

Risk of PV panel glass breaking

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Overview

Even small cracks can allow water to penetrate the panel surface leading to short circuits, electrical shock, or other issues, such as increased fire risk over time. In particular, large-format, thin glass bifacial modules are prone to thin hairline fractures of the glass. We have seen cases of the glass in solar panels (photovoltaic [PV] modules) breaking differently, and more often, than it did 5 years ago. Several changes have increased the risk of glass breakage. The hail impact resistance test, which is part of Kiwa-PVEL's PQP testing protocol, highlighted. Modern PV modules often use thinner glass to reduce weight and material costs which lead to glass breakage.

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module glass breakage has long been an observed failure mode in fielded solar



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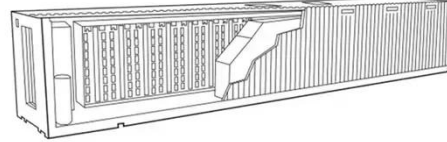
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