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Overview

What are thin-film solar panels?

Thin-film solar panels use a 2 nd generation technology varying from the crystalline silicon (c-Si) modules, which is the most popular technology. Thin-film solar cells (TFSC) are manufactured using a single or multiple layers of PV elements over a surface comprised of a variety of glass, plastic, or metal.

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.

How are amorphous silicon (a-Si) thin-film solar panels made?

There are two routes to manufacture amorphous silicon (a-Si) thin-film solar panels, by processing glass plates or flexible substrates. Efficiency for a-Si solar cells is currently set at 14.0%. Disregarding the route taken to manufacture amorphous silicon (a-Si) thin-film solar panels, the following steps are part of the process:

What materials are used for thin-film solar technology?

The most commonly used ones for thin-film solar technology are cadmium telluride (CdTe), copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS), amorphous silicon (a-Si), and gallium arsenide (GaAs). The efficiency, weight, and other aspects may vary between materials, but the generation process is the same.

How are CIGS thin-film solar panels made?

Manufacturing for Copper Indium Gallium Selenide (CIGS) thin-film solar panels has improved throughout history. Currently, CIGS thin-film solar cells are manufactured by placing a molybdenum (Mo) electrode layer over the



substrate through a sputtering process. The substrate is usually manufactured with polyimide or a metal foil.

How much does a thin-film solar cell cost?

The rated efficiency for GaAs thin-film solar cells is recorded at 29.1%. The cost for these III-V thin-film solar cells rounds going from \$70/W\$ to \$170/W\$, but NREL states that the price can be reduced to <math>\$0.50/W\$ in the future.



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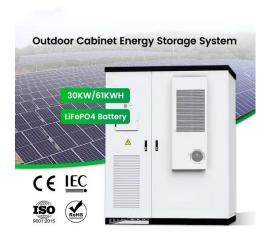
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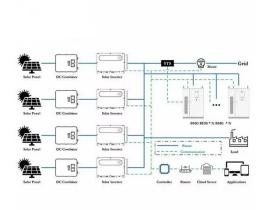
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