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The cells inside the solar glass

Overview

Do solar cells need cover glass?

To minimise the harmful effects of space radiation – mainly energetic electrons and protons – all solar cells are covered by cover glass, typically just 100 micrometres (0.1 mm) thick. If a bare cell was exposed to the space environment it would degrade as much within a few days as a protected cell does in 15 years.

What are solar cells made of?

Virtually all of today's solar cells are made from slices of silicon (one of the most common chemical elements on Earth, found in sand), although as we'll see shortly, a variety of other materials can be used as well (or instead). When sunlight shines on a solar cell, the energy it carries blasts electrons out of the silicon.

How do solar cells work?

Solar cells can be arranged into large groupings called arrays. These arrays, composed of many thousands of individual cells, can function as central electric power stations, converting sunlight into electrical energy for distribution to industrial, commercial, and residential users.

How do solar panels work?

Stick a solar cell in its path and it catches these energetic photons and converts them into a flow of electrons—an electric current. Each cell generates a few volts of electricity, so a solar panel's job is to combine the energy produced by many cells to make a useful amount of electric current and voltage.

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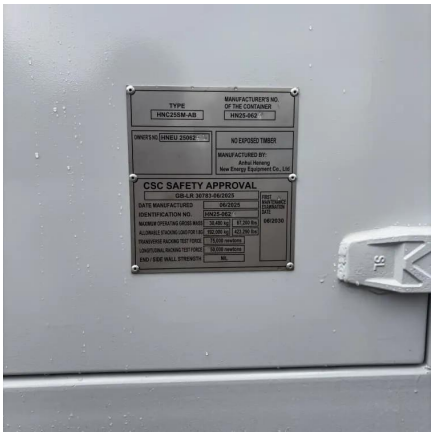

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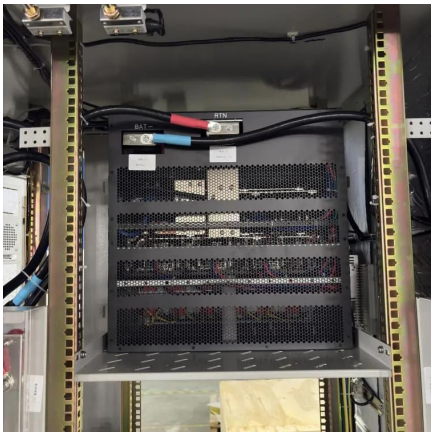

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