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Overview

Concentrating solar power (CSP) plants use mirrors to concentrate the sun's energy to drive traditional steam turbines or engines that create electricity. The thermal energy concentrated in a CSP plant can be stored and used to produce electricity when it is needed, day or night. A key factor that dictates the efficiency and power output of heliostats is the quality and design of their reflective. In these plants, sophisticated mirrors that track the sun, known as heliostats, focus sunlight onto a receiver at the top of a tall tower—a power tower—where the concentrated light heats a working fluid.

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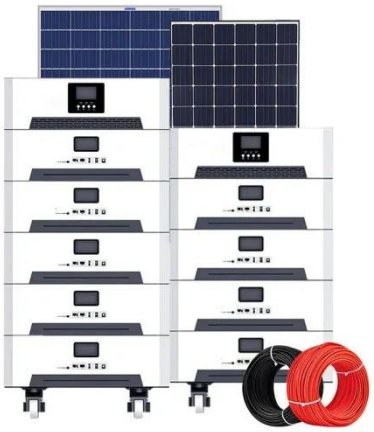

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