

# Bern solar glass applications





## Overview

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Why is glass a technology platform for energy management & energy generation?

However, with the discovery of semiconductor materials and thin-film deposition processes, glass has become a technology platform for advanced energy management and energy generation applications. This is due to its ability to provide mechanical strength, chemical durability, and high transmission in the solar spectrum.

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.

How does glass improve photon absorption & conversion?

Advances in glass compositions, including rare-earth doping and low-melting-point oxides, further optimize photon absorption and conversion processes. In addition, luminescent solar concentrators, down-shifting, downconversion, and upconversion mechanisms tailor the solar spectrum for improved compatibility with silicon-based solar cells.

What is Solar Photovoltaic Glass?

This article explores the classification and applications of solar photovoltaic glass. Photovoltaic glass substrates used in solar cells typically include ultra-thin glass, surface-coated glass, and low-iron (extra-clear) glass.



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### Glass and Coatings on Glass for Solar Applications

We then turn to glass and coated glass applications for thin-film photovoltaics, specifically transparent conductive coatings and the advantages of highly resistive transparent layers. ...

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