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# Photovoltaic thin film module structure



## Overview

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Crystalline modules and thin-film modules differ in structure: crystalline modules typically consist of individual square cells (Figure 1), while thin-film modules are typically made up of cell strips (Figure 2), which create their characteristic pinstripe look. What are thin-film solar panels?

Thin-film solar panels use a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation technology varying from the crystalline silicon (c-Si) modules, which is the most popular technology. Thin-film solar cells (TFSC) are manufactured using a single or multiple layers of PV elements over a surface comprised of a variety of glass, plastic, or metal.

What are the different types of thin-film solar cells?

Therefore, thin-film solar cells are generally classified according to the photovoltaic material used. According to these criteria, the following types of thin-film photovoltaic cells are found. Color-sensitive solar cells (DSC) and other organic solar cells. Cadmium telluride is the most advanced thin-film technology.

What is a thin film solar cell?

What differs Thin-Film solar cells from monocrystalline and polycrystalline is that Thin-Film can be made using different materials. There are 3 types of solar Thin-Film cells: This type of Thin-Film is made from amorphous silicon (a-Si), which is a non-crystalline silicon making them much easier to produce than mono or polycrystalline solar cells.

How do thin-film solar modules differ from silicon-based technology?

The manufacture of thin-film modules therefore differs fundamentally from the manufacture of silicon-based technology. Solar modules with already interconnected cells are processed instead of individual cells. The contact surfaces, absorber and additional intermediate layers are deposited on large glass panes in integrated processes.

What is the difference between crystalline and thin-film modules?

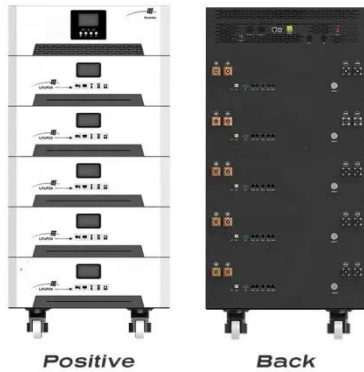
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What is the efficiency of a thin-film PV system?

The efficiency of the Thin-Film system varies depending on the type of PV material used in the cells but in general they tend to have efficiencies around 7% and up to 18%. It's important to mention that while thin-film cells have less efficiency than the crystalline ones, Thin-Film, in fact, have a higher theoretical efficiency than silicon.

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### Internal structure of solar PV modules: (a) crystalline silicon ...

The thin-film PV module has a completely different physical internal structure in comparison to the c-Si. Therefore, the effect of partial shading on both technologies also varies.

## Fab & criteria for thin-film and crystalline

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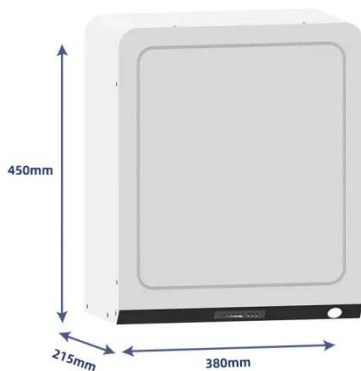
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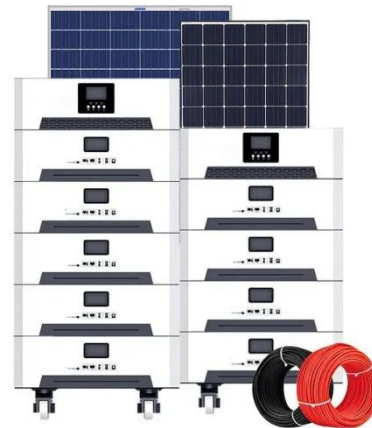
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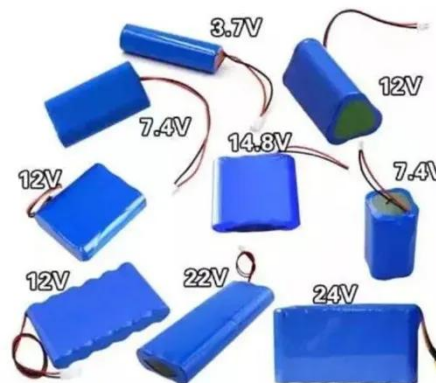


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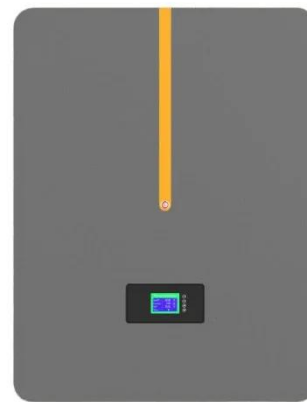
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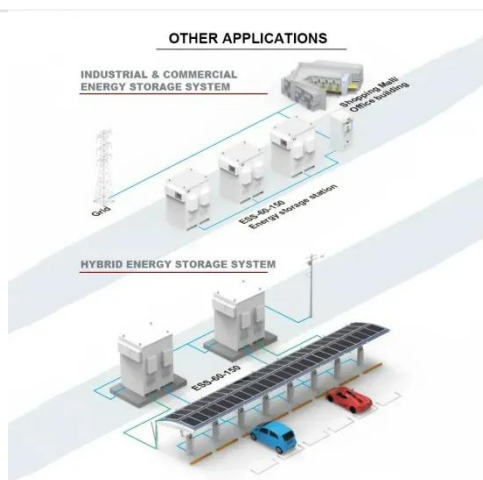
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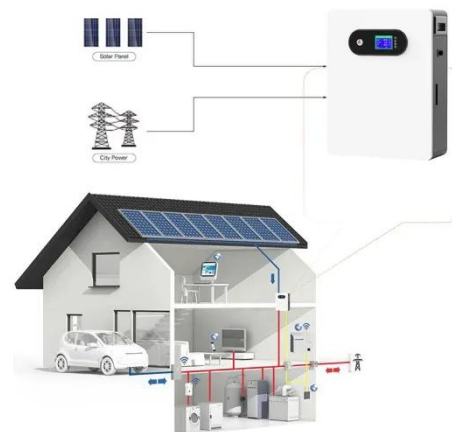


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