

Can crystalline-silicon PV modules be lightweight?

With the aim of limiting the weight while preserving excellent mechanical stability and durability properties, we propose a new design for lightweight crystalline-silicon (c-Si) PV modules in which the conventional polymer backsheet (or glass) is replaced by a composite sandwich structure, and the frontsheet by a transparent polymer foil.

What is a glass-free lightweight PV module?

**Module design** Our glass-free lightweight PV modules are composed of two main components: (i) the composite backsheet (skins / sandwich adhesive / core) and (ii) the frontsheet (encapsulant foil / solar cells / polymeric frontsheet).

How stable are lightweight PV modules based on a polyolefin based sandwich?

Thermo-mechanical and electrical stability of lightweight PV modules based on PO and aluminum core The strongest and most stable composite sandwich structure developed in this study (polyolefin-based sandwich with an aluminum honeycomb core) is selected to produce two-cell modules.

How much does a lightweight PV module weigh?

With this material selection the lightweight PV module has a final weight of 6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. This promising lightweight structure was up scaled to sixteen-cell module and aged in DH. Up to now, these modules passed 1000 h in DH with only 3% power loss. Fig. 9 shows the EL images of one sixteen-cell module where no changes, cracks or defects are seen.

Do light structures of frameless PV modules have refined manufacturing technology?

To sum up, the present paper concerns light structures of frameless PV modules with refined manufacturing technology. As an extension of the small-scale investigations known from the literature, it can be useful for those who design and prepare production of such structures of standard size.

Are liquid adhesives compatible with conventional solar industry processes?

However, due to the long manufacturing process (>24h), liquid adhesives are not compatible with conventional solar industry processes. This work presents the development of a robust glass-free PV module based on a composite sandwich architecture manufactured with a simple process.

Lightweight and flexible photovoltaic (PV) modules are attractive for building-integrated photovoltaic (BIPV) applications because of their easy construction and applicability. In this ...

The skins of the composite sandwich are fabricated using unidirectional (UD) E-glass fiber of 220 g/m<sup>2</sup> in a [0/90] s configuration and an epoxy L/hardener EPH 161 in a wet ...

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Using a composite sandwich architecture and high thermal conductivity materials, we show that it is possible to propose lightweight PV modules compliant with the IEC 61215 thermal cycling ...

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