

Glass required per GW of PV

Applications



Electric motorcycle



Electric Forklift



Electric Boat



Golf Cart



RV



Audio Equipment



Solar Street Light



Household Energy Storage



Energy Storage System



Overview

How much float-glass is needed for a double glass-based PV production?

"A fully double glass-based PV production will require amounts of float-glass exceeding today's overall annual glass production of 84 Mt as early as 2034 for Scenario 2 and in 2074 for Scenario 1," they said. "In 2100, glass consumption would reach 122 Mt to 215 Mt."

How much glass do you need for a solar module?

Thus, for each square meter of a solar module, 2 of glass is required. Other thin film modules are a mix, some using two plates of glass for each module, some only a single plate, or some other type of substrate. Thin-film PV production is expected to continue to grow faster than the industry as a whole due to lower production costs.

What if the PV industry doesn't have new glass production plants?

Thousands of new glass manufacturing plants needed for the growing PV industry. As module prices decline, glass makes an even higher fraction of the PV module cost. Without new glass production PV industry could experience shortage within 20 years. Shortage of glass production could drive up the cost especially of thin-film modules.

Does Vitro Architectural Glass supply First Solar?

Vitro Architectural Glass is supplying First Solar with additional US capacity. In October 2023, it announced an expansion of its contract with First Solar and a plan to invest in a plant in Pennsylvania, as well as in adapting existing PV glass facilities.

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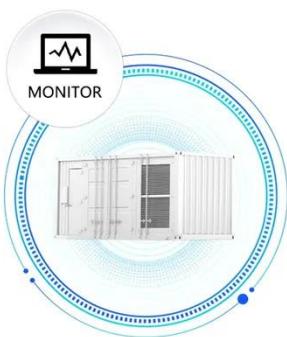
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