

# Can glass be used for solar power generation





## Overview

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Glass-integrated solar cells are glass that can generate solar power in addition to basic glass functions. Can glass be used to harvest solar energy?

The successful application of cost-effective technologies for harvesting of solar energy remains a challenge for research and industry. Glass is an essential element of the mirrors used in concentrated solar power (CSP) applications, where such mirrors reflect incident solar light and concentrate it onto a target.

Can glass be used as a technology platform for solar energy?

The history of glass and coatings on glass as a technology platform for solar energy is captured in the timeline shown in Fig. 48.4. It begins with development of the float process for the high-volume manufacturing of low-cost, high-quality glass that became ubiquitous in the commercial and residential architecture of the 1960s.

Can glass improve solar energy transmission?

We begin with a discussion of glass requirements, specifically composition, that enable increased solar energy transmission, which is critical for solar applications. Next we discuss anti-reflective surface treatments of glass for further enhancement of solar energy transmission, primarily for crystalline silicon photovoltaics.

Can glass be used as a solar cell?

The cells can be integrated directly into the glass sheets, or glass can be used as the protective cover for pre-manufactured solar panels. In more advanced versions, the glass itself can be embedded with transparent conductive layers that enable it to function as a solar cell.



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