

# Thin-film solar module glass





## Overview

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What is a thin-film solar module?

Calyxo GmbH has specialized in the production of such thin-film solar modules. Such modules are made up of several layers of photosensitive layers (films), which are only a few micrometres thick and are applied between a transparent front cover panel and a rear glass panel.

What is a thin film solar cell?

Around 90 percent of the photovoltaic systems installed worldwide operate with solar cells made of crystalline silicon. Thin film modules have numerous advantages: They are lighter, cope with shade better and deliver high yields in weak light conditions.

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

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 silicon (mono c-Si) and polycrystalline silicon (poly c-Si) solar panels.

When did thin-film solar panels come out?

In 1980, researchers finally achieved a 10% efficiency, and by 1986 ARCO Solar released the G-4000, the first commercial thin-film solar panel. Thin-film solar panels require less semiconductor material in the manufacturing process than regular crystalline silicon modules, however, they operate fairly similar under the photovoltaic effect.



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