



# HIT double-glass module life





## Overview

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Experiencing low-energy glass fracture under expected conditions of use at an alarming rate. David Devir of VDE Americas looks at the origins of today's supersized PV cells to reduce fielded PV plant costs is a collective success story with global implications. In 2024, solar markets around the world added.

This trend has redirected the industry's focus towards the enduring reliability of PV modules. Number of reports and days with large (2+ cm), very large (5+ cm) and giant (10+ cm) hail between 2006 and 2023 according to the European Severe Weather Database. Current PV systems are vulnerable to hail.

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 has been vital in PV modules on Earth since the 1960s. It protects cells and wires that are not durable on their own. It is a barrier that keeps out things like dirt and water. And it is an insulator that keeps electricity in the module. A module might keep working after its glass breaks, but.

For the 2024 PV Module Index Report, RETC sought to better understand the unique field failure modes associated with ultra-large-format PV module designs. Here, we present our interview with Theresa Barnes, an expert in module durability. Theresa Barnes, Ph.D., manages the Photovoltaic Reliability.

Solar modules are getting bigger, thinner, and more powerful. But from Texas to



Thailand, the same problem is appearing: broken glass. These breakages are not caused by hail, dropped tools or obvious mishandling. Instead, cracks spider out from frame edges, splinter near clamps and web across.



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Double-glass modules have increased resistance to cell micro-cracking, potential induced degradation, module warping, degradation from UV rays, and sand abrasion, as well as alkali, ...

## Pain in the Glass

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 ...



### Breaking point: understanding and preventing PV module ...

SC) maintains a highly instrumented bifacial PV module testbed in the south of Brazil. At the ~100kW-rated pilot project, 158 large-area (~3m<sup>2</sup>) double-glass PV.

## Top 5: Factors Responsible for Glass Breakage in Solar Modules

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## Double the strengths, double the benefits

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## Tough Break: Many Factors Make Glass Breakage More Likely

It might be from a very hot fault inside the module, like a series arc or a shunt in a reverse-biased cell. Or it might be a defect introduced during manufacturing or installation. Broken glass ...



## **Glass/Glass Photovoltaic Module Reliability and Degradation: A ...**

In this review, we present the history of G/G modules that have existed in the field for the past 20 years, their subsequent reliability issues under different climates, and methods ...



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Double-glass modules, with their performance in the face of salt mist, high temperatures and high humidity, have won the market's favour. However, this trend is not ...



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