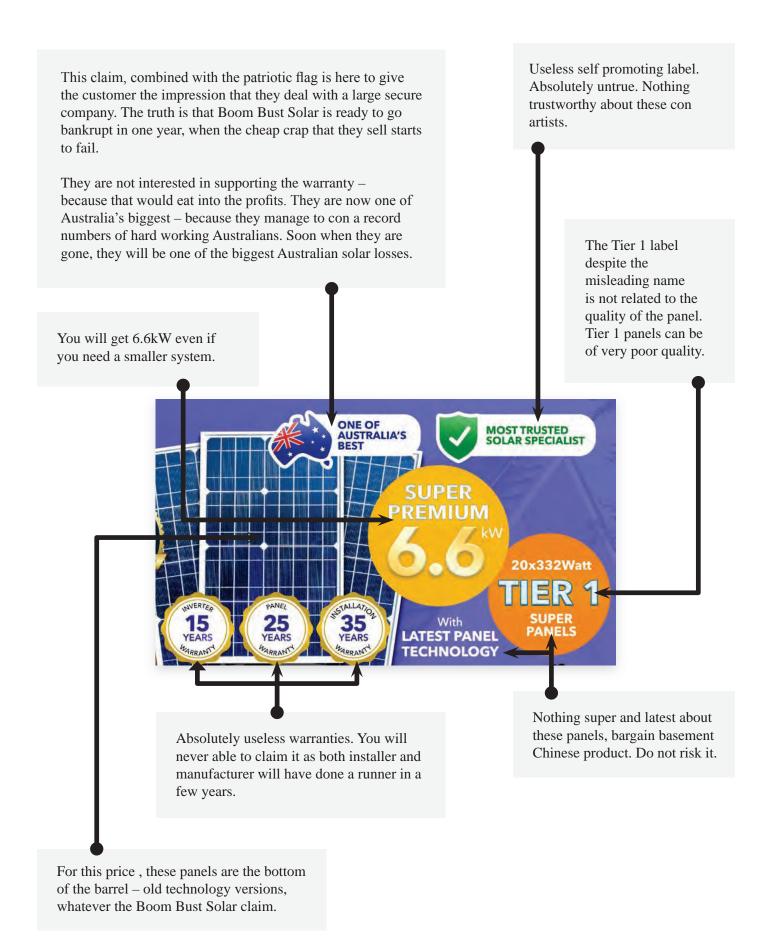
free- the cost of finance is already in the product – therefore you can imagine how cheap the gear is.

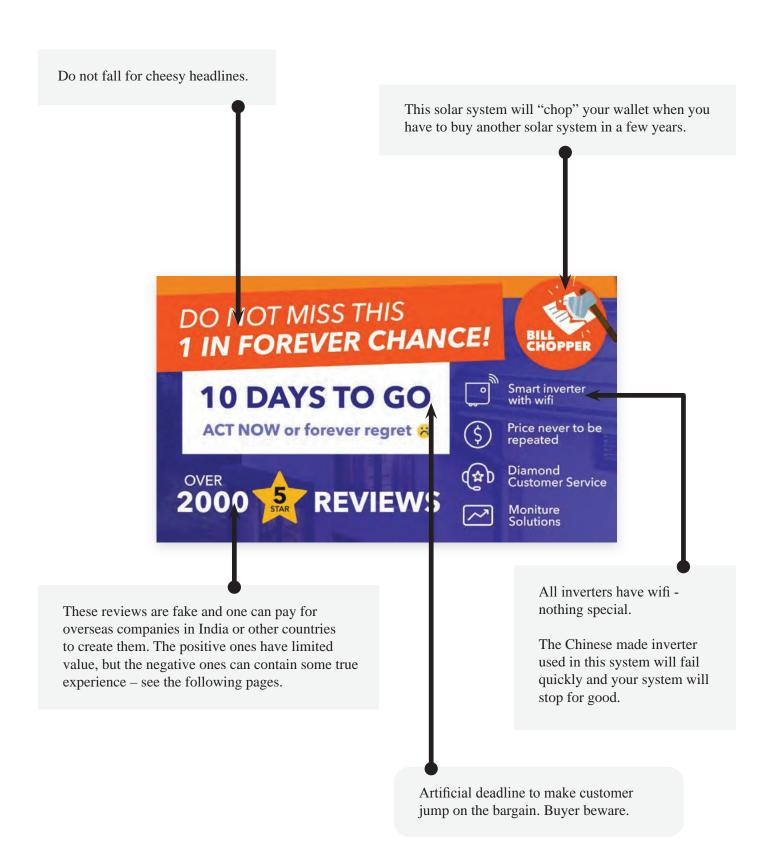
The system will be dead by then.

How can such a low price be achieved, when quality equipment of a similar system is sold for much more?

- Poor quality Chinese panels
- Overseas labour on 457 visa, local worker desperate for cash are installing with little solar knowledge. Poor pay means no care given during install, often leading to broken tiles and future water issues in roof cavities.
- Appropriate electrical safety rules not followed creating future danger for your families
- · Safety equipment such as harness and safety rails are not used
- Cheaper smaller cables than recommended used, leading to electricity loss
- Chinese Inverter of short life and low quality
- Roof top isolator without UV protection causing cracking and water entering in a few short years

^{*} Names changed for legal reasons.







sponsorship stops.

not trustworthy. As soon as they go bust the

Typical Reviews of Customers Using Cheap Solar*

These are summaries of real customer reviews of cheap gear and poor service solar companies. The lesson – do not do it.



Rob 45 years old



So much time wasted, so frustrated

I have had my own business for 8 years and understand the importance of customer service. Unfortunately the local arm of (Name Removed) are absolutely dreadful at it. Paid my deposit in December and put a request in for a refund late Feb, as nothing was happening.

Constantly misrepresented installation dates and never updating me on progress and for the customer to have to chase up ALL the time is totally unacceptable.

Went with finance option and received notification that payments were to begin. Contacted finance company and advised that I had not received the product and to stop payments. When I mentioned who it was with, they were not surprised.

Received a quote to install then to be told after installation inspection that it was going to cost an additional \$1400. Umm No. Then during the refund debate they tried to charge me \$150 in Admin fees and \$200 in installation inspection fees as it's apparently the normal thing to do. Normal is not legal or right. Full Refund!

I checked the Solar Accreditation site and they are not on it. Please do some good research before committing to (Name Removed). I checked reviews but unfortunately for me, negative reviews seem to disappear, which is totally misleading customers.



Do not risk poor quality

^{*} Reviews based on real customer experiences, but full names not given to protect identity. How to Spot a Cheap Solar Rip Off



Sam 52 years old



Please Don't Use This Company

This company is the biggest joke and idiots I have ever dealt with! Paid my deposit and it went downhill from there. Installers supposed to arrive at 7 turned up at 8.50am no call and no apology from the company at all and then the installers did not know how to install the inverter in my garage and head office told them to just cut holes wherever they had to but they were not to leave without installing it even though they had no idea. I am also not sure now of the quality of the equipment. I wish I would have done my research. Please do not use (Name Removed). You will be very sorry if you do!!!!



Poor quality inverter - 2 vears old



Jane 40 years old



Terrible Custom Care, Scammers DO NOT USE

There are plenty of other solar companies out there. DO NOT USE THIS ONE. I was awaiting the panels to be installed for 2 months (it took 3 months to get to this point) to then receive a phone call stating that I would need to pay an extra \$1500 to proceed as they had not installed the panels on a tiled roof before.

I have been reading through other comments below and it seems that this is something they do. It's a cheap price in the advertisement to con the customer into using their company, and then they sting you.

I tried to contact custom care a multitude of times, to which I had no response and no return phone call.

I finally got a hold of the "sales manager" who said if I do not want to pay the extra then I could take my business elsewhere. Just do not use these guys, not worth the time and hassle. I am now 6 months in from starting with these guys and I have no solar and back to square one.



Bill 63 years old



Look around don't sign when the pressure sales start

(Name Removed) is a great company if you want nothing but trouble and heartache.

We are dealing with (Name Removed) for a replacement of a faulty system previously purchased through another company 6 years ago.

(Name Removed) told us that replacing it with the original specs would not change our Solar rebate which would be correct if the wrong system wasn't installed.

So it's been 5 month now since the trouble started I am still waiting for a WiFi adaptor, we lost our \$0.52 a kilowatt. I have had no return phone calls or emails in the past 2 months even though i have tried on many occasions to phone (Name Removed) to sort the issues out.

Don't risk it read other people's reviews and you will see that I'm not the only one with similar issues on this cheap solar company. Obviously if it is so cheap, there is no surprise the service is lousy, as soon as they got you on the hook.



Phuong 45 years old



Beware of this cheap solar player

A LOT of hidden terms and conditions with prices added to the advertised price of \$2399. Not upfront at all. Would give a negative star if possible. Prompt to answer calls when signing on, but extremely slow to respond or not answering phone calls at all when dealing with complaints regarding hidden charges. Do not even know if I will get my deposit back after finding out about additional charges. BUYER BEWARE!!!!



Why risk your house. Keep your family safe.



Mark 70 years old



Deceitful company

Beware dealing with (Name Removed) they will only give you minimal information on the system you are buying to ensure a quick sale. After my panels and inverter were installed after months of delays I found that my system although produces power it does not provide the necessary information via the app for me to utilise the system to its maximum potential.

After contacting (Name Removed) I was told that I should have done more research before coming to them and that for the system to work better I needed to have spent an additional \$1000 on an accessory.

I knew nothing about these technical matters, something they were quite clever at in avoiding to tell me. My fault I guess as I have never had any experience with solar before and they are supposed to be the professionals with all the knowledge. Avoid (Name Removed) at all costs!!



Cheap inverters, poor experience



Deanna 68 years old



Terrible customer service. No show

Purchase a 6.6 kw system in December, to be installed in January. 2 times no show of installers, no call from the company. Called them asking for what/why, no explain. Asked for new day for installation, no call back Again. This have now happened 2 times. Terrible customers service. Do not use the company – I will try to cancel my order. I am sure it will take time. Should have done the research. I am learning.



Long warranties mean nothing when the product fails

Cheap Solar Companies

Some specific samples of cheap solar companies that went bust and left hundreds of thousands of customer stuck with crap on their roofs are True Value Solar and Euro Solar. They were the biggest in their time. See their advertising from past years and the reality:

Sample Advertising





The Reality Today

truevaluesolar.com.au



The Advertising - Euro Solar





The Reality Today



A number of sister companies of Euro Solar run by family members of the original directors are still operating with new names and brands with the same method in Australia today. Be careful with cheap solar.









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