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Overview

The takeaway is that glass breakage isn't caused by one thing, it's caused by five or six things happening at once: a slightly bent module, slightly over-torqued clamps, slightly under-supported spans, slightly thinner glass, slightly flexible racking. Dual-glass PV modules are experiencing low-energy glass fracture at an alarming rate under expected conditions of use. In a feature article for PV Tech Power (Q3 2025), David Devir, principal engineer for VDE Americas, looks at the origins of today's supersized PV module glass problem and considers. Clean Energy Associates has investigated glass breakages at utility-scale solar sites across three continents. Several changes have increased the risk of 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. Yes, the sixth annual PV Module Index Report from RETC had some troubling findings, headlined by reports that spontaneous module glass breakage in fielded projects is increasing.

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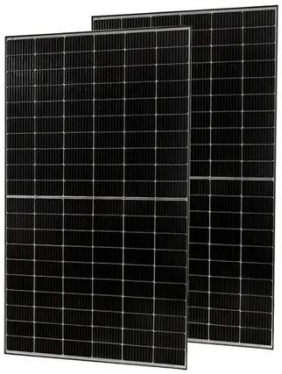

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