

# **Cost of using collapsible containers in Australian ports**





## Overview

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Why are container prices increasing in Australia?

Container price increases are the natural result of all these trends and disruptions: According to the ACCC, in 2023-24 Australian importers paid up to 11x more for ocean freight than they did the year prior. A more stable measure of pricing trends is the cost to purchase the container itself.

Will Australia's container surplus lower prices?

Australia's container surplus should hypothetically lower prices. But our importers ultimately bear the cost of relocating empty containers to the regions that need them. This charge tends to negate any downward pressure on container prices, while also adding costs that importers must pass onto consumers.

Why are shipping containers so popular in Australia?

The availability, versatility and cost-effectiveness of containers has seen a growing number of pragmatic and opportunistic businesses to identify ways to use, convert or sell shipping containers within Australia. The interconnectedness of shipping means that Australian prices largely follow global trends.

How do Australian shipping prices compare to other countries?

A more stable measure of pricing trends is the cost to purchase the container itself. The global nature of shipping means that Australian prices are more or less aligned with the rest of the world. The average cost of a new 40ft high cube container has fluctuated significantly in recent years:



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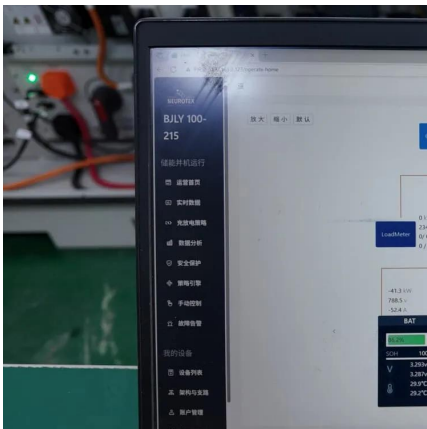
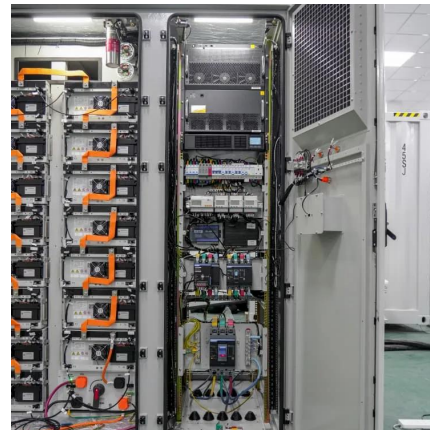


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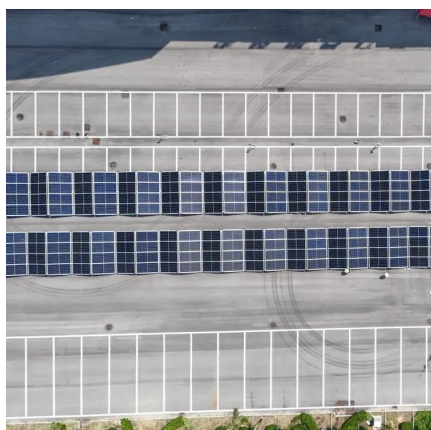
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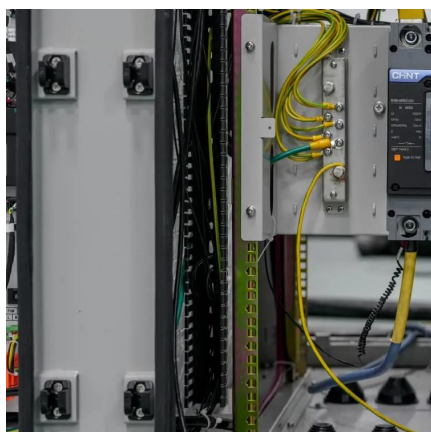
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