Materials for Solar Energy Applications

The Challenge
It is critical that materials used for thin film solar applications are of the highest quality. Whether your application is thin film, crystalline silicon, concentrated photovoltaic or concentrated solar power, a high quality material enables reliable device performance and durability. It is also important to select the most appropriate materials to maximize performance of absorber, reflector, antireflective, back contact, buffer, high temperature and TCO thin films.

The Solution
Materion, now expanded with the addition of Heraeus target materials business, is one of the world’s leading producers and developers of materials for thin film technology.
- Broad range of highly engineered precious metal & non-precious metal sputtering targets, ceramic and inorganic compound sputtering targets, evaporation materials and inorganic chemicals
- High purity materials with optimized microstructure for complete coverage
- Materials with consistent quality for extended product life
- Customization capability to match appropriate materials for highest performance

BENEFITS
Materion offers the convenience of multiple global locations.
- 20+ years of expertise servicing the solar energy market
- Targets for all key layer systems used in photovoltaic applications
- Materials designed for CIGS, CZTS & cadmium telluride (CdTe) technologies for large scale production
- Materials already proven to increase device efficiencies
- Related services such as shield kit cleaning, target bonding and refining & reclaim

APPLICATIONS
- Thin Film Solar Cells
- Concentrated Photovoltaic (CPV)
- Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)
- N&P Layers
- Back Contact and Interconnects
- Buffer and TCO Layers
- High Temperature Coatings
- Heliostat Reflectors
- Reflective Coatings in Mirrors
SPUTTERING TARGETS
Available Materials
- Precious metal and non-precious metal
- Standard and custom exotic alloys
- Ceramic and inorganic sputtering targets with customized chemistries
- Cadmium containing materials

Available Forms
- Planar & rotatable targets produced by cast or spray for large area coating
- Custom alloys and compositions
- Multiple shapes & sizes
- Extended life designs

THIN FILM PHOTOVOLTAIC MATERIALS
Non-precious materials, including but not limited to:
Options for crystalline and amorphous silicon designs:
- Full Alloy CuInGaSe
- Full Alloy CuGa
- Binary and Ternaries
- Transparent Conductive Oxides (TCO), such as Cd2SnO4
- Indium & Indium Alloys
- Cadmium Sulfide
- Copper & Copper Alloys
- Zinc & Zinc Alloys
- Zinc Telluride
- ZAO
- Tin and Tin Alloys
- Back Contact Metals & Alloys
- Buffer Layer Materials
- Others

CONCENTRATED PHOTOVOLTAIC (CPV) MATERIALS
High purity precious metal slugs and/or pellets:
- Gold (Au) metal and alloys
- Silver (Ag) metal and alloys

EVAPORATION MATERIALS
Shot, wire, rod, pellets, slugs & pieces:
- Precious and non-precious metals & alloys
- Inorganic chemicals
- Customizable purity levels up to 5N
- EVAPro™ high performance metals
- Specialty ceramics
- Custom alloys

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MATERIALS FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC APPLICATIONS
Materion supports the solar industry with a wide variety of specialized materials as well as sputtering targets for all the key layer systems used in photovoltaic applications. Our broad manufacturing capabilities allow us to offer custom materials for Thin Film Solar, Silicon (HJT – Heterojunction Technology) and Compound Semiconductor Based (II-VI and III-V) technologies. As one of the world’s leading producers and developers of thin film materials, we anticipate our customers’ needs for innovative materials to meet their specific challenges.

CIGS/Si SOLAR CELL OPTIONS
- CuInGaSe
- AZO
- CuGaAlloys
- CuGaSe
- CuGaSe:Na
- Mo
- (ZnMg)O
- In₂Se₃
- ZnS

* Materion provides four element CIGS compositions.

CdTe SOLAR CELL OPTIONS
- ZTO
- Ni Alloys
- ZnO
- InSe₂
- CuTe
- CdSnTe
- Si

AMORPHOUS-Si & MULTI-JUNCTION SOLAR CELL OPTIONS
- TCO
- AgAlloys
- NIV
- Si
- ZnO

CONTACTS
- TCO
- Buffer
- p-layer
- n-layer
- Collector
- Substrate

Collector
- TCO
- Cover
- p-layer
- n-layer
- Intrinsic layer
- Back Contact

Back Contact
- Ni
- Al

MATERION ADVANCED MATERIALS is a manufacturer of specialty materials servicing the global solar market for over twenty years. Our sputtering targets, evaporation materials, and inorganic chemicals are designed for use in thin film crystalline silicon, concentrator photovoltaic and concentrator solar power technologies for a range of solar applications.