

# Is the spray coating on the surface of photovoltaic panels useful

Why do photovoltaic panels need a transparent coating?

When sunlight shines on the photovoltaic panel, part of the visible light will be reflected, and the rest will be converted and utilized. Therefore, the transparency and anti-reflection of the self-cleaning coatings applied on photovoltaic modules cannot be ignored.

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.

How to apply nano-coating thin film on PV panels?

Employing a spray gun, the self-cleaning nano-coating thin film was uniformly and evenly applied onto the entire surface of the PV panel, with utmost attention given to avoiding excessive coating thickness or uneven distribution. The coating was applied batch-wise, and the optimum spraying batch was 5 sprays/ft<sup>2</sup>.

How effective are coatings on PV panels?

The effectiveness of coatings applied to PV panels depends on a complex interplay of factors. These factors include the type and size of particulate matter present in the environment, and prevailing weather conditions. Broadly, these coatings can be categorized into two main classes: hydrophobic and hydrophilic.

Can photocatalyst coating improve the efficiency of solar cells?

The author demonstrated great future of development of coating layer on PV panel where its great self-cleaning effect is enhanced by the mechanical sound absorption into the PV module and hydrophilic coating. The photocatalyst coating can increase the efficiency of solar cell by 2% and maximum power up to 4%.

What are spray-on solar panels?

Spray-on solar panels are solar cells that can be manufactured to be lighter, stronger, cleaner, and generally less expensive than most other solar cells in production today\*. They are the first solar cells able to collect not only visible light but also infrared waves\*. Spray-on solar panels are composed of this material.

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