



Overview

Do solar panels use PFAS?

This study provides an overview of PFASs usage in solar modules and reviews the literature to understand PFAS type and amount used in solar modules. Within the published literature, the information on PFAS for solar panels is limited and mainly includes PFAS usage as anti-reflective and self-cleaning coatings.

Are solar panels PFAS-free?

The vast majority of solar panels currently use toxic and highly persistent PFAS chemicals in the outer layer to ensure durability. In 2022, the market share for PFAS materials in these outer layers was close to 80%, while PFAS-free alternatives accounted for only one-fifth. “Most of these products have no characteristic for recycling”.

Is solar energy a clean alternative to PFAS?

Dr. Jonatan Kleimark, Head of Market Transition at ChemSec “The focus has been on promoting solar energy as a clean alternative, but we can’t ignore the environmental impact of the materials used to make the solar panels. PFAS contamination is a serious issue that needs immediate attention”.

Are there risks associated with PFAS in solar PV?

A comprehensive assessment of the potential risks associated with PFAS in solar PV requires precise data on their quantities, forms, host components, and application methods, particularly given the extensive diversity of PFAS compounds.

How much PFAS is in a solar module?

This corresponds to an estimated PFAS concentration of approximately 239.47 µg/kg in a solar module. However, the scarcity of detailed data on PFAS in PV modules limits the precision of this estimate. Notably, the estimated PFAS

levels in PV modules are substantially lower than those found in many consumer products .

Do solar modules have hydrophobic PFAS coatings?

While some laboratory studies explore hydrophobic PFAS coatings, they appear absent from commercial solar modules. Most PFAS used in solar modules are fluoropolymers, considered a low-risk PFAS subgroup. Currently, no standardized methods exist for PFAS analysis in electronics.

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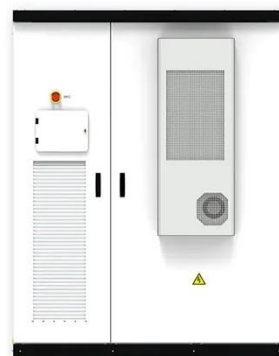
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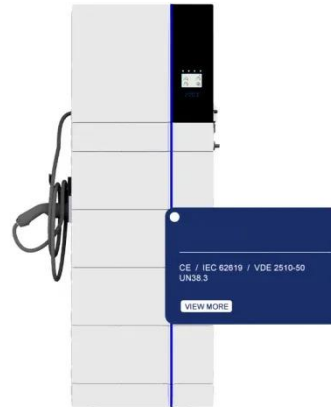
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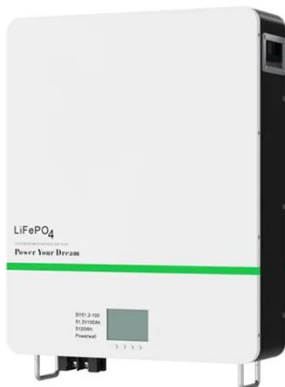
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