
The collapse of the solar glass industry

Is the smart glass industry in crisis?

If we look a little more closely at the history of dynamic building glazing industry, it is actually very obvious that the smart glass industry is in crisis. In a recent study it was tried to explain this crisis with the many barriers in the construction industry to adopt new dynamic glass technologies.

What happened to smart glass 1.0?

1. Introduction After the insolvency of two of the most important smart glass companies (View, Inc. and Halio, Inc.) in the first half of 2024, a discussion started on the LinkedIn platform in July 2024 about the failure of the Smart Glass 1.0 industry .

How does temperature affect the thermal expansion of glass?

Quite contrary, a major stress factor is also changing temperatures. It can be assumed that the glazing can see temperatures between $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in winter and $+80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in hot summer with full sun. This results in repeated expansion and contraction of materials with different thermal expansion coefficients: glass and polymer of the polymer electrolyte.

What are some examples of commercial sun protection glass?

Other examples of commercial projects to develop and produce dynamic sun protection glass that were abandoned in the last 10 years include Gesimat (Germany), Heliotrope (USA), HIVISQ (Spain), Ravenbrick (USA) and Switch Materials (Canada). The recent additions from 2024 are View, Inc. and Halio, Inc. (both USA).

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In principle, several technologies can be used for smart dynamic solar control glass for the construction industry. However, it is generally assumed that electrochromism [3] is the ...

According to industry insiders, the production cut was jointly initiated by industry leaders Xinyi Solar and Flat Glass Group, aiming to reduce supply, promote the return of ...

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