

# Anti-fouling treatment of photovoltaic panels

Why do solar panels have anti-reflective coatings?

Anti-reflective coatings on the solar panels' glass enhance light transmittance, consequently increasing the overall efficiency of the photovoltaic module. 10,15 Moreover, anti-reflective coatings are necessary to ensure the safety of drivers.

What is a photovoltaic coating material?

A coating material for photovoltaic solar panels that combines anti-reflective and self-cleaning properties through a novel nanocomposite system. The coating comprises a matrix of polylactic acid (PLA) with titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) and silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) nanoparticles as base components.

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Scientific Reports 12, Article number: 1675 (2022) Cite this article Soiling of photovoltaic modules and the reflection of incident light from the solar panel glass reduces the efficiency and performance of solar panels; therefore, the glass should be improved to have antifouling properties.

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.

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To address PV module contamination, research efforts have primarily concentrated on two surface treatment methods: biomimetic films [12] and anti-reflective coatings [13, 14]. Biomimetic ...

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Features of the Innovative Coating This transparent coating possesses self-maintaining, anti-fouling, and anti-static properties, initially designed to inhibit the growth of algae and lichens on solar panels. ...

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neutrality. However, factors like soiling, reflection, shade, humidity, the ...

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The outdoor power of the spark-discharged-titanium coated and uncoated PV panels was measured for 10 months at Chiang Mai, Thailand.

TiO<sub>2</sub> is widely used to prepare super-hydrophilic coatings on glass covers of photovoltaic panels due to its good photocatalytic activity. CVD-based surface treatment is suitable for preparing ...

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