No laminated layers

All the reasons why UNIQOAT is the next-gen backsheet

No delamination
UNIQOAT is the world’s only true single-layer backsheet for PV solar modules. It consists of only one single layer and can thus not delaminate by-design.

Reflectivity champion
Scientific comparison of the reflectivity of a wide range of PET-based backsheet across the full solar spectrum revealed best score for the UNIQOAT*. Its high reflectivity up to 90% is sustained during the module’s entire life span and can increase power output significantly.

Sustainable cost down
The single-step manufacturing process delivers ready-for-use backsheet instantly. This anticipates great cost down potential compared to the laborious and time consuming multi-step production of laminated multi-layer backsheet.

Module strength up 20x
With around 5 N/cm adhesion strength between its layers, the multi-layer laminated backsheet itself is the weakest link in a module. By its single-layer design UNIQOAT backsheet has finally solved this structural weakness and elevates the EVA adhesion strength to 100 N/cm on average.

Damage proof
In the single-layer UNIQOAT backsheet, all the required protective properties are equally present across the full material thickness. And so, neither erosion nor accidental damage of the backsheet during module manufacturing or installation will cause accelerated module degradation or power decline.

100% Contribution
Unlike in multi-layer backsheets, the material properties to ensure electrical insulation as well as hydrolysis and UV resistance are present across the full thickness and in every mm³ of the UNIQOAT backsheet. That is also why its full material thickness actively contributes to achieving IEC standards for RTI and DTI.

High grade PET
Contrary to multi-layer backsheets that include a core layer of standard electrical grade PET, the single-layer backsheet offers the mechanical strength and electrical insulation capacity as well as hydrolysis and UV resistance of a high grade PET in its full thickness.

Tension-free
The single-layer backsheet consists of one homogenous material with exceptional dimensional stability and does therefore not know material tensions like those generated in multi-layer laminated backsheet by the high lamination temperature. Its exceptional low shrinkage allows for higher lamination temperatures than standard backsheet and consequently lower lamination time and higher production efficiency.

Eco-friendly
Unlike laminated backsheets, UNIQOAT backsheet is manufactured without the use of solvent adhesives and production waste is recycled. The PET is fully recyclable at end-of-life of the module.

*Agfa internal testing in 2017
UNIQOAT backsheet introduces a new paradigm in the solar PV industry because it fulfils all the functional requirements of a backsheet in just one single layer. It not only eliminates the weaknesses of laminated backsheet but delivers unseen benefits in terms of performance and sustainable cost down potential.

UNITOAT. TRULY THE NEXT-GEN BACKSHEET.

TECHNICAL DATA
(typical values)

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(*) values based on testing with specified encapsulant brands using the manufacturer’s lamination recommendations

UNIQOAT is available in standard rolls of 100/200m length (other lengths and sheets upon request). The shelf life is 18 months when kept in the original packaging. UNIQOAT meets the latest IEC 61730-1 on DTI for 1000 VDC and 1500 VDC modules (DTI = Distance Through Insulation).