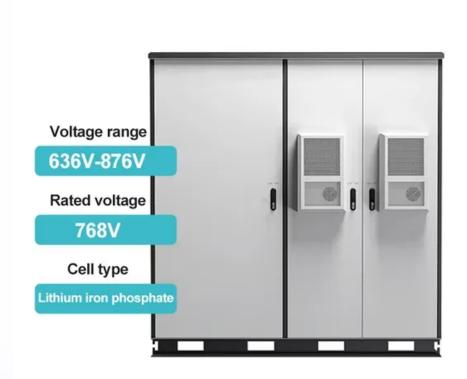


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Overview

Can solar windows power a skyscraper?

Oxford Photovoltaics, spun out of research done at Oxford University, says that computer modeling of a 700-foot skyscraper in Texas suggests that covering it in solar windows would generate up to 5.3 megawatt-hours per day of electricity.

Can windows be turned into solar panels?

Windows, because they leak energy, are a big part of the problem. "Anything we can do to mitigate that is going to have a very large impact," says Wheeler, a solar power expert at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. A series of recent results points to a solution, he says: Turn the windows into solar panels.

How do solar windows work?

The re-emitted light is concentrated and shunted sideways, through the glass, to solar cell strips embedded in the window frame. Because quantum dots are cheap to make and only a small amount of solar cell material is needed to capture the re-emitted light, these solar windows promise to be inexpensive.

Can solar windows be transparent?

Lunt says future systems that yoke UV-capturing perovskites to infrared-capturing organics could reach efficiencies of 20%, while still being nearly entirely transparent. A third approach to clear solar windows relies on so-called luminescent solar concentrators.

How efficient is a solar window?

A solar window created by scientists at Michigan State University in East Lansing reached an efficiency of 5% using organic photovoltaics. RICHARD LUNT/MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Lance Wheeler looks at glassy skyscrapers and sees untapped potential.



Are glassy skyscrapers a problem?

RICHARD LUNT/MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Lance Wheeler looks at glassy skyscrapers and sees untapped potential. Houses and office buildings, he says, account for 75% of electricity use in the United States, and 40% of its energy use overall. Windows, because they leak energy, are a big part of the problem.



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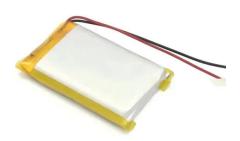
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