

# Self-cleaning anti-reflection film for photovoltaic panels

Can antireflective coatings improve photovoltaic performance?

One promising approach involves the application of antireflective coatings to the surface of the photovoltaic glass to improve its transmittance. However, balancing mechanical durability, self-cleaning characteristics, and optical performance for photovoltaic applications remains challenging.

Why do photovoltaic panels need a self-cleaning coating?

The self-cleaning coating has attracted extensive attention in the photovoltaic industry and the scientific community because of its unique mechanism and high adaptability. Therefore, an efficient and stable self-cleaning coating is necessary to protect the cover glass on the photovoltaic panel. There are many self-cleaning phenomena in nature.

What is a self-cleaning photovoltaic (PV) panel?

Self-cleaning photovoltaic (PV) panel. 2211-3398/2022 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved. Dust is a small dry solid particle in the air that is emerged from natural forces (wind, volcanic eruption, and chemical) or man-made processes (crushing, grinding, milling, drilling, demolition, etc.) with its diameter ranging from 1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Which nanomaterial can be used for self-cleaning coating on solar PV panels?

Apart from  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanomaterial, titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) is another well-known nanomaterial that can be used for self-cleaning coating on solar PV panels as it possesses both hydrophilic and photocatalysis properties. The developed  $\text{TiO}_2$ /silane coating possesses the WCA below  $10^\circ$ .

Which method is suitable for self-cleaning coating of photovoltaic modules?

The preparation methods suitable for self-cleaning coating of photovoltaic modules include LBL, CVD, sol-gel method, and plasma-etching technology. LBL, CVD and sol-gel technologies are all CVD-based surface treatment technologies, which have difficulty in precision control. Sol-gel method and LBL are both economical.

What is anti-reflective coating on solar cells?

It is usually used on photovoltaic (PV) cells and solar cells to... Anti-reflective coating (ARC) layers on silicon (Si) solar cells usually play a vital role in the amount of light absorbed into the cell and protect the device from environmental degradation. This...

Hence, the surface morphol. and characteristics of solar panel surfaces have recently been enhanced using multifunctional thin films or coatings in order to improve their self-cleaning, anti-reflection, anti-fogging and energy ...

2020 A review of anti-reflection and self-cleaning . ... coatings for solar panel applications: A . review ... depositing thin films, and the coating material is generally vaporized ...

Micro-patterned, self-cleaning solar panels can maintain their efficiency with little resources or human intervention. The efficiency of solar panels, often built on arid landscapes, ...

The aims include synthesizing a hydrophobic sol-gel based self-cleaning coating for solar panel and characterizing the hydrophobic sol-gel based self-cleaning coating. ... A, ...

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Inspired by the above properties, Kim et al. [16] employed a continuous roll-to-roll sputtering process to prepare a self-cleaning quadrilayered anti-reflective thin film, as ...

To date, there is no ideal anti-reflection (AR) coating available on solar glass which can effectively transmit the incident light within the visible wavelength range. However, ...

An effective and low-cost front-side anti-reflection (AR) technique has long been sought to enhance the performance of highly efficient photovoltaic devices due to its capability of ...

This study highlights the development of ARCs from a PV application perspective based on various materials and addresses the significant challenges faced by ARCs and future outlook ...

Soiling of photovoltaic modules and the reflection of incident light from the solar panel glass reduces ... Fabrication of highly transparent self-cleaning protection films for photovoltaic ...

Dust deposition on solar photovoltaic (PV) cell surface will significantly decrease the PV power efficiency, as the transmittance of the solar cells would be greatly decreased by ...

self-cleaning ARCs for solar cell cover glass and solar panels, self- cleaning windows, indoor air puri fi cation systems, sterilization of water, degradation of organic contaminants, and ...

Facile sol-gel synthesis of highly durable anti-reflection films with enhanced self-cleaning performance for perovskite solar cells ... Although the film retains its anti-fog and self ...

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