

Service life of solar power generation module

How long should a solar energy module last?

Thus, the modules' service life of for energy generation should be longer than 15 years, which leads to considerations of module operation reliability. A shorter service life would be acceptable only in the case of extremely low investment costs to keep the product IC.f (n;e) acceptably low.

Do integrated PV modules have a longer service life?

Whether or not building integrated PV modules have a longer service life is uncertain. A service life of 30 years is recommended due to this uncertainty and for the sake of comparability with other PV systems. Manufacturing plants (capital equipment): The lifetime may be shorter than 30 years due to the rapid development of technology.

What is the lifetime of a PV module?

Therefore, in the manufacturers' context, the lifetime of a PV module is often defined as the time required for a PV module to lose its initial STC power by 20% (so-called degradation limit). For outdoor degradation evaluations, statistical methods are commonly used.

Are service lifetime and degradation models suitable for PV modules?

The latest scientific work shows that service lifetime and degradation models for PV modules are of specific use if they combine different modelling approaches and include know-how and modelling parameters of the most relevant degradation effects.

How to predict the service lifetime of PV modules?

To evaluate and predict the service lifetime of PV modules in real-world operating conditions, mathematical approaches are usually utilized. Physical and statistical methods have been commonly used and recently machine learning approaches are being applied.

What is the end of functional life of a PV module?

Then the functional end of life is reached. From a purely technical viewpoint, the end of functional life of a PV module is only reached when the module does not deliver any electricity at all or electrical safety is not guaranteed anymore.

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