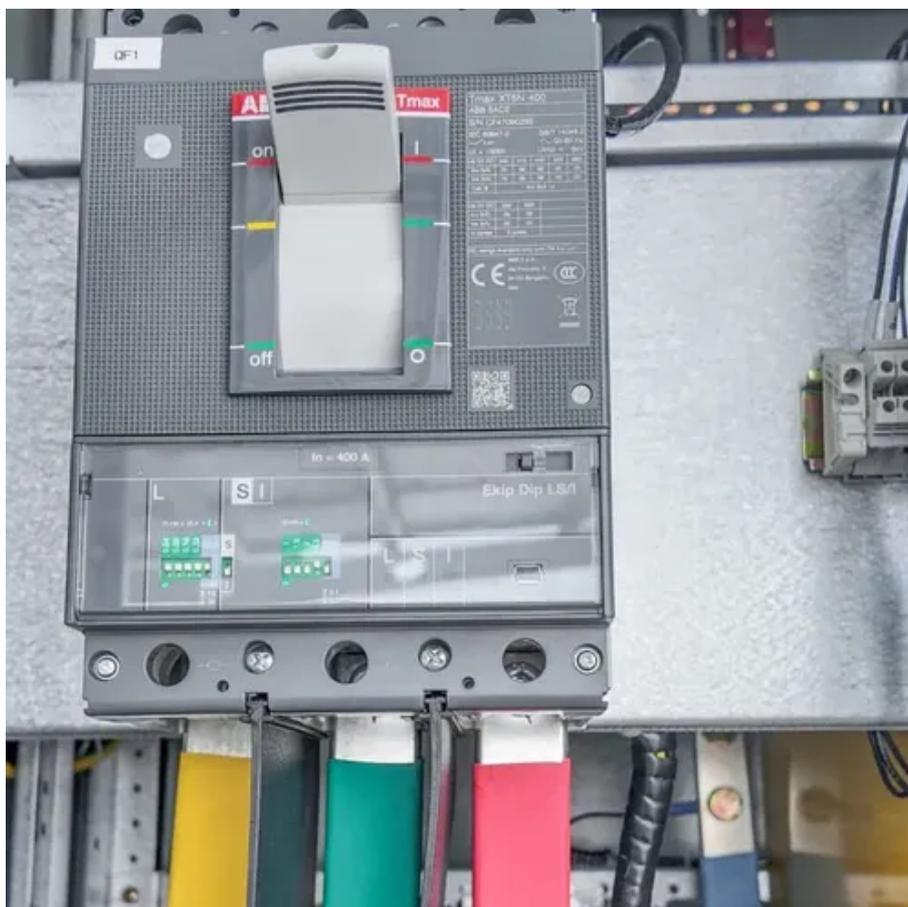




# Causes of scratches on photovoltaic panel cells





## Overview

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Hailstorms, high winds, or even improper handling during installation can cause physical damage, leading to noticeable scratches. Industry standards like IEC 61215 define general defect categories, but they lack a specific, actionable protocol for classifying scratches on the glass and backsheet—the two most critical protective layers of a solar module. This guide lays out a simple, effective framework for differentiating. Why do solar panels have scratches?

1. Solar panels can sustain scratches due to various factors, including physical impact, environmental conditions, and manufacturing imperfections. These everyday issues, if left unaddressed, can diminish efficiency and potentially boost repair costs down the line. While they may initially appear as mere aesthetic defects, they can have significant implications for the module's performance and longevity.



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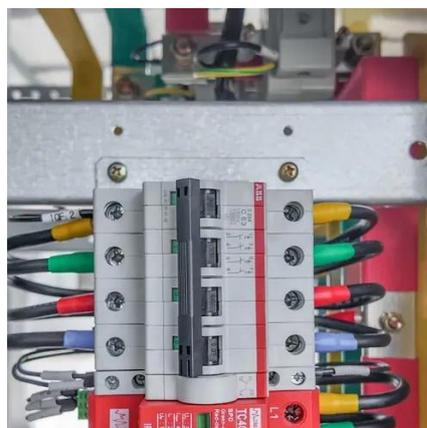


### Solar Panel Defects: Most Common & How to Avoid Them?

Solar panel defects are rare, but they can still occur and impact your system's performance. Understanding common solar panel defects can help you identify potential issues early and take preventive ...

### Scratches on the photovoltaic panel surface

All MCS accredited panels are encapsulated in very thick glass and a scratch isn't going to make water go anywhere near the PV cells. I would suggest you ask for a replacement.



### How scratches affect PV module performance and longevity

What effect does a glass scratch have on a photovoltaic (PV) module? Glass scratches on photovoltaic (PV) modules are a prevalent quality concern. While they may initially appear as mere aesthetic

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## backsheet: bubbles, bulging...

Scratches can occur in several different ways: 1. from the raw material itself, 2. from sharp objects that cause scratches on the back during transportation on the transmission line, 3. from damage caused by ...



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When the current flows through the solar cell strings within panels, the resistance in cells converts the current into heat losses. Any imperfection in solar cells, such as cracks, poorly soldered joints, and ...

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On glass, a scratch over an active cell directly blocks light from reaching the power-generating region. A scratch over a busbar or near the frame has a much smaller impact.



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