

## Solar Storage Container Solutions

# Cadmium-containing glass in the photovoltaic industry



## Overview

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How cadmium & tellurium are separated?

Both cadmium and tellurium are separated into their elemental form during recycling process, which need to be taken care cautiously before disposal. CdTe as a compound in the panel is quite stable according to reports from M/s first solar, but cadmium and tellurium in their elemental form is toxic .

Who provided discarded CdTe solar PV modules?

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Can TCO-coated glass be recycled from CdTe PV modules?

In conclusion, the present investigation envisaged the recycling process which may be adopted along with neutralization treatment for recovery of TCO-coated glass from waste CdTe PV modules at larger scale, a step towards safe waste management in the frame of circular economy approach.

Why is a rough surface good for photovoltaic (PV) devices?

A slightly rough surface is good because of light trapping purposes for the making of new PV devices . Confirmation has been obtained that the recycling process utilized for TCO recovery does not induce surface etching or alter its topography. This reaffirms its potential suitability for the production of new photovoltaic (PV) devices .

Are cadmium telluride modules effective in reducing end-of-life (EOL) risks?

Among thin film-based Photovoltaics (PVs), Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) modules are efficient and widely used but face challenges on end-of-life (EoL) owing to incorporation of toxic materials.

What is TCO-coated glass in CdTe PV module?

In a CdTe PV module ~ 80% composition is of glass then ~ 14% is aluminium frame and rest is polymers (~ 4%) and semiconductor materials (~ 2%). Particularly, TCO-coated glass hold about 50% cost of the total panel price . Being a major content of CdTe module, TCO-coated glass recovery will ultimately manage panels waste itself.

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### Cadmium Telluride Power Generation Glass Market

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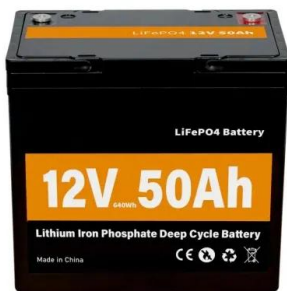


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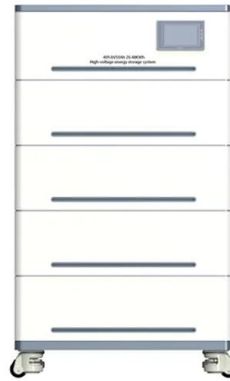
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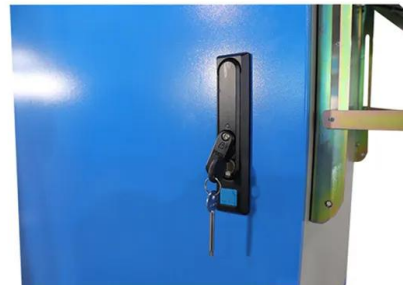


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