

# **Glass inside solar cells**





## Overview

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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.

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.

What is the role of cover glass in solar PV?

This contribution summarizes the role of the cover glass in PVs, highlighting some of the most recent and exciting research results of glassy materials for solar silicon photovoltaic applications. The glass community has plenty of opportunities to develop new materials and processes that may reduce our carbon emissions and environmental footprint.

What is eg-s1 solar cover glass?

AGC's satellite solar cover glass, or EG-S1, is a cutting-edge solution that can meet the demanding requirements of satellite solar panels.



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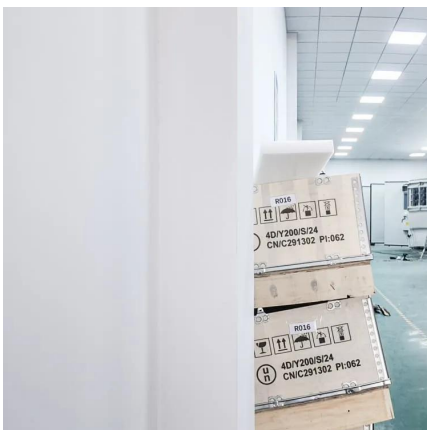
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