

# How much glass does the solar industry need





## Overview

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How big is the Solar Photovoltaic Glass market?

Image © Mordor Intelligence. Reuse requires attribution under CC BY 4.0. The solar photovoltaic glass market size reached 32.10 million tons in 2025 and is forecast to reach 74.75 million tons by 2030, advancing at an 18.42% CAGR between 2025 and 2030.

How much glass do you need for a solar module?

Thus, for each square meter of a solar module, 2 of glass is required. Other thin film modules are a mix, some using two plates of glass for each module, some only a single plate, or some other type of substrate. Thin-film PV production is expected to continue to grow faster than the industry as a whole due to lower production costs.

Why is the solar PV glass market growing?

Government rules that are favorable to the development of solar PV plants is one of the factors driving the growth of the solar PV glass market. Additionally, the market for solar PV glass is growing due to the surge in demand for solar systems on a residential, commercial, and utility scale.

How many tons of glass a year?

As of now, the domestic glass capacity is about 99,000 tons, plus 5,850 tons overseas. In Q1 2024, the industry added 3,100 tons of new capacity and 650 tons of resumption. Considering about 3,500 tons of repair, the actual increase in Q1 is limited. Q2 is expected to increase, with capacity expected to be concentrated in Q3-4.



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Industry TrendsMarket by TechnologyMarket by ProductMarket by End UseMarket by RegionCompetitive Market ShareAnnealed solar PV glass demand was over 300 million square meters in 2016 and is estimated to grow considerably from 2016 to 2024. This can be attributed to cost competitiveness, easy manufacturing process and easy availability of the product. These products are not heat strengthened and delivers easy cutting, edging, machining and polishing of the See more on gminsights Business Research Insights

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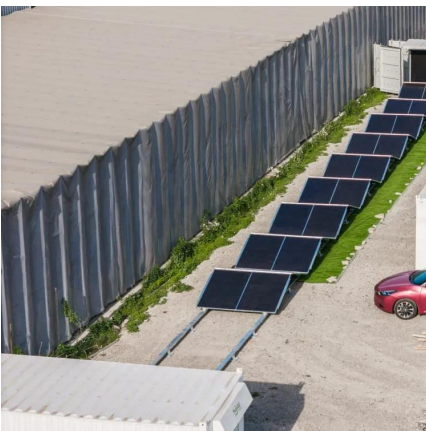
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