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Overview

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Why do solar panels need glass?

Glass provides mechanical, chemical, and UV protection to solar panels, enabling these devices to withstand weathering for decades. The increasing demand for solar electricity and the need to reduce anthropogenic carbon emissions demands new materials and processes to make solar even more sustainable.

Can glass improve solar energy production?

Discussion Glass is undoubtedly an essential part of PV devices, and there is room for glass-related breakthroughs that could result in expanded net energy production of silicon based solar electricity. There is the possibility to develop CGs with reduced energy intensity and the need to reduce emissions from the flat glass production process.

Can glass be used as a mirror for concentrated solar power?

We then turn to glass and coated glass applications for thin-film photovoltaics, specifically transparent conductive coatings and the advantages of highly resistive transparent layers. Finally, we discuss the use of coated glasses as mirrors for concentrated solar power applications.

Can glass be used as a technology platform for solar energy?

The history of glass and coatings on glass as a technology platform for solar energy is captured in the timeline shown in Fig. 48.4. It begins with development of the float process for the high-volume manufacturing of low-cost, high-quality glass that became ubiquitous in the commercial and residential architecture of the 1960s.



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