

# Flexible amorphous silicon thin film solar modules





## Overview

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The solid mechanics module in COMSOL Multiphysics (v.5.6) was used to simulate the stress of a two-dimensional silicon wafer with the length and thickness set to 1 cm and 60  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively. T.

What are flexible thin film solar cells?

Flexible thin film solar cells such as CIGS, CdTe, and a-Si:H have received worldwide attention. Until now, Si solar cells dominate the photovoltaic market. Its production cost is a major concern since Si substrates account for the major cost. One way to reduce the module production cost is to use the low-cost flexible substrates.

What materials are used in thin-film solar cells?

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What are thin-film solar cells used for?

In the late 1970s, amorphous silicon thin-film solar cells were first used for powering hand-held calculators. Thin-film solar-cell modules are lightweight and flexible as compared with modules built by traditional crystalline silicon cells.

Are thin film solar cells amorphous to microcrystalline?

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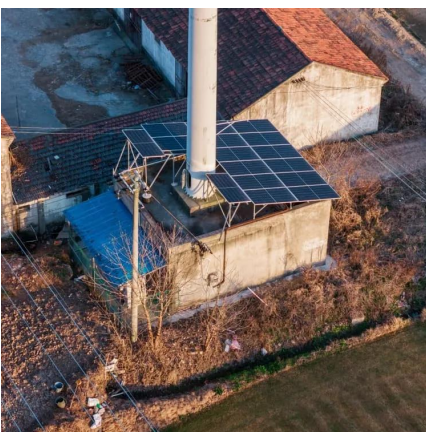


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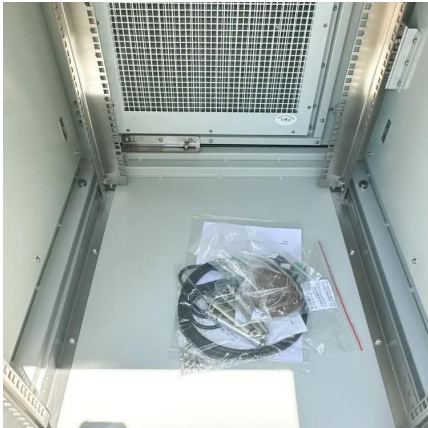
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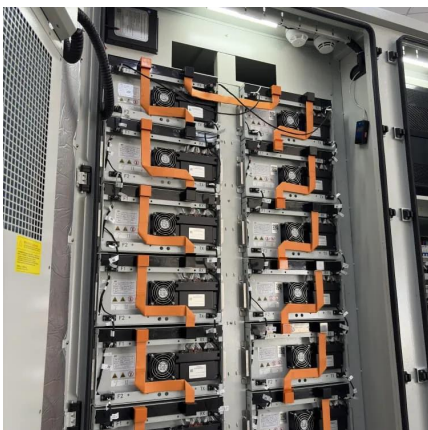
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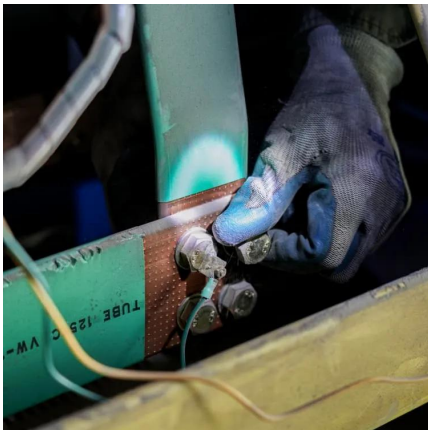
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