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# Basic parameters of solar glass





## Overview

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What are the characteristics of glass for solar applications?

For solar applications the main attributes of glass are transmission, mechanical strength and specific weight. Transmission factors measure the ratio of energy of the transmitted to the incoming light for a specific glass and glass width. Ratio of the total energy from an AM1-5 source over whole solar spectrum from 300 - 2,500nm wavelength.

Why is glass used in photovoltaic modules?

Glass is used in photovoltaic modules as layer of protection against the elements. In thin-film technology, glass also serves as the substrate upon which the photovoltaic material and other chemicals (such as TCO) are deposited. Glass is also the basis for mirrors used to concentrate sunlight, although new technologies avoiding glass are emerging.

Why do solar panels need float glass?

Ultra-bright glass needed with high solar transmission to ensure high efficiencies in the overall pv module. Mechanical strength to withstand snow and wind. Self-cleaning characteristics would help to reduce maintenance costs. Low iron float glass, solar transmission > 90%.

What is a solar glass substrate?

Manufacturers of crystalline silicon solar modules apply glass substrates on the front side of the solar modules. This front glass will either be a patterned glass or a glass with anti-reflective coating (AR). As in all other glass manufacturing processes, solar glass substrates are subject to defects during production.



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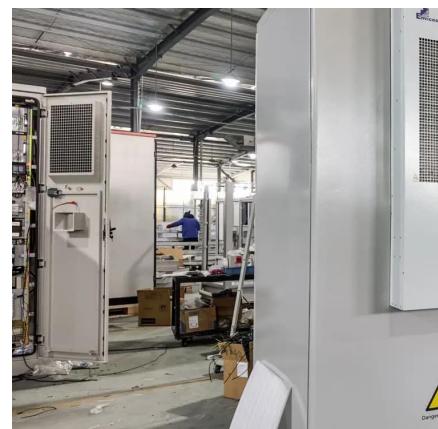
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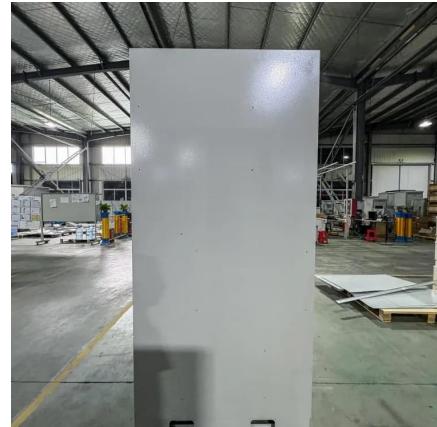
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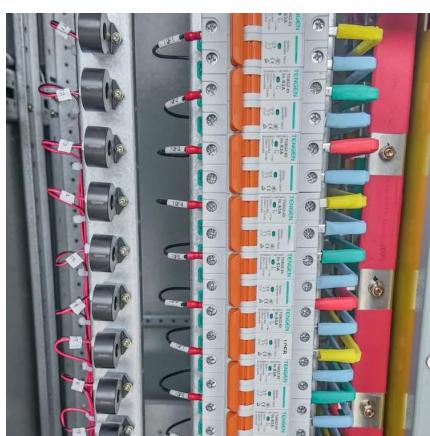
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