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Thin-film photovoltaic module structure



Overview

Thin-film solar panels use a 2nd generation technology varying from the crystalline silicon (c-Si) modules, which is the most popular technology. Thin-film solar cells (TFSC) are manufactured using a single or multiple layers of PV elements over a surface comprised of a variety of glass.

There are several types of materials used to manufacture thin-film solar cells. In this section, we explain the different types of thin-film solar panels regarding the materials used for the cells.

Thin-film solar panels have many interesting applications, and they have been growing in the last decade. Below you will find some of the most popular applications for thin-film.

Before comparing the different types of thin-film solar panels against crystalline silicon solar panels (c-Si), it is important to remark that there are two main types, monocrystalline.

Thin-film solar panels have many pros, while only holding a few cons to them. These are the most important pros and cons of this technology.

What are thin-film solar panels?

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What is a thin film solar cell?

What differs Thin-Film solar cells from monocrystalline and polycrystalline is that Thin-Film can be made using different materials. There are 3 types of solar Thin-Film cells: This type of Thin-Film is made from amorphous silicon (a-Si), which is a non-crystalline silicon making them much easier to produce than mono or polycrystalline solar cells.

What are the different types of thin-film solar cells?

Therefore, thin-film solar cells are generally classified according to the photovoltaic material used. According to these criteria, the following types of thin-film photovoltaic cells are found. Color-sensitive solar cells (DSC) and other organic solar cells. Cadmium telluride is the most advanced thin-film technology.

What are thin-film photovoltaic (TFPV) cells?

Thin-film photovoltaic (TFPV) cells are an upgraded version of the 1st Gen solar cells, incorporating multiple thin PV layers in the mix instead of the single one in its predecessor. These layers are around 300 times more delicate compared to a standard silicon panel and are also known as a thin-film solar cell.

How are thin-film solar cells produced?

Thin-film solar cells are produced through the deposition of one or more thin layers (referred to as thin films or TFs) of photovoltaic material onto a substrate.

How do thin-film solar modules differ from silicon-based technology?

The manufacture of thin-film modules therefore differs fundamentally from the manufacture of silicon-based technology. Solar modules with already interconnected cells are processed instead of individual cells. The contact surfaces, absorber and additional intermediate layers are deposited on large glass panes in integrated processes.

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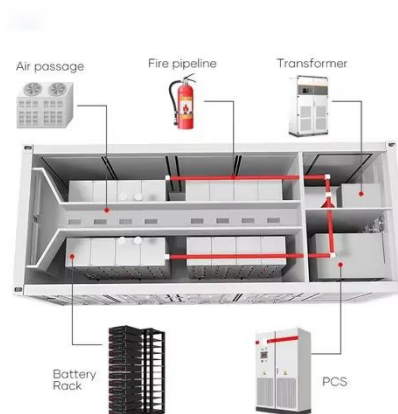
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In general, thin film solar cell devices



comprise of 6 basic layers, including glass substrate, metal back contact (Mo), p-type absorber layer, n-type buffer layer, transparent conducting oxide

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