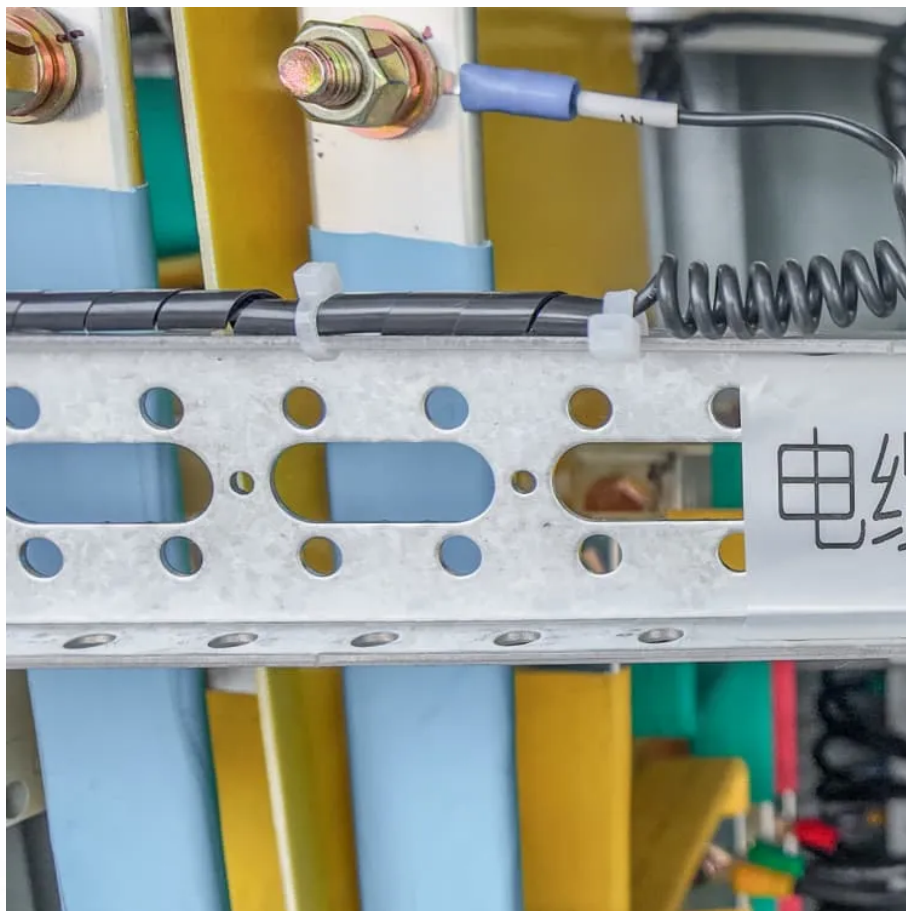


Strength of solar glass





Overview

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.

How strong is glass?

Glass has great inherent strength. However, as it can not not reduce localised stresses, it is subject to rapid brittle fracture. There are a number of measures for mechanical strength depending on the direction of the applied force.

Why is glass important for solar energy?

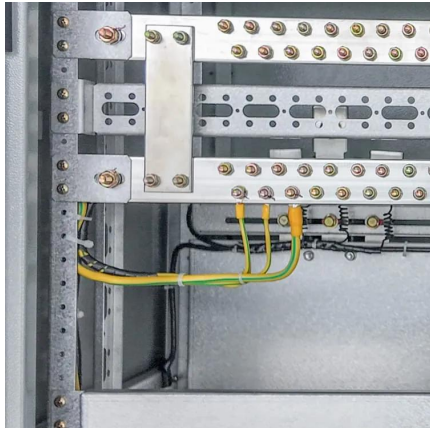
Despite the abundance of solar radiation , significant energy losses occur due to scattering, reflection, and thermal dissipation. Glass mitigates these losses by functioning as a protective layer, optical enhancer, and spectral converter within PV cells.

How much solar energy does commercial glass produce?

Base-line commercial glass has a solar transmission of 83.7%. I.e. 16.3% of the sun's energy do not even get to the PV material. The energy loss is due - in equal parts - to reflection on the surface and absorption within the glass due to iron impurities. The density of glass is about 2,500 kg/m³ or 2.5kg/m² per 1mm width.



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