

# Trough solar power mirror

Do parabolic trough solar collectors perform well?

G. Caldera, in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 2017 The thermodynamics of a Parabolic Trough Solar Collector (PTC) play an important role in solar energy and the efficiency of the collectors. This report presents an up-to-date review on the thermal performance of PTC collectors.

What is a parabolic trough solar concentrator?

The traditional parabolic trough solar concentrator is widely used in the solar collection field, especially in a solar thermal power plant, because it has the most mature technology. Under the condition of accuracy tracking by a precise mechanism, it can achieve heat at a temperature higher than 400°C.

Which concentrating solar trough is the cheapest?

Among the concentrating solar collectors, the parabolic trough is the most developed, cheapest, and widely used for large-scale applications in harnessing solar energy. However, it is not yet cheaper than conventional fossil fuels, and improvements and developments in the PTC are a must. 2.2. Parabolic dish Sterling engine

Which solar power systems use parabolic trough technology?

As of 2014, the largest solar thermal power systems using parabolic trough technology include the 354 MW SEGS plants in California, the 280 MW Solana Generating Station with molten salt heat storage, the 250 MW Genesis Solar Energy Project, the Spanish 200 MW Solaben Solar Power Station, and the Andasol 1 solar power station.

What is a trough shaped reflector?

For large-scale solar concentration, a trough-shaped reflector has proved more effective. If the trough is built with a parabolic cross-section, the reflector will bring the incident sunlight to focus at a line rather than at a single point, a line running along the length of the trough.

What are PTC mirrors made of?

Typical PTC mirrors for CSP plants are made from float glass of 3-4mm thickness with low iron content to avoid absorption in the glass, with a silvered backside, protected by a multilayer protection coating from the backside (copper, protection paints, and final lacquer) (Fig. 10).

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