

# Standards for solar glass





## Overview

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What are the characteristics of glass for solar applications?

For solar applications the main attributes of glass are transmission, mechanical strength and specific weight. Transmission factors measure the ratio of energy of the transmitted to the incoming light for a specific glass and glass width. Ratio of the total energy from an AM1-5 source over whole solar spectrum from 300 - 2,500nm wavelength.

Why do solar panels need to be inspected?

Especially critical are those defects that occur at the edges of the glass sheets – an area usually not covered by standard vision systems. Micro-cracks and chips of the solar glass panels are a major cause of glass breakage and their detection is important for assuring highest quality standards.

What is Solar Photovoltaic Glass?

This article explores the classification and applications of solar photovoltaic glass. Photovoltaic glass substrates used in solar cells typically include ultra-thin glass, surface-coated glass, and low-iron (extra-clear) glass.

What is a solar glass substrate?

Manufacturers of crystalline silicon solar modules apply glass substrates on the front side of the solar modules. This front glass will either be a patterned glass or a glass with anti-reflective coating (AR). As in all other glass manufacturing processes, solar glass substrates are subject to defects during production.



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