

How can a lightweight PV module be made?

In a previous work, it was demonstrated the possibility to produce a lightweight PV module with a weight of 5 kg/m², by substituting the typical front glass with a thin polymer sheet and the standard backsheet by a composite sandwich structure.

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).

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.

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.

Is a glass-free PV module based on a composite sandwich architecture?

This work presents the development of a robust glass-free PV module based on a composite sandwich architecture manufactured with a simple process. To simplify the production, the standard thermoset epoxy is substituted by different PV encapsulant foils (EVA, ionomer, polyolefin).

Is ionomer a suitable sandwich adhesive for lightweight PV modules?

In a previous study, it was shown that ionomer is a suitable sandwich adhesive for producing lightweight PV modules due to its favorable mechanical properties under TC and DH. However, when the composite sandwiches are mechanically loaded at 80 °C, a strong decrease of sandwich bending stiffness is observed.

Light weight photovoltaic (PV) modules have advantages both to reduce costs of PV installations as well as to enhance their further integration with building and other urban ...

Honeycomb sandwich structures, known for being lightweight and mechanically stable, have been extensively studied for application on the rear side of PV modules [[9], [10], [11]]. These ...

simply the "blanket") is tensioned between the spreader bar at its root and the root tube structure. It consists of lightweight photovoltaic power modules attached to mesh. When flattened and ...

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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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In several countries, building-integrated photovoltaics (PV) solutions could contribute to the growth of total installed PV capacity. However, in some circumstances, the relative high weight ...

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For instance, Zhang et al. [123] developed a lightweight photovoltaic composite structure (LPCS) according to the characteristics of the stratospheric airship capsule. In order ...