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Photovoltaic modules contain fluorine on both sides



Overview

What is a PV module based on?

For some historical context, early PV modules used backsheets based on an FPF structure, with the core PET layer sandwiched between 2 fluoropolymer layers. The fluoropolymer here is nothing but the proprietary polyvinyl fluoride (PVF), commercially known as Tedlar, popularized by DuPont, the well-known US-based chemical giant.

Can a photovoltaic backsheet be chemically recycled for fluoropolymer recycling?

In this study, we investigated the feasibility of chemically recycling a fluorine-containing photovoltaic (PV) backsheet for fluoropolymer recycling.

Are fluorine-free backsheets better than fluorinated pyrolysis?

Likewise, in the pyrolysis scenario, fluorine-free backsheets show better environmental performance than fluorinated backsheets in 8 out of 12 impact categories. Pyrolysis could be a potential end-of-life treatment option for fluorine-free backsheets.

Can fluoropolymers be recycled from end-of-life PV backsheets?

Fluoropolymer recycling could be achieved by melting and extruding the recovered fluoropolymers, which in turn could be used to produce new fluoropolymers. Furthermore, we proposed a potential fluoropolymer recycling scheme from end-of-life PV backsheets.

What is a fluoropolymer?

The fluoropolymer here is nothing but the proprietary polyvinyl fluoride (PVF), commercially known as Tedlar, popularized by DuPont, the well-known US-based chemical giant. Such a backsheet structure was often referred to as TPT, which was also the first backsheet composition used for PV module applications.

Do fluorine-free backsheets improve environmental performance?

The life cycle assessment for the fluorine-free backsheets show better environmental performance compared to the fluorinated backsheets in both incineration as well as the pyrolysis EOL scenarios.

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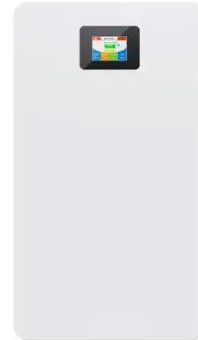
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