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Trough Concentrating Solar Power System





Overview

What are trough solar fields?

Trough solar fields can also be deployed with fossil-fueled power plants to augment the steam cycle, improving performance by lowering the heat rate of the plant and either increasing power output or displacing fossil fuel-derived electricity.

How does a CSP trough system work?

The thermal energy concentrated in a CSP plant can be stored and used to produce electricity when it is needed, day or night. Today, roughly 1,815 megawatts (MW ac) of CSP plants are in operation in the United States. Parabolic trough systems use curved mirrors to focus the sun's energy onto a receiver tube that runs down the center of a trough.

What is a parabolic trough power plant?

Parabolic trough power plants consist of large fields of mirrored parabolic trough collectors, a heat transfer fluid/steam generation system, a power system such as a Rankine steam turbine/generator, and optional thermal storage and/or fossil-fired backup systems. The use of thermal storage results in both dispatchable generation and higher.

What is a concentrating solar power plant?

Concentrating solar power (CSP) plants use mirrors to concentrate the sun's energy to drive traditional steam turbines or engines that create electricity. Concentrating solar power (CSP) plants use mirrors to concentrate the sun's energy to drive traditional steam turbines or engines that create electricity.



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[Parabolic-trough concentrating solar power systems](#)

A parabolic-trough collector (PTC) is a linear-focus solar collector, basically composed of a parabolic-trough-shaped concentrator that reflects direct solar radiation onto a receiver or

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Parabolic trough technology is the most widespread among utility-scale solar thermal plants. The potential of this type of concentrating collectors is very high and can provide output fluid ...

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located along the focal ...



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For concentrating solar power plants, new model means ...

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