SolarWall® PV/T Solar Air Heating & Electricity



A Total Energy Solution

SolarWall® PV/T cogeneration system produces both heated air & electricity. It combines the high-efficiency SolarWall® air heating technology with photovoltaics to create a total energy solution with a payback period that is substantially less than a typical PV installation.

A PV/T system will generate 200-300% more energy (in the form of heat and electricity) than a standalone PV system for approximately 25% more cost. The combination of the two solar technologies in one footprint offsets both heating and electricity costs. This can significantly reduce a building's operating costs and displace additional CO₂.

Features & Advantages

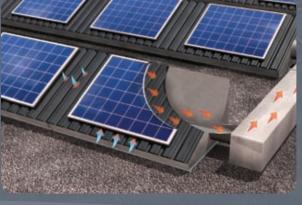
- Accelerates PV system return on investment
- Cools the PV cells to reduce heat-related energy drop in output Performance gain up to 10%
- Captures PV heat energy for ventilation heating
- PV/T system has a total operating efficiency above 50%
- Maximizes usable roof space
- Huge reduction in CO₂ emissions
- Optimized for site conditions



Solar Duct™ PV/T Solar Air Heating & Electricity



Capturing the Heat





SolarDuct™ PV/T is a modular rooftop application of the PV/ thermal technology. The heat is drawn off the back of the PV modules and is ducted to the

nearest rooftop air handler. The 'excess heat' is then channeled into the building's HVAC system where it is used to offset the heating load.

The SolarWall® air heating panels serve as the racking system needed to mount the PV modules. This also contributes to the cost-effectiveness of the cogeneration system.

The modular units are easy to install and are angled at an ideal orientation for maximum solar gain.

PV module efficiency is typically between 8-15%. What happens to the rest of the sun's energy that shines on the panels? Most of it is converted into heat energy, which normally is lost and provides no value to the system owner. As well, the heat build-up behind PV modules reduces the electrical output by 0.4-0.5% for every 1°C above its rated output temperature (which is 25°C). Given that roofs can reach temperatures as high as 90°C, the actual operating efficiency of PV systems is often significantly less than the rated output.

For standalone PV systems, high capital costs and low energy production result in very long paybacks. The PV/T cogeneration technology offers a solution that actually makes PV systems financially feasible in standard commercial, industrial, and institutional applications.

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