

Concentrating Solar Thermal Power PlantsLinear Concentrating SystemsSolar Power TowersSolar Dish-EnginesThere are three main types of concentrating solar thermal power systems: 1. Linear concentrating systems, which include parabolic troughs and linear Fresnel reflectors 2. Solar power towers 3. Solar dish/engine systemsSee more on eia.govPublished: Sep 25, 2024.iacfm

.iacf_head{display:flex;align-items:center;gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small);text-decoration-color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);box-sizing:border-box;margin-bottom:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)}.iacfm .iacf_head span{flex:1 1 0;white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body3-strong)}.iacfm .iacf_head div{display:flex;height:22px;width:22px;justify-content:center;align-items:center;transition:background 300ms

ease-out;margin-right:-3px;border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-list-card-default);overflow:hidden}.iacfm .iacf_head .iacf_chv{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}[dir="rtl"] .iacfm .iacf_head svg{transform:scaleX(-1)}.rel_ent_w{margin:4px 0 9px}.rel_ent_w .rel_ent_w:focus-visible{outline-offset:-6px}.rel_ent_w .rel_ent_crs{margin:6px 0 16px}.b_top .rel_ent_w{margin-top:-4px}.b_top .rel_ent_w .rel_ent_crs{margin-top:0}.b_mm_swipable .rel_ent_w{margin:4px 0 20px}.b_rich .rel_ent_w{margin:-3px -16px 8px}.rel_ent_w .rel_ent_scr:not(.rel_ent_crs){height:50px;overflow:hidden}.rel_ent_c{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;padding-left:1px;height:50px}.aqptmt:not(.rel_ent_crs) .rel_ent_c{display:flex}.rel_ent_wp .rel_ent_c{white-space:initial}.rel_ent_scr .rel_ent_c{overflow-y:hidden;-webkit-overflow-scrolling:touch;overflow-x:auto}.rel_ent_scr:not(.rel_ent_crs) .rel_ent_c{padding-bottom:12px}.b_mm_swipable .rel_ent_c{padding-left:10px;margin-top:-2px;margin-bottom:4px}.b_rich .rel_ent_c{padding-left:15px}.rel_ent_w .rel_ent_crs .slide,.rel_ent_w .rel_ent_crs .slide:hover{width:auto;height:42px;border-radius:20px!important;box-shadow:none!important;overflow:visible}.a_rel_ent{display:inline-block;padding:0 16px 0 12px;margin:4px 8px 4px 0;border-radius:20px;border:1px solid #ddd;text-decoration:none;overflow:hidden;height:40px;max-width:80vw}:not(#lgVidAnsContainer)>.aqptmt .rel_ent_c .a_rel_ent{overflow:initial;display:flex}.slide .a_rel_ent{margin:0;box-shadow:none}.b_slidebar .slide .rel_ent .cico,.rel_ent .cico,.rel_ent>img{display:inline-block;vertical-align:middle;margin:2px 8px 2px -10px;border-radius:50%;background:#f7f7f7;flex-shrink:0}.rel_ent_tw{vertical-align:middle;font-size:12px;color:#444;line-height:16px;height:100%;float:right;display:table}.rel_ent_t{display:table-cell;vertical-align:middle;align-content:center}.aqptmt:not(.spl2) .rel_ent_tw,.aqptmt:not(.spl2) .rel_ent_tw .rel_ent_t{display:flex;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;align-items:center;white-space:nowrap}.rel_ent_w:not(.spl2) .rel_ent_t strong{display:inline-block;font-weight:normal}#b_results phead .b_attribution{padding-bottom:8px}.iaplanner .b_moreLink{margin-top:11px}.iaplanner.iarnd

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[data-wptds-carousel-controls]{--wptds-carousel-control-opacity:1}#b_content .iacfic.mmkiaacf
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button:active{background:var(--smtc-background-card-on-primary-default-pressed)}#b_content .iacfic.mmkiaacf .iacf_crsl[data-wptds-carousel] button svg{transition:initial}#b_content .iacfic.mmkiaacf .iacf_crsl[data-wptds-carousel] button svg
path{fill:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-secondary);forced-color-adjust:auto}#b_content .iacfic.mmkiaacf .iacfmit{position:absolute}#b_content .iacfic.mmkiaacf .iacfimgc{margin:auto}#b_content .b_ans.b_imgansacf{padding:0!important}#b_content .b_ans.b_top.b_imgansacf{background-color:initial!important}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head{gap:0;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium) 0;display:flex;align-items:center;box-sizing:border-box}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head:hover{text-decoration:none}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head:hover span{text-decoration:underline}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head:hover .iacf_chv{background:initial}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head div{display:flex;align-items:center;transition:background 300ms ease-out;margin-right:-3px;border-radius:var(--smtc-corner-ctrl-lg-rest);overflow:hidden;color:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-neutral-secondary-alt)}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head span{width:initial;flex:none;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle1-strong);padding-inline-start:0;max-width:90%;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden}#b_content .acfImgAns .iaheader .iacf_head .iacf_chv{width:22px;justify-content:center;height:22px}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w{margin-top:0}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .b_slideexp{margin:0}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .btn.rounded{top:initial;margin-top:1px}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .btn.next{right:-14px}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .cr>div{width:36px;height:38px;border-radius:var(--smtc-corner-ctrl-lg-rest);background:var(--bing-smtc-background-container);box-shadow:var(--bing-smtc-shadows-card-hover-3);border:initial}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .cr>div:after{margin-inline-start:2px;top:0}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .b_viewport{padding-top:0;margin-left:0;padding-left:0}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .b_viewport .slide{height:38px;margin-left:0;margin-inline-end:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small)}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w a.rel_ent{border-radius:var(--smtc-corner-circular);background:var(--smtc-background-card-on-primary-default-rest);padding-left:0;height:38px}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w a.rel_ent:hover{background:var(--smtc-background-card-on-primary-default-hover)}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w a.rel_ent:active{background:var(--smtc-background-card-on-primary-default-pressed)}#b_content .acfImgAns .rel_ent_w .cico{margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}

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