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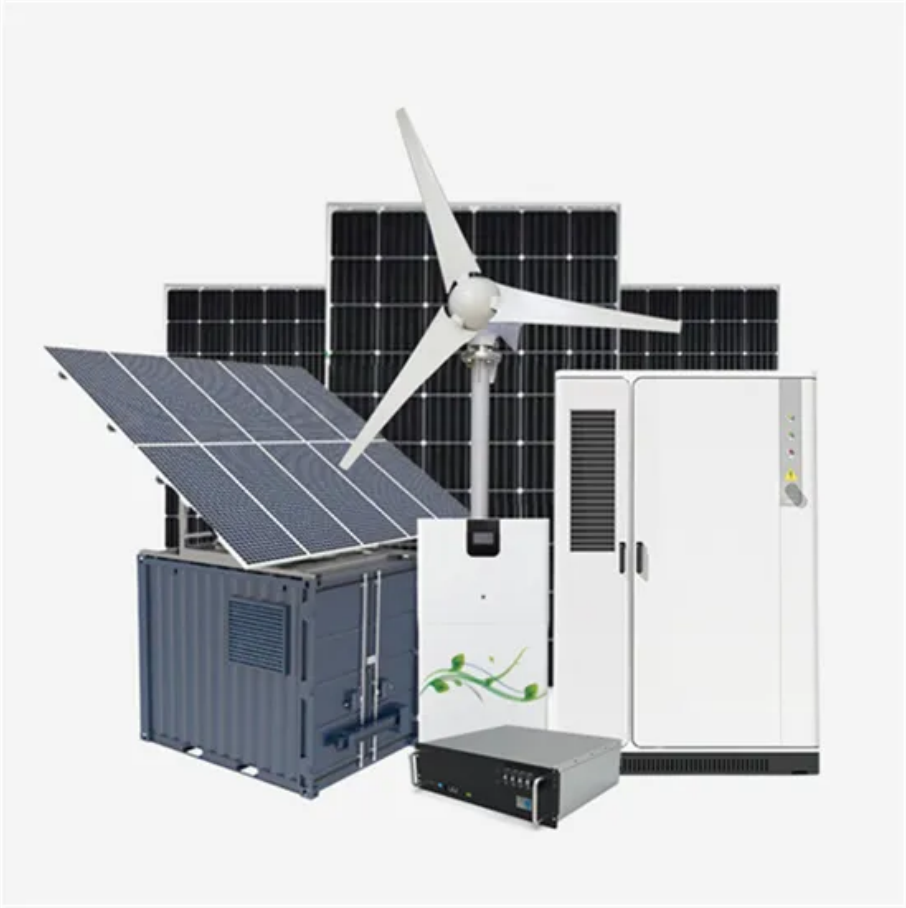

Overview

A photovoltaic power station, also known as a solar park, solar farm, or solar power plant, is a large-scale grid-connected photovoltaic power system (PV system) designed for the supply of merchant power. They are different from most building-mounted and other decentralized solar power because they supply.

The first 1 MWp solar park was built by Arco Solar at Lugo near , at the end of 1982, followed in 1984 by a 5.2 MWp installation in . Both have since been decommissioned.

Most solar parks are PV systems, also known as free-field solar power plants. They can either be fixed tilt or use a single axis or dual axis . While tracking improves the overall performance, it also increases the system's installation and.

In recent years, PV technology has improved its electricity generating , reduced the installation as well as its (EPBT). It has reached in most parts of the world and become a mainstream power source. .

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The land area required for a desired power output varies depending on the location, the efficiency of the solar panels, the slope of the site, and the type of mounting used. Fixed tilt solar arrays using typical panels of about 15% efficiency on horizontal sites, need about 1 hectare.

Solar power plants are developed to deliver merchant electricity into the grid as an alternative to other renewable, fossil or nuclear generating stations. The plant owner is an electricity generator. Most solar power plants today are owned by .

The first places to reach grid parity were those with high traditional electricity prices and high levels of solar radiation. The worldwide distribution of solar parks is expected to change as different regions achieve grid parity. This transition also includes a shift from.

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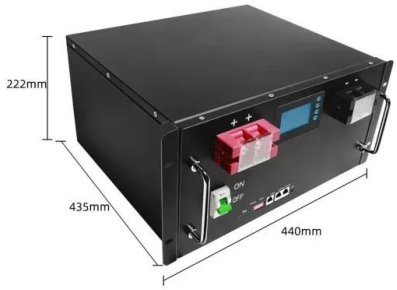

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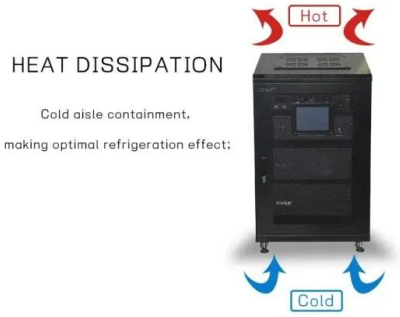

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