

# Solar panels are brittle





## Overview

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Why are solar cells brittle?

This makes sure broken cells and poorly soldered ribbons do not ship out from WINAICO. The advancement in semiconductor processing has led to wafer-thin solar cells at around 170  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, about twice the diameter of a human hair. This led to extremely brittle solar cells prone to crack from any forceful impact.

Do solar panels fail?

As some brands cut corners on product quality to remain price-competitive, solar panels start to fail in the field before their expected lifetime is up. Here are 11 of the most common solar panel defects to watch out for in a solar installation, and how WINAICO works to prevent them from happening to your sites.

What are the most common solar panel problems?

Most Common Solar Panel Problems include efficiency, maintenance, discoloration, degradation, cost, wiring concerns and hot spots.

Can solar panels fail or underperform?

However, like any manufactured product, solar panels can fail or underperform due to faulty materials or poor workmanship during the manufacturing process. Fortunately, this is very rare, and usually, only 1 in 5,000 panels will suffer from a manufacturing defect.

What happens if a solar panel is discolored?

This discoloration can impact the panel's performance, leading to decreased efficiency and reduced power output. Solutions to solar panel discoloration include regular professional cleaning, proper installation, monitoring system performance, and contacting the installer for assessment and guidance.



## Are solar panels tough?

Solar panels might look fragile, but they're actually very tough. They can handle a lot, from impacts to harsh weather. Their design includes features like strong resistance to hail. This makes them hardy and dependable.



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