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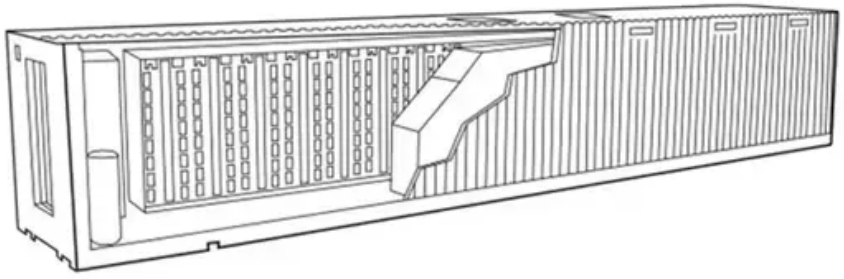
Photovoltaic panel glass is getting thinner



Overview

One major change has been to the thickness of the glass. 5 mm or even thinner and fractures more easily, as evidenced by the study reported in. Solar modules are getting bigger, thinner, and more powerful. Not from hail or mishandling, but from cracks that spider from frame edges, splinter near clamps, and web across modules. Think of the glass layer as the bodyguard of your solar panel. In a feature article for PV Tech Power (Q3 2025), David Devir, principal engineer for VDE Americas, looks at the origins of today's supersized PV module glass problem and considers. To improve the resistance of photovoltaic modules to hail damage, thicker front glass panels is an excellent approach, as shown in a study by researchers in India and Hong Kong. With the trend towards double glass sided modules as seen in Bifacials, or TOPCon with double glass sided. Failure rates as defined by a decrease in power below 80% of the original output (blue circles) and linear degradation greater than 0. 8%/year (orange diamonds) compared with increased failure rates during early-life (black triangles)., “Future-proofing photovoltaics module.

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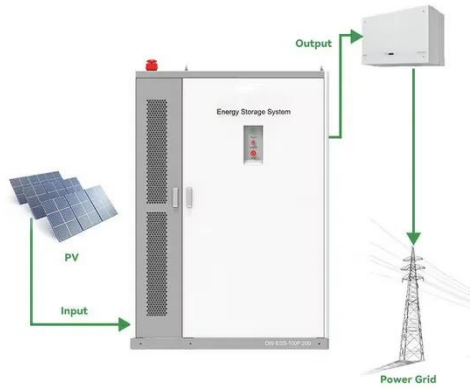

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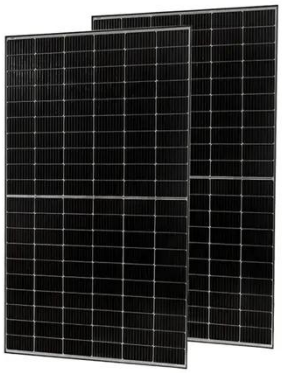

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