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Overview

How much glass can be recovered from solar energy?

With a projected generation of 160 million tons of PV waste by 2050, this method could enable the recovery of at least 108 million tons of glass and thus make an important contribution to sustainable practices in the solar energy sector. 4. Conclusions.

Can glass be reused in solar module manufacturing?

XRF analysis showed that the glass maintained its primary chemical properties with only minor variations, making it suitable for reuse in solar module manufacturing or other applications.

How does glass reuse promote sustainability?

Secondly, due to the energy-intensive process of glass production from raw materials, glass reuse promotes sustainability through energy savings and waste reduction. The main methods of glass separation proposed in the literature include mechanical processes, thermal treatment and chemical dissolution.

How does thermal treatment improve the separation of glass encapsulation materials?

Tokoro et al. (2021) introduced selective crushing with an eccentric stirring mill, which significantly improved the separation of glass. During thermal treatment, the PV modules are heated to decompose the encapsulation materials, which enables the recovery of glass and other components.



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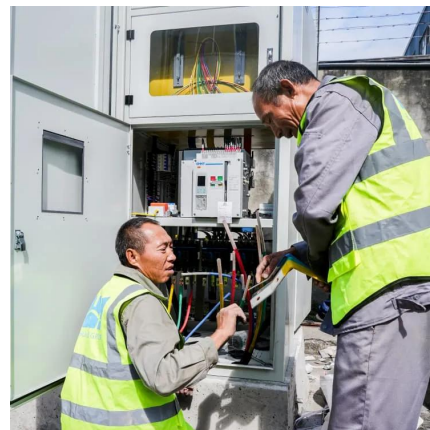


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