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### Peru double glass modules

#### What is a dual-glass module?

Dual-glass type modules (also called double glass or glass-glass) are made up of two glass surfaces, on the front and on the rear with a thickness of 2.0 mm each. Some manufacturers, in order to reduce the weight of the modules, have opted for a thickness of 1.6 mm. DualSun has chosen to stay with a thickness of 2.0 mm for reasons explained below.

#### What is a glass-glass module?

Glass-Glass module designs are an old technology that utilises a glass layer on the back of modules in place of traditional polymer backsheets. They were heavy and expensive allowing for the lighter polymer backsheets to gain the majority of the market share at the time.

#### Are bifacial double-glass modules a good choice?

There has been a noteable shift from the initial single-facial single-glass modules to bifacial double-glass modules. Double-glass modules, with their performance in the face of salt mist, high temperatures and high humidity, have won the market's favour. However, this trend is not without its risks.

#### Do PV modules have tempered glass?

Among the current module products on the market, only single-glass modules are equipped with tempered glass. The choice of front and shear materials is critical in determining the module's ability to withstand hail impacts. Over the past decade, the PV industry has experienced a great revolution.

#### Can tempered glass be used in solar modules?

The only feasible way for tempered glass to be widely used in solar modules is its application in single-glass modules. The prevailing benchmark for hail resistance, which stipulates that solar modules must be capable of withstanding impacts from hailstones up to 35mm in diameter, may fall short in areas frequently subjected to larger hailstones.

#### What changes are incorporated in glass-glass modules?

Another major change that is also incorporated for glass-glass modules is swapping EVA for polyolefins as an encapsulant. This is due to the free radicals produced during the cross-linking lamination process of EVA. While traditional backsheets are somewhat permeable to the free radicals, the double-glass module is not.

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