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# Smelting of waste photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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This review paper addresses the composition and construction of solar panels, present recycling procedures, and the accompanying social, environmental, and economic effects. In the past few decades, the solar energy market has increased significantly, with an increasing number of photovoltaic (PV) modules being deployed around the world each year. Some believe that these PV modules have a lifespan of around 25–30 years. As their lifetime is limited, solar panels wind. With the increasing installation of solar panels, the number of discarded solar panels is also gradually rising, containing valuable metals such as Cu and Ag that can be recycled. This article investigates a new method for recovering Cu and Ag.

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### **A comprehensive review on the recycling technology of silicon based**

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