

Solar System Review Sheet

Solar System The fusion of hydrogen into helium inside the Sun's core releases energy, which is primarily emitted through its outer photosphere. The Solar System consists of the Sun and the objects that orbit it. 6 billion years The Solar System consists of the Sun and the objects that orbit it. 86% of the Solar System's mass is located within the Sun. It formed about 4.6 billion years ago when a dense region of a molecular cloud collapsed, creating the Sun and a protoplanetary disc from which the orbiting bodies assembled. This creates a decreasing temperature gradient across the system. The name comes from Sól, the Latin name for the Sun. Over 99% of the mass of the Solar System is contained within the Sun. The name comes from Sól, the Latin name for the Sun

Solar sail A thin-film solar array is embedded in the Solar sails (also known as lightsails, light sails, and photon sails) are a method of spacecraft propulsion using radiation pressure exerted by sunlight on large surfaces. 5-micrometre (0.00005 m) thick sheet of polyimide. A number of spaceflight missions to test solar propulsion and navigation have been proposed since the 1980s. The polyimide sheet had a mass of about 10 grams per square metre

Passive solar building design the winter and reject solar heat in the summer. This is called passive solar design because, unlike active solar heating systems, it does not involve the In passive solar building design, windows, walls, and floors are made to collect, store, reflect, and distribute solar energy, in the form of heat in the winter and reject solar heat in the summer. This is called passive solar design because, unlike active solar heating systems, it does not involve the use of mechanical and electrical devices

The key to designing a passive solar building is to best take advantage of the local climate performing an accurate site analysis. Elements to be considered include window placement and size, and glazing type, thermal insulation, thermal mass, and shading. Passive solar design techniques can be applied most easily to new buildings, but existing buildings can be adapted or "retrofitted". Solar-powered household lighting can replace other light sources like candles or kerosene lamps. Solar lamps have a lower operating cost than kerosene lamps because renewable energy from the sun is free, unlike fuel. In addition, solar lamps produce no indoor air pollution unlike kerosene lamps. However, solar lamps generally have a higher initial cost, and are weather dependent. The most massive objects that orbit the Sun are the eight planets. Closest to the Sun in order of increasing distance are the four terrestrial planets – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. Only the Earth and Mars orbit within the Sun's habitable...

Solar lamp A solar lamp, also known as a solar light or solar lantern, is a lighting system composed of an LED lamp, solar panels, battery, charge controller and A solar lamp, also known as a solar light or solar lantern, is a lighting system composed of an LED lamp, solar panels, battery, charge controller and there may also be an inverter. The lamp operates on electricity from batteries, charged through the use of a solar photovoltaic panel

A Sun-facing collector heats a working fluid that passes into a storage system for later use. SWH are active (pumped) and passive (convection-driven). They use water only, or both water and a working fluid. They are heated directly or via light-concentrating mirrors. They operate independently or as hybrids with electric or gas heaters. In large-scale installations, mirrors may concentrate sunlight into a smaller collector. Solar thermal collectors are either non-concentrating or concentrating. In non-concentrating collectors, the aperture area (i.e., the area that receives the solar radiation) is roughly the same as the absorber area (i.e., the area absorbing the radiation). A common example of such a system is a metal plate that is painted a dark color to maximize the absorption of sunlight. The energy is then collected by cooling the plate with a working fluid, often water or glycol running...

Solar panel Solar panels can be known as solar cell panels, or solar electric panels. Solar panels can be known as solar cell panels, or solar electric panels. Most panels are in solar farms or rooftop solar panels which supply. These electrons flow through a circuit and produce direct current (DC) electricity, which can be used to power various devices or be stored in batteries. A photovoltaic A solar panel is a device that converts sunlight into

electricity by using multiple solar modules that consist of photovoltaic (PV) cells. Solar panels are usually arranged in groups called arrays or systems. PV cells are made of materials that produce excited electrons when exposed to light. batteries. Solar panels are usually arranged in groups called arrays or systems. A photovoltaic system consists of one or more solar panels, an inverter that converts DC electricity to alternating current (AC) electricity, and sometimes other components such as controllers, meters, and trackers 97b791e9a2

A useful analogy to solar sailing may be a sailing boat; the light exerting a force on the large surface is akin to a sail being blown by the wind. High-energy laser beams could be used as an alternative light source to exert much greater force than would be possible using sunlight, a concept known as beam sailing. Solar sail craft offer the possibility of low-cost operations combined... 97b791e9a2

Heliospheric current sheet The shape of the current sheet results from the influence of the Sun's rotating magnetic field on the plasma in the interplanetary medium. the interplanetary medium (solar wind) creates the largest structure in the Solar System, the heliospheric current sheet. Parker's spiral magnetic field The heliospheric current sheet, or interplanetary current sheet, is a surface separating regions of the heliosphere where the interplanetary magnetic field points toward and away from the Sun. The thickness of the current sheet is about 10,000 km (6,200 mi) near the orbit of the Earth. A small electrical current with a current density of about 10–10 A/m² flows within this surface, forming a current sheet confined to this surface 97b791e9a2

Solar lamps for use in rural situations often have the capability of providing a supply of electricity for other devices, such as for... 97b791e9a2

Solar thermal collector The term "solar collector" commonly refers to a device for solar hot water heating, but may refer to large power generating installations such as solar parabolic troughs and solar towers or non-water heating devices such as solar cookers or solar air heaters. flow systems, used in compact solar domestic hot water only systems (no space heating role); flooded: consisting of two sheets of metal molded to produce A solar thermal collector collects heat by absorbing sunlight 97b791e9a2

Solar energy Active solar techniques include the use of photovoltaic systems, concentrated solar power, and solar water heating to harness the energy. include the use of photovoltaic systems, concentrated solar power, and solar water heating to harness the energy. It is an essential source of renewable energy, and its technologies are broadly characterized as either passive solar or active solar depending on how they capture and distribute solar energy or convert it into solar power. Passive solar techniques include designing Solar energy is the radiant energy from the Sun's light and heat, which can be harnessed using a range of technologies such as solar electricity, solar thermal energy (including solar water heating) and solar architecture. Passive solar techniques include designing a building for better daylighting, selecting materials with favorable thermal mass or light-dispersing properties, and organizing spaces that naturally circulate air 97b791e9a2

At the end of 2023, global solar hot water thermal capacity was 560 GWth, a 3% increase from 2022... 97b791e9a2

Solar water heating Pool covering systems, whether solid sheets or floating Solar water heating (SWH) is heating water by sunlight, using a solar thermal collector. A variety of configurations are available at varying cost to provide solutions in different climates and latitudes. Floating pool covering systems and separate STCs are used for pool heating. engine and solar drying. SWHs are widely used for residential and some industrial applications 97b791e9a2

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Solar wind This plasma mostly consists of electrons, protons and alpha particles with kinetic energy between 0.5 and 10 keV. The composition of the solar wind plasma also includes a mixture of particle species found in the solar plasma: trace amounts of heavy ions and atomic nuclei of elements such as carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, neon, magnesium, silicon, sulfur, and iron. Superimposed with the solar-wind plasma is the interplanetary magnetic field. The solar wind varies in density, temperature and speed over time and over solar latitude and longitude. Heliospheric current sheet Helium focusing cone Interplanetary medium Magnetic sail Parker Solar Probe Plasmasphere Solar cycle Solar sail Solar Wind Composition The solar wind is a stream of charged

particles released from the Sun's outermost atmospheric layer, the corona. There are also rarer traces of some other nuclei and isotopes such as phosphorus, titanium, chromium, and nickel's isotopes ^{58}Ni , ^{60}Ni , and ^{62}Ni 97b791e9a2

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