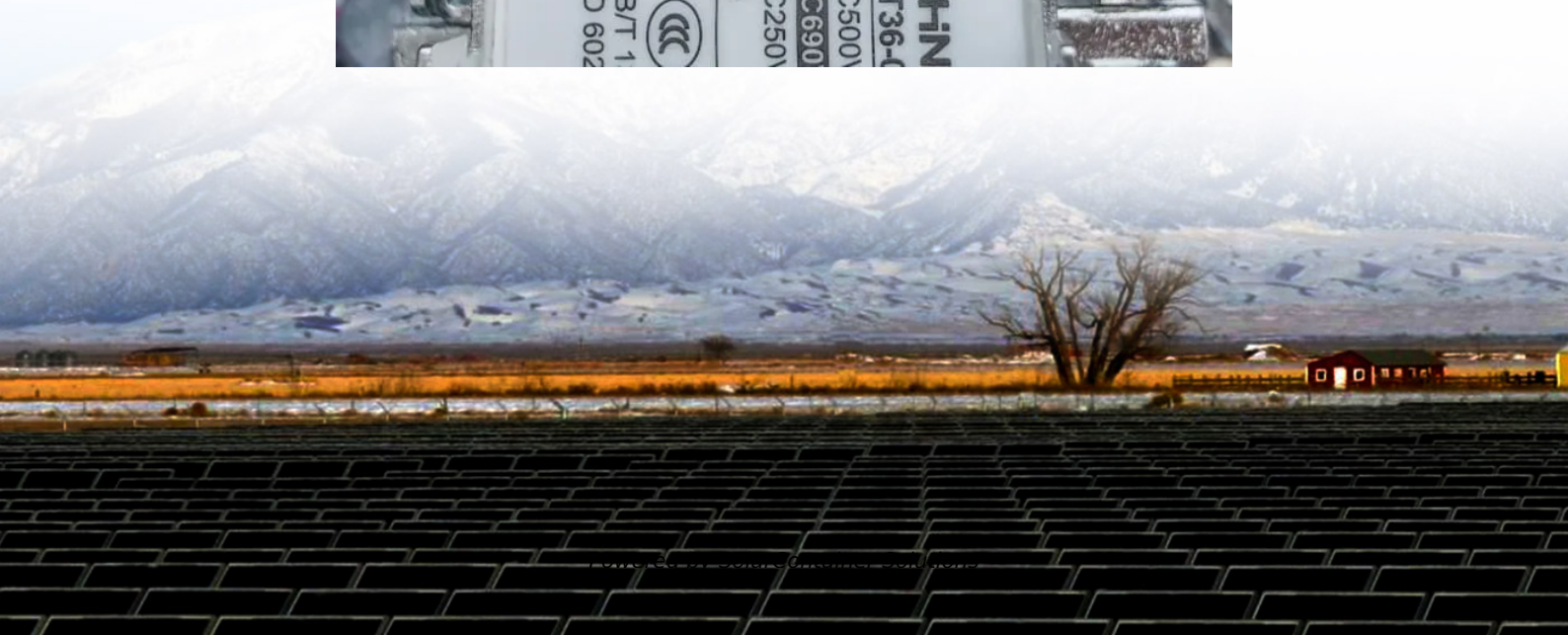


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Overview

What are the advantages of a cadmium telluride solar panel?

The major advantage of this technology is that the panels can be manufactured at lower costs than silicon based solar panels. First Solar was the first manufacturer of Cadmium telluride panels to produce solar cells for less than \$1.00 per watt. Some experts believe it will be possible to get the solar cell costs down to around \$0.5 per watt.

How safe is cadmium telluride?

The approach to CdTe safety in the European Union and China is however, much more cautious: cadmium and cadmium compounds are considered as toxic carcinogens in EU whereas China regulations allow Cd products for export only. The issue about regulating the use of Cadmium Telluride is currently being discussed in Europe.

When was cadmium telluride invented?

Research in Cadmium telluride dates back to the 1950's because it is almost perfectly matched to the distribution of photons in the solar spectrum in terms of optimal conversion to electricity. Early leaders in CdS/CdTe cell efficiencies were General Electric in the 1960s, and then Kodak, Monosolar, Matsushita, and AMETEK.

What is the difference between cadmium and tellurium?

Tellurium supply: While Cadmium is relatively abundant, Tellurium is not. Tellurium (Te) is an extremely rare element (1-5 parts per billion in the Earth's crust. According to USGS, global tellurium production in 2007 was 135 metric tons. Most of it comes as a by-product of copper, with smaller byproduct amounts from lead and gold.



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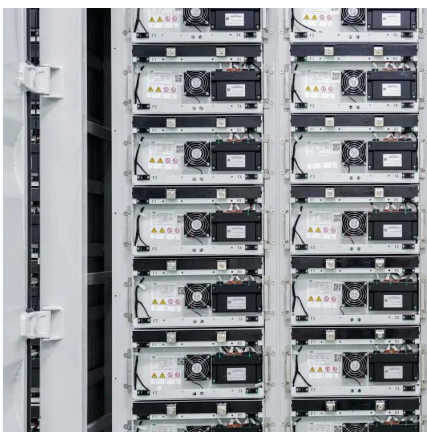
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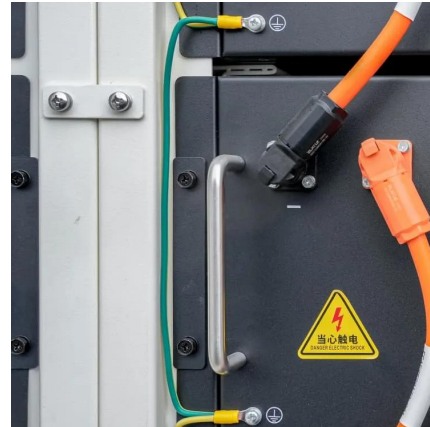
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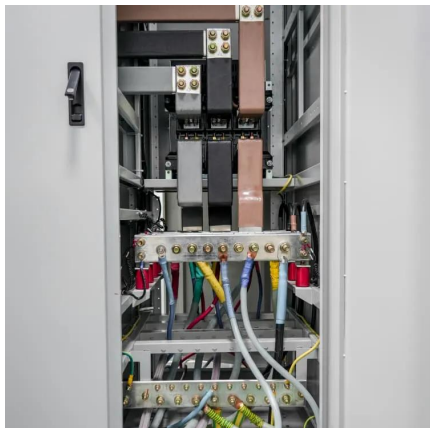
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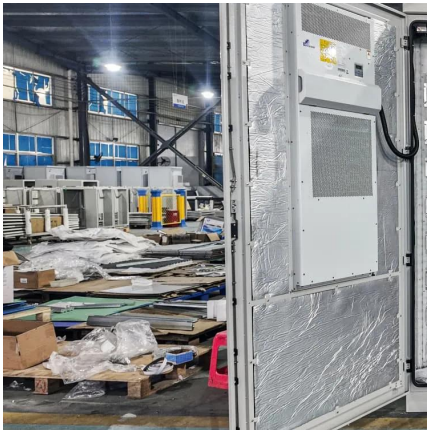
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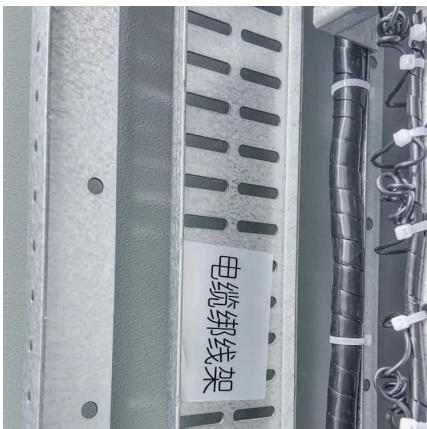
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