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VDE Americas" David Devir looks at the origins of the supersized PV glass problem and considers how the industry can return to reliability.

Several changes have increased the risk of glass breakage. But there is probably no single change that is responsible for the problem. Here, we summarize our observations and thoughts on PV glass ...

Once considered isolated incidents, spontaneous glass breakages in solar modules are becoming more frequent, highlighting the limits of some manufacturing choices and the need for ...

This document, an annex to Task 13"s Degradation and Failure Modes in New Photovoltaic Cell and Module Technologies report, summarises some of the most important aspects of single failures.

Impact due to hailstones, wind-blown debris, or even human-caused incidents like vandalism have been one of the common causes. Further, manufacturing defects like tiny ...

module glass breakage has long been an observed failure mode in fielded solar projects. In recent years, however, the nature and causes of solar glass fracture have changed in alarming and ...

In a feature article for PV Tech Power (Q3 2025), David Devir, principal engineer for VDE Americas, looks at the origins of today"s supersized PV module glass problem and considers how the ...

To reduce the degradation, it is imperative to know the degradation and failure phenomena. This review article has been prepared to present an overview of the state-of-the-art ...

Intertek CEA"s investigation identified the likely root causes of breakage and provided the client with actionable evidence to hold responsible parties accountable.

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The takeaway is that glass breakage isn't caused by one thing, it's caused by five or six things happening at once: a slightly bent module, slightly over-torqued clamps, slightly under ...

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