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Photovoltaic power plants convert sunlight directly into electricity using solar cells, while concentrated solar power plants use mirrors or lenses to concentrate sunlight and heat a fluid that drives a turbine or engine. How many megawatts does a solar power station produce?

The Solar Star PV power station produces 579 megawatts of electricity, while the Topaz Solar Farm and Desert Sunlight Solar Farm each produce 550 megawatts. Learn more about photovoltaics research in the Solar Energy Technologies Office, check out these solar energy information resources, and find out more about how solar works.

What is a solar PV power plant?

A solar PV power plant is a power station that generates electrical power by using photovoltaic cells. All of the 70 power plants are solar PV power plants using either PV technology or concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) technology and feeds generated electricity into the public grid.

What is a photovoltaic power plant?

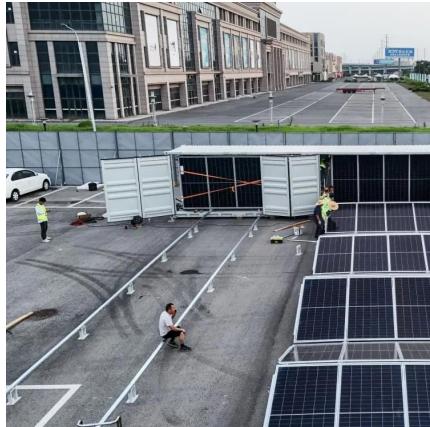
A photovoltaic power plant is a large-scale PV system that is connected to the grid and designed to produce bulk electrical power from solar radiation. It consists of several components, such as solar modules, which are the basic units of a PV system made up of solar cells that turn light into electricity.

What are the components of a photovoltaic power plant?

A photovoltaic power plant consists of several main components. These include: Solar modules, which are the basic units of a PV system made up of solar cells that turn light into electricity. Solar cells, typically made from silicon, absorb photons and release electrons, creating an electric current.



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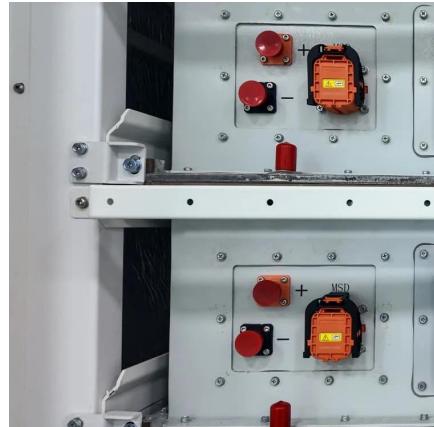
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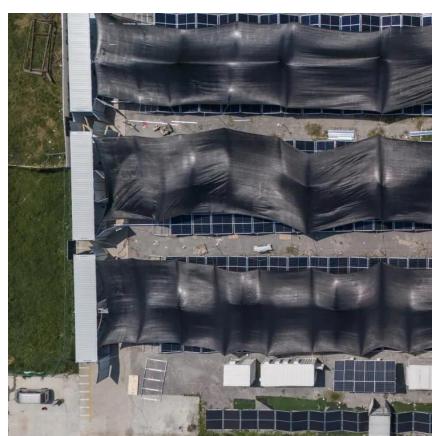
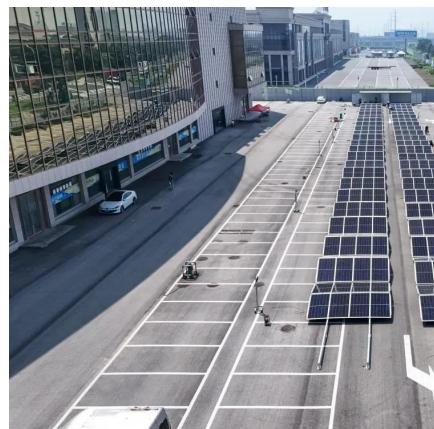
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