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Clean Energy Associates has investigated glass breakages at utility-scale solar sites across three continents. It has found that there isn't a single root cause, but a perfect storm: thinner glass combined with design shortcuts, evolving materials, and field realities that stress modules beyond.

Even as governments and companies around the world race to embrace solar energy to reduce their carbon emissions and help curb climate change, the increasing frequency and severity of hailstorms stymies installation in hail-prone regions that could greatly benefit from this emerging energy source.

Modern PV modules often use thinner glass to reduce weight and material costs which lead to glass breakage. Glass breakage is a growing concern for the solar power plant operators. With the trend towards double glass sided modules as seen in Bifacials, or TOPCon with double glass sided.

Glass breakage is quietly becoming the #1 reliability risk in solar modules—and almost nobody is talking about it publicly. In this episode, Nico sits down with Tristan Erion-Lorico (Kiwa PVEL) and Dr. Teresa Barnes (NREL) to break down why 20% of modules fail reliability testing due to gl. more.

Both silicon and thin film modules are converging toward similar ~3 m² glass-glass designs with thinner glass sheets to increase power output while reducing module weight, and both types are increasingly mounted on single-axis trackers. At the same time, an increasing number of PV sites have been.

Cracks and fractures in glass on solar panels not only decrease energy output but may also expose interior elements to moisture and contaminants, speeding up degradation. Knowledge of the main causes of solar panel cracking is very



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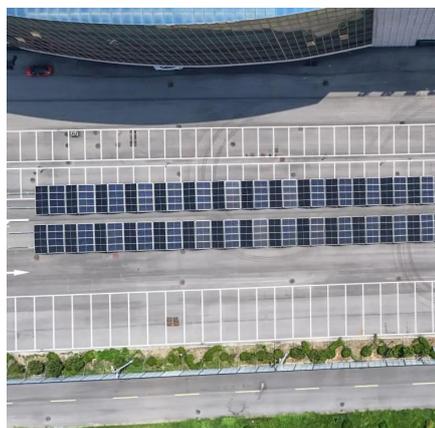
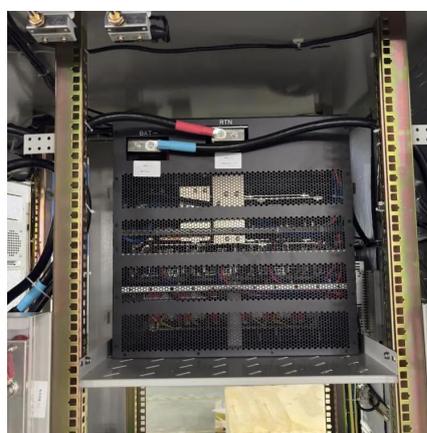
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