

# Trough solar cycle system





## Overview

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What is a trough solar collector field?

A trough solar collector field comprises multiple parabolic trough-shaped mirrors in parallel rows aligned to enable these single-axis trough-shaped mirrors to track the sun from east to west during the day to ensure that the sun is continuously focused on the receiver pipes. Trough deployment database.

How does a trough system work?

In the trough system, sunlight is concentrated by about 70–100 times on the absorber tubes, achieving operating temperatures of 350 to 550°C. A heat transfer fluid (HTF) pumped through the absorber tube transfers the thermal energy to a conventional steam turbine power cycle. Most plants use synthetic thermal oil for the job of transferring heat.

What are integrated solar combined cycle systems (ISCCs)?

Introduction Integrated solar combined cycle systems (ISCCS) are modern combined cycle power plants with gas and steam turbines and additional thermal input of solar energy from a field of parabolic troughs. The plant concept was initially proposed by Luz Solar International .

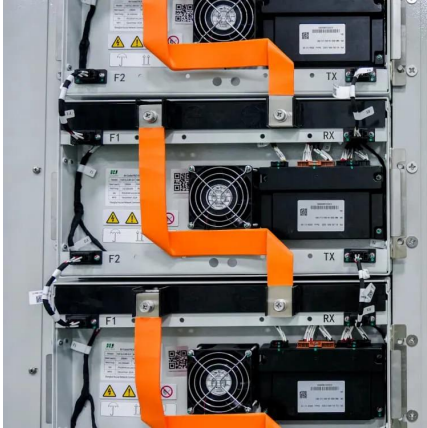
What is a second generation parabolic trough plant?

A new generation of parabolic trough plants aims to reach a higher HTF temperature, allowing the full integration of the solar field and the storage system. This “second generation” should provide significant improvements in the average conversion efficiency and further reduction of costs.



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