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Overview

What is a thin-film solar cell?

Thin-film solar cells, unlike crystalline silicon cells, use a variety of semiconductor materials deposited in thin layers onto a substrate. Cadmium telluride is the primary material used in CdTe thin-film solar cells , where it acts as the light-absorbing semiconductor.

Why is thermal recycling important for PV solar cells?

Despite these challenges, thermal recycling remains a valuable tool in the overall recycling strategy for PV solar cells. When combined with mechanical recycling and other techniques, thermal processes can help to maximize the recovery of valuable materials and reduce the environmental impact of PV waste.

What are the environmental challenges in thermal recycling for PV solar cells?

Environmental challenges in thermal recycling techniques for PV solar cells, including harmful emissions, material degradation, and waste management issues. Another challenge is the potential for material degradation during thermal processing.

Why is land disposal of thin film PV module a problem?

However, land disposal of thin film PV module poses a risk to the ecosystem and well-being of the inhabitants due to the release of toxic materials like lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), and selenium (Se), hence demanding sustainable waste management systems .

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