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Necessity for recycling photovoltaic glass: Managing resource

The production of this significant amount of (77.1-178 Mt) glass annually will place considerable pressure on raw materials, such as antimony (Sb), which is essential for PV glass



Innovative Process Developed for Extracting Antimony

This article explores a new process for extracting valuable antimony from the glass of solar panels, aimed at solving disposal challenges in the 2030s.

[The Dark Side of Solar Glass: Antimony, Geopolitics and the Energy](#)

In solar glass specifically, small amounts of antimony oxide help stabilize optical properties under years of UV exposure, reducing "solarization" (the tendency of glass to brown or



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ANTIMONY (Sb) IN SOLAR MODULES

Because of both toxicity and recycling complications, bans and restrictions on Sb use in solar glass are increasing, driving demand for Sb-free, low-iron solar glass formulations.

This study investigates the effects of the antimony content in solar glass on its optical properties and the associated environmental factors. Glass samples with high, low and no antimony



[Physicochemical Properties of Antimony-containing Photovoltaic \(PV\)](#)

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[Addressing uncertain antimony content in solar glass for recycling](#)

Solar glass can be either low-iron patterned glass or low-iron float glass. Both can be recycled if the quality is acceptable, but this depends on the glass composition and the end product to be produced.



[Release: ESIA Recommendation Paper Addressing uncertain antimony](#)

Given that glass constitutes a substantial portion of PV module weight, recycling glass proves environmentally beneficial by reducing CO₂ emissions and conserving energy. However, the

The Main Application Of Antimony

Solar glass typically contains 0.25% antimony, and the front glass of each solar photovoltaic module weighs about 16 kilograms, so each module contains approximately 40 grams of



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