

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Finnish double-glass module manufacturer



## Overview

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What is a double glass solar module?

In the ever-evolving world of photovoltaic technology, double glass solar modules are emerging as a game-changer. By encapsulating solar cells between two layers of glass, these modules offer unparalleled durability and efficiency. But what exactly sets them apart?

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In contrast, double glass modules replace the polymer layer with another glass sheet, creating a robust sandwich structure. At IBC SOLAR, we use 2,0 mm x 2,0 mm glass layers, whereas some other market offerings use thinner 1,6 mm x 1,6 mm layers. This ensures greater durability and longevity.

Are double glass modules bifacial?

Dual-sided energy Capture: Many double glass modules are bifacial, allowing them to harness sunlight from both sides. This can lead to energy gains of up to 25%, especially when installed over reflective surfaces.

What is a glass-glass module?

Glass-Glass module designs are an old technology that utilises a glass layer on the back of modules in place of traditional polymer backsheets. They were heavy and expensive allowing for the lighter polymer backsheets to gain the majority of the market share at the time.

What is the difference between tempered glass and glass-foil modules?

Compared to traditional glass-foil modules, which are about 18 kg, this is a 20% increase in weight. Although there is no standard on glass thickness, in

general it is a more complex and expensive process to produce very thin, tempered glass. However, 2.5 mm glass thickness does allow for frameless designs, which can reduce costs dramatically.

How much does a glass module weigh?

The weight of glass-glass modules are still an issue, with current designs using 2 mm thick glass on each side for framed modules, the weight is about 22 kg, while 2.5 mm on each side will increase the module's weight to 23 kg. Compared to traditional glass-foil modules, which are about 18 kg, this is a 20% increase in weight.

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