



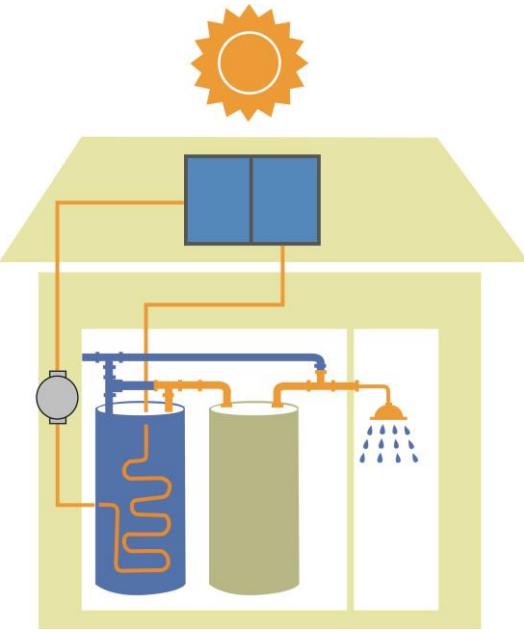
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Solar Hot Water

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Outline



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- Overview of Solar Water Heating
- Collector Design
- System Design
- History
- Collector Performance Theory
- Collector Performance Measurements
- Certification



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Solar Water Heating Applications

- Pool and spa heating
- Domestic water heating
- Space heating
- Combination domestic/space heating
- Snow melting systems
- Industrial processes





Wide Range of Sizes

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Wide Range of Configurations

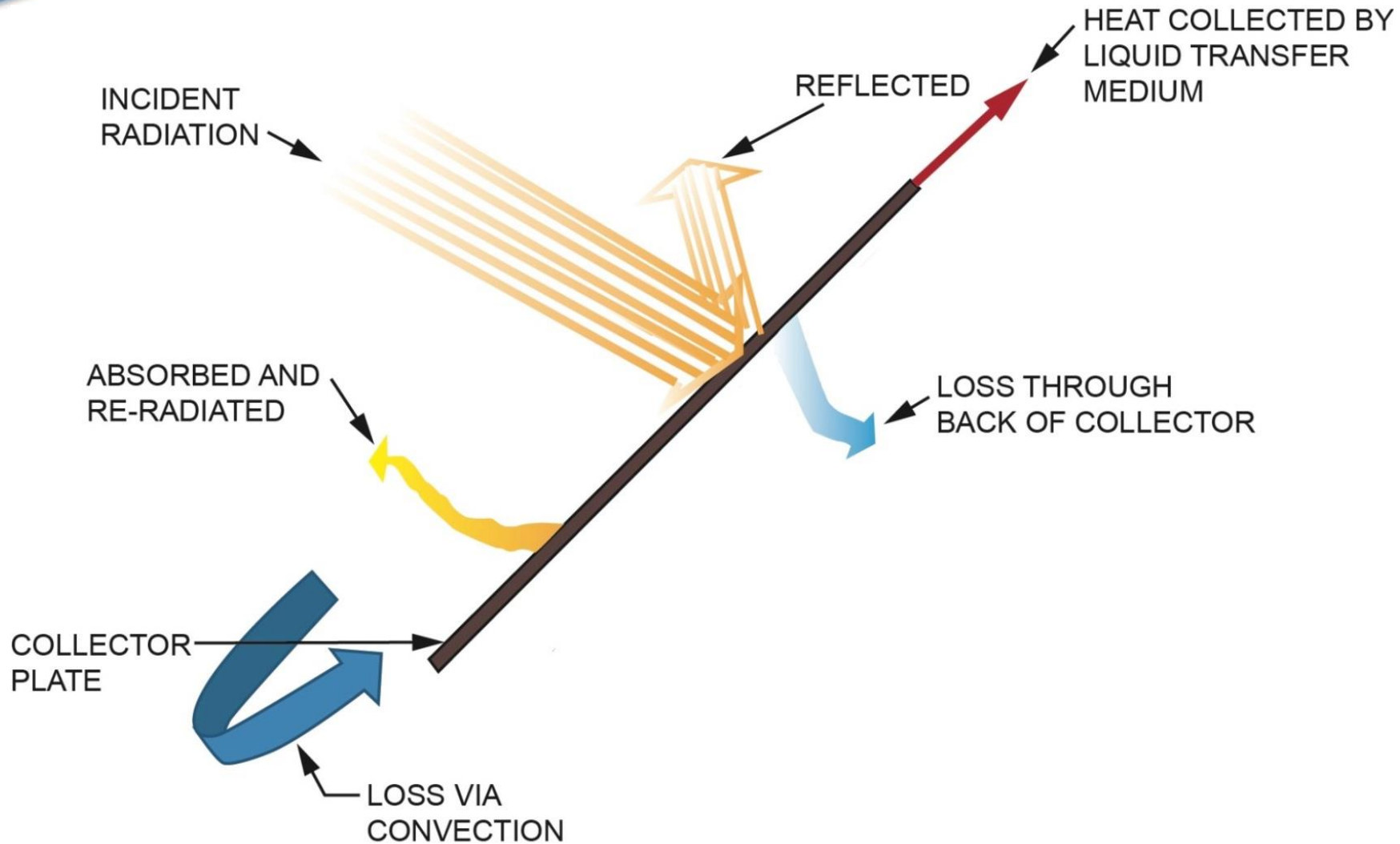




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Solar Heating Mechanism Basics - Unglazed Collector

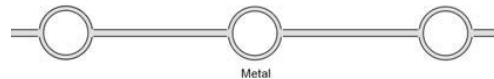
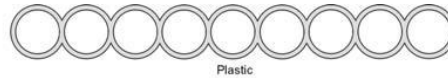




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Unglazed Collector

- Converts solar radiation to heat energy
- Operates close to ambient air temperature
- Maximum temperature 15°C above ambient
- Typical sizes: 3 to 4 m²





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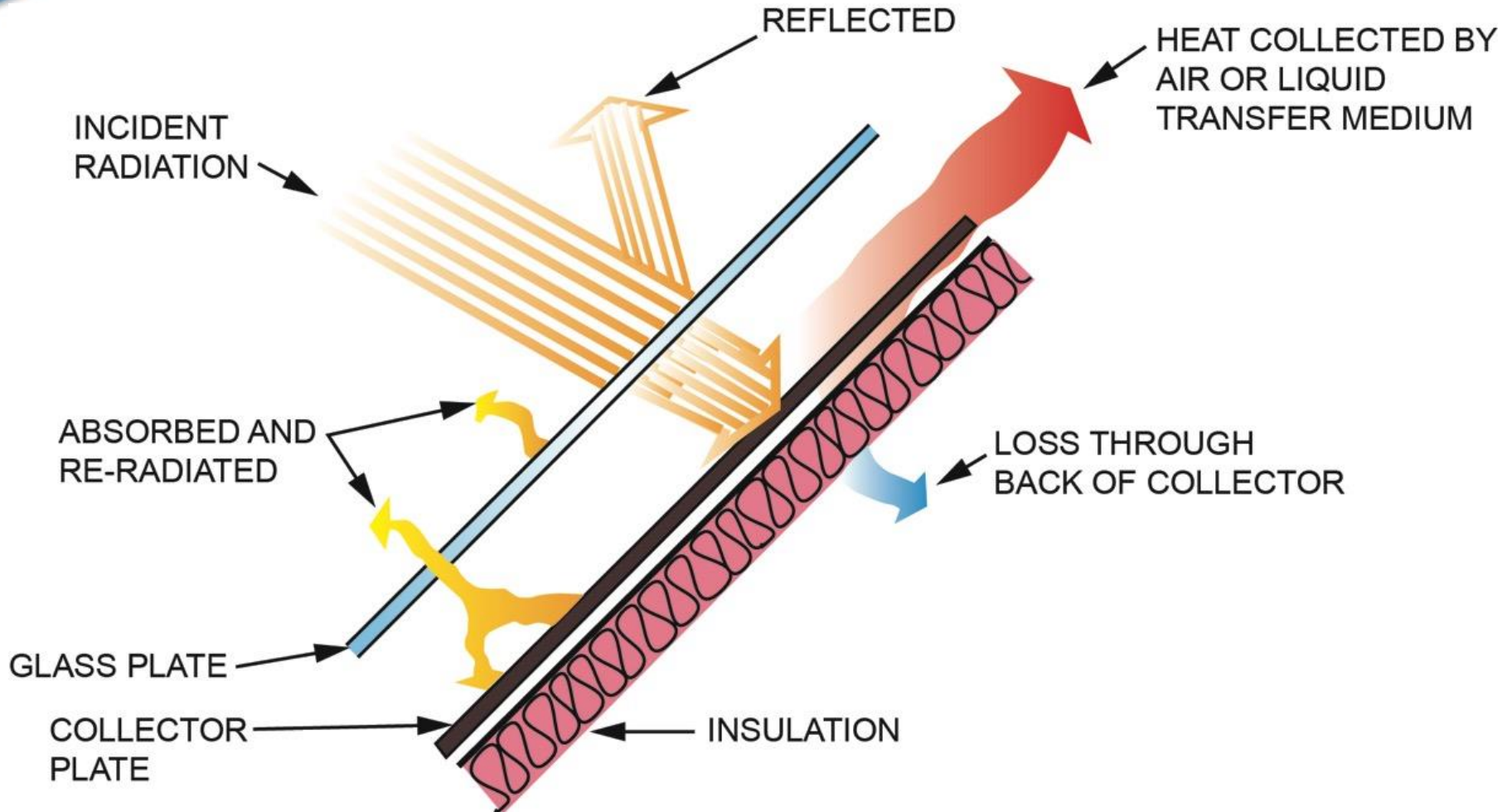
Unglazed Collector





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Solar Heating Mechanism Basics - Glazed Collector





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Flat Plate Collector

- Converts Solar Radiation to Heat Energy
- Hot box (greenhouse effect)
 - Car with windows up in summer
- Temperatures can exceed 175°C in stagnant collector (no flow)
- Used in all climates
- Typical sizes: 2 to 4 m²

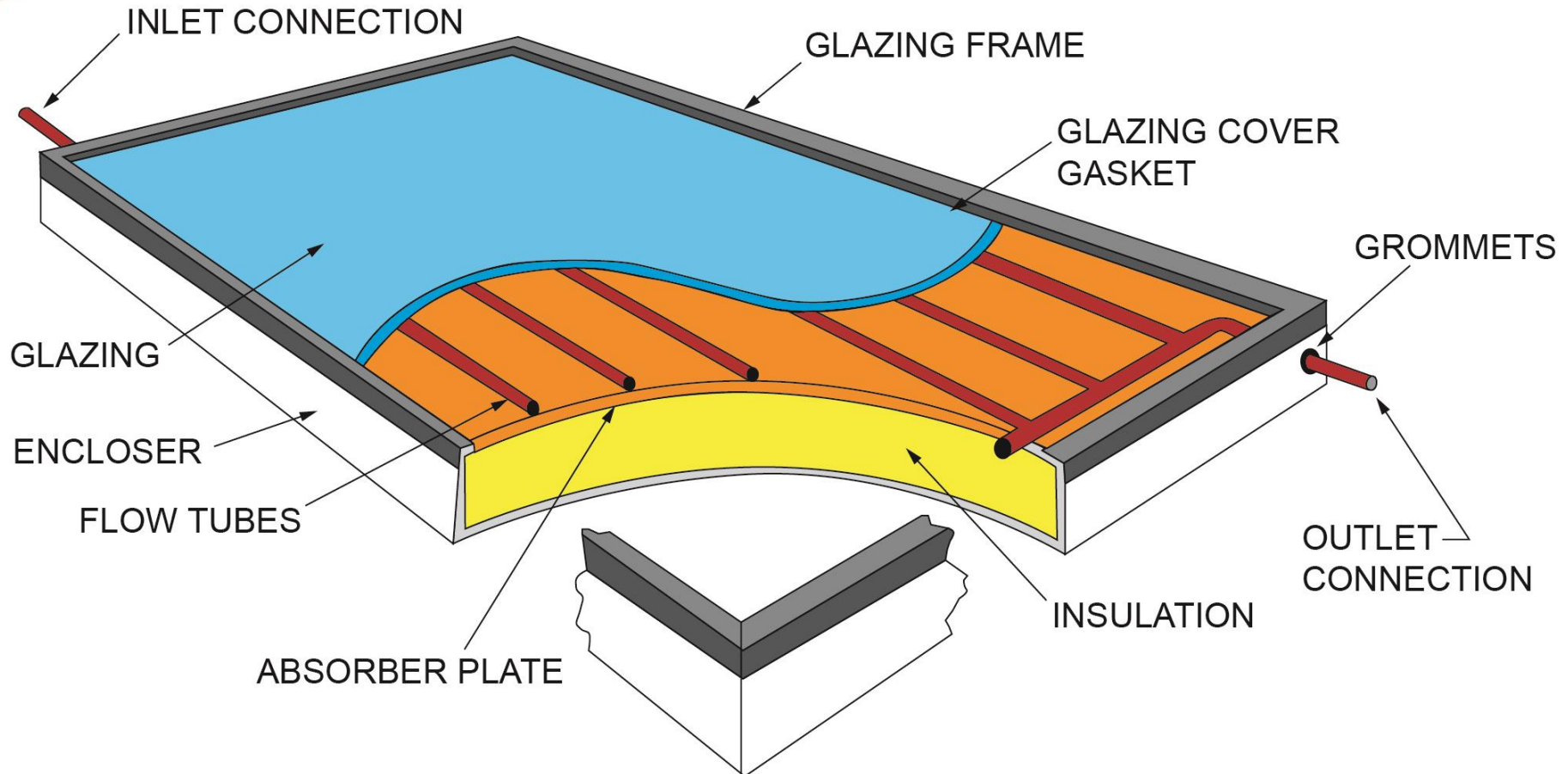




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Flat Plate Collector Components



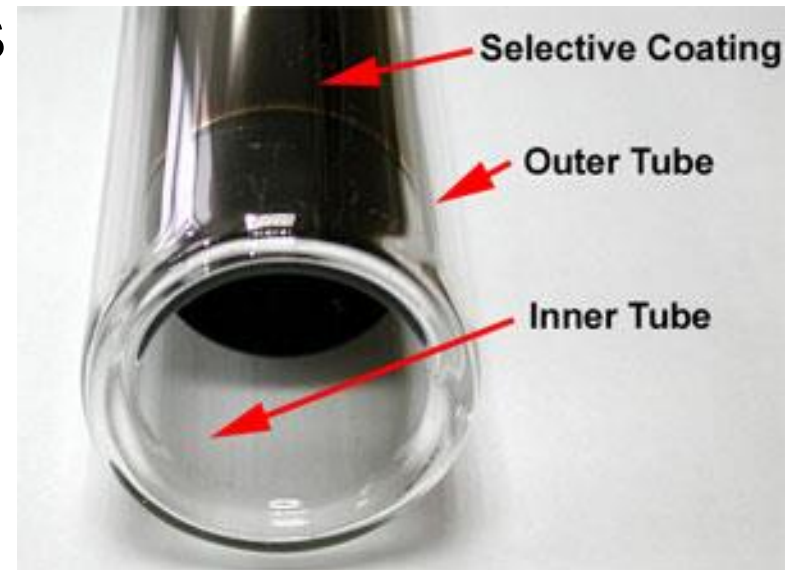


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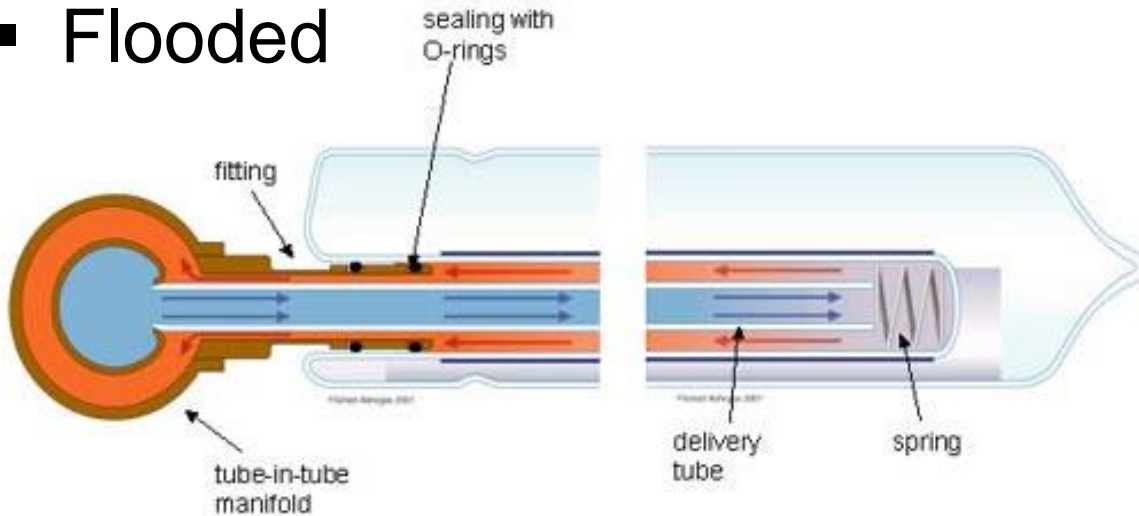
Evacuated Tube Collector

- Cylindrical glazing protects absorber
- Absorber surrounded by vacuum to reduce loss
- Temperatures can exceed 230°C with no flow
- Used in cold climates or for high temperatures
- Typical sizes: 20 to 60 tubes



Tubular Flow Configurations

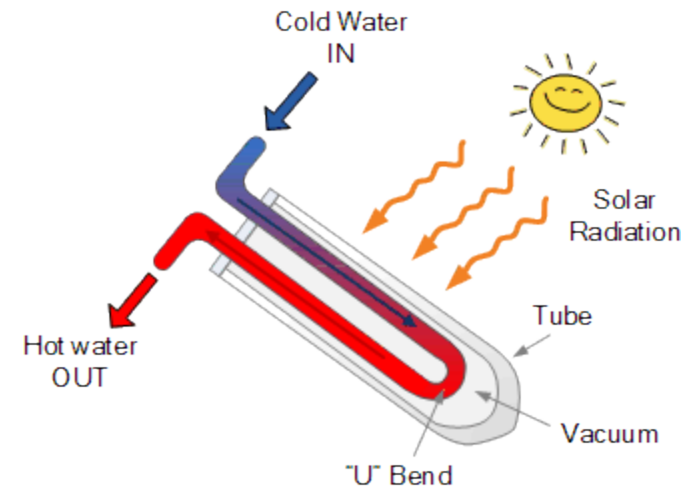
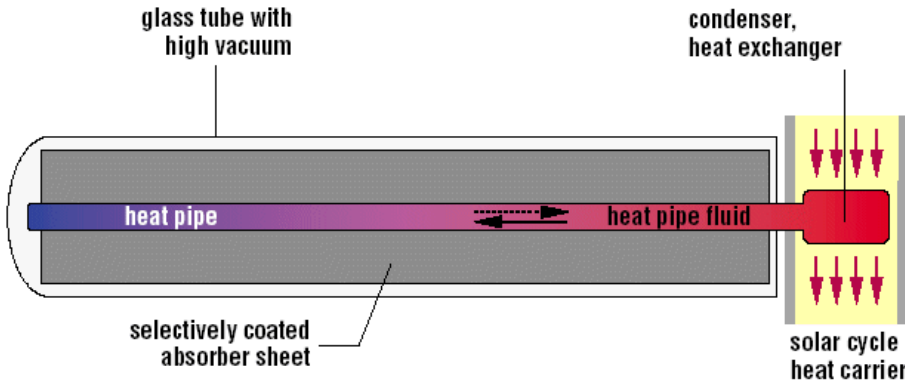
■ Flooded



U-tube



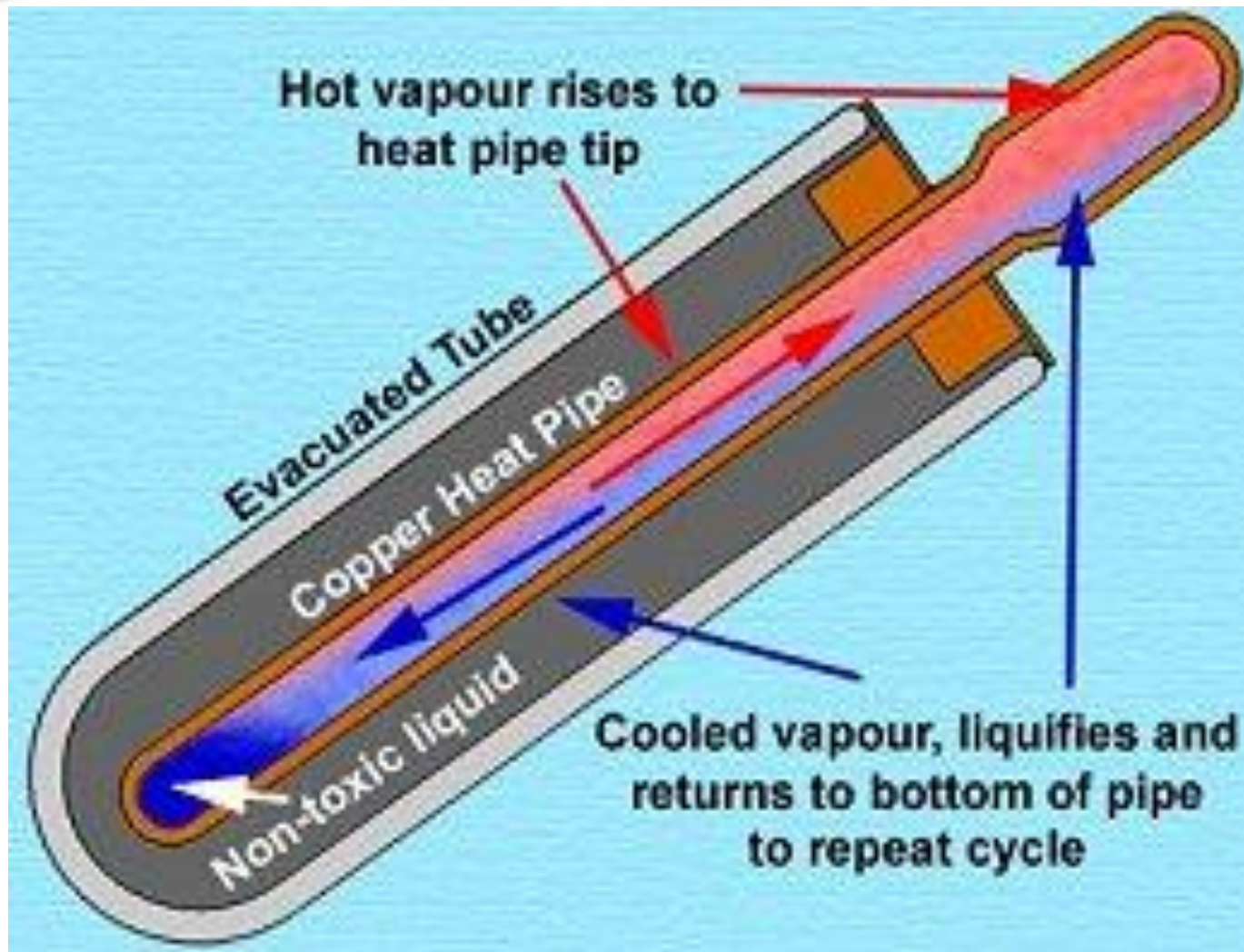
■ Heat pipe





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Heat Pipe Operation





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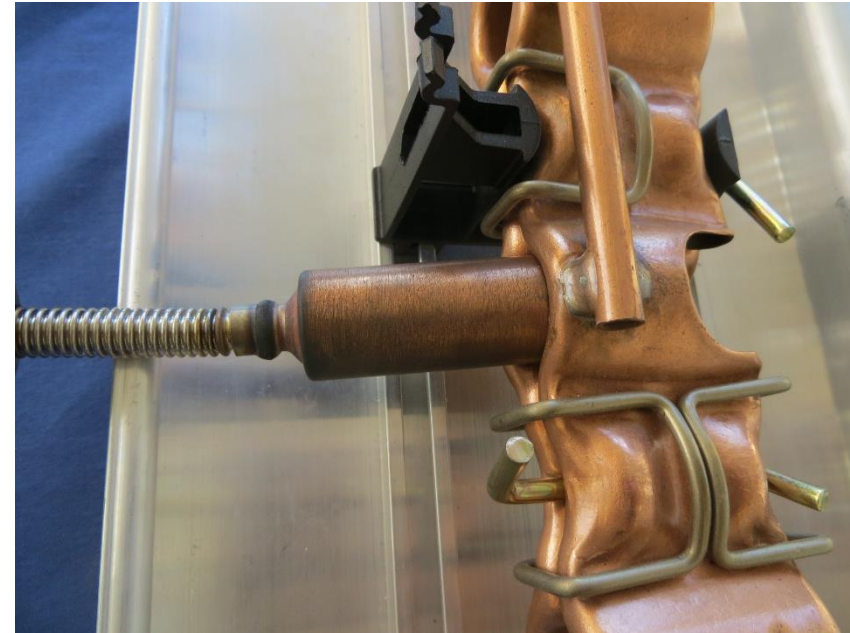
Evacuated Tube with Heat Pipe





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Evacuated Tube Collector





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Failed Tube (lost vacuum)

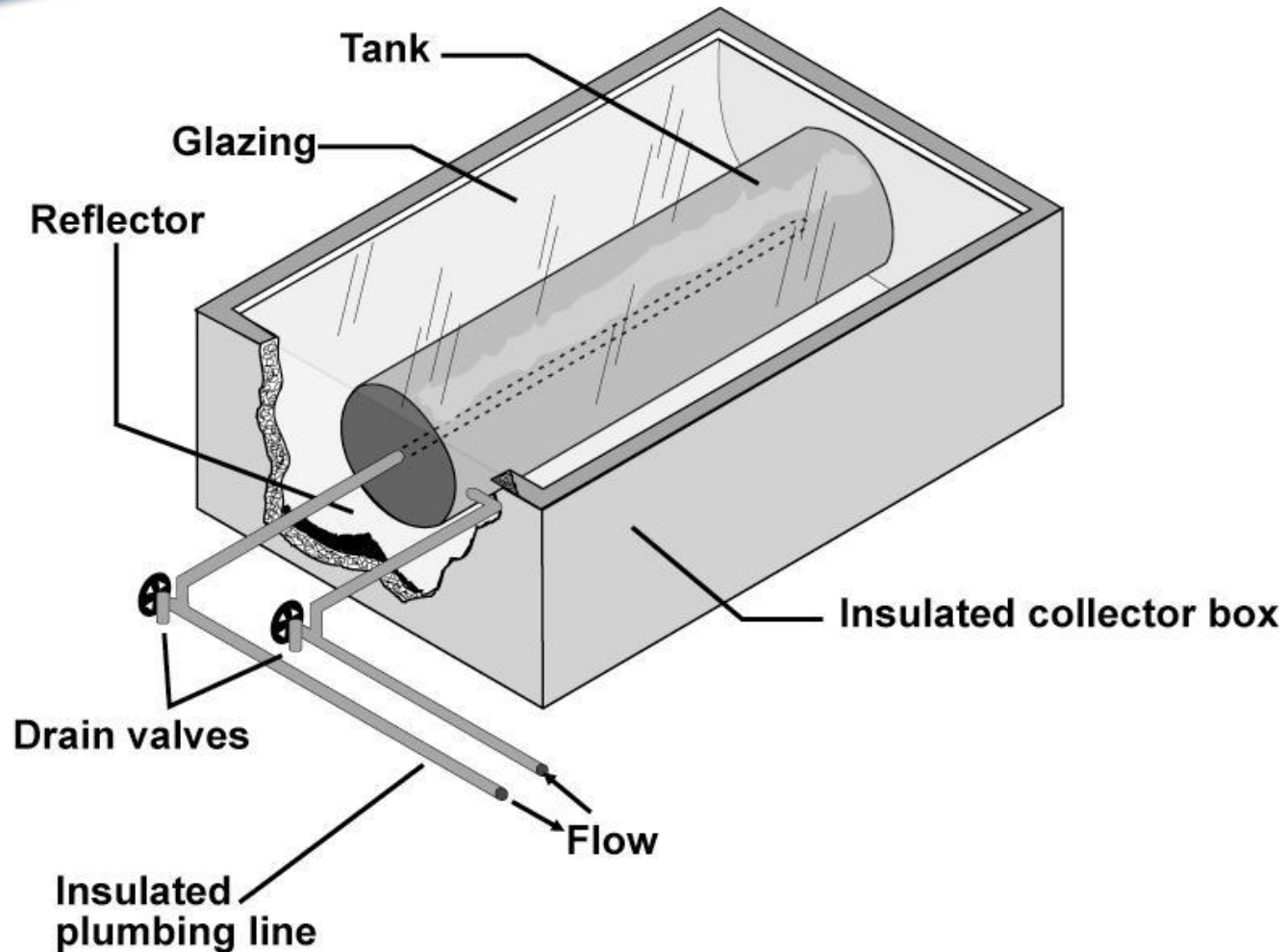




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Integral Collector Storage Concept

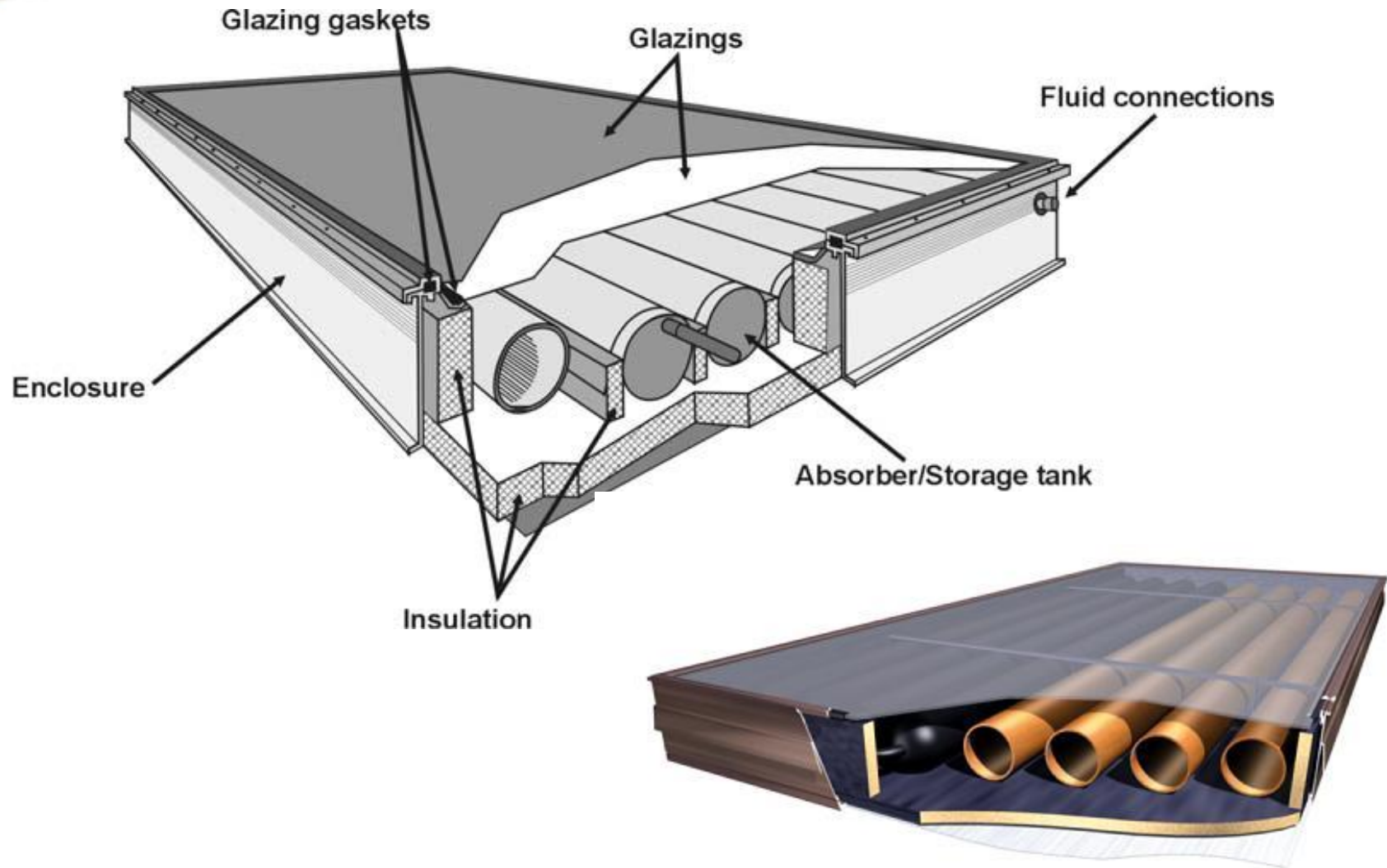


- aka: Breadbox, Batch Heater, Tank-in-a-box, ICS



Modern ICS

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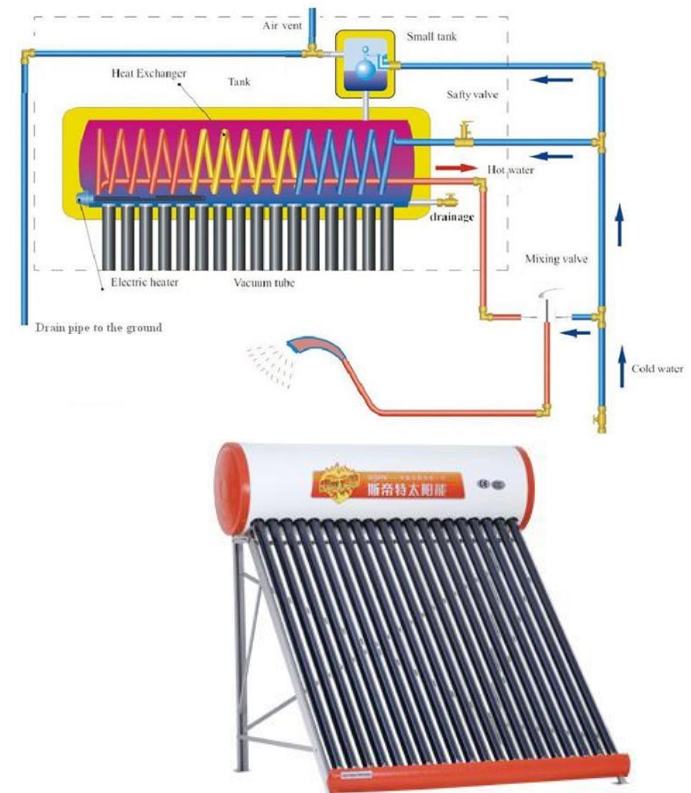
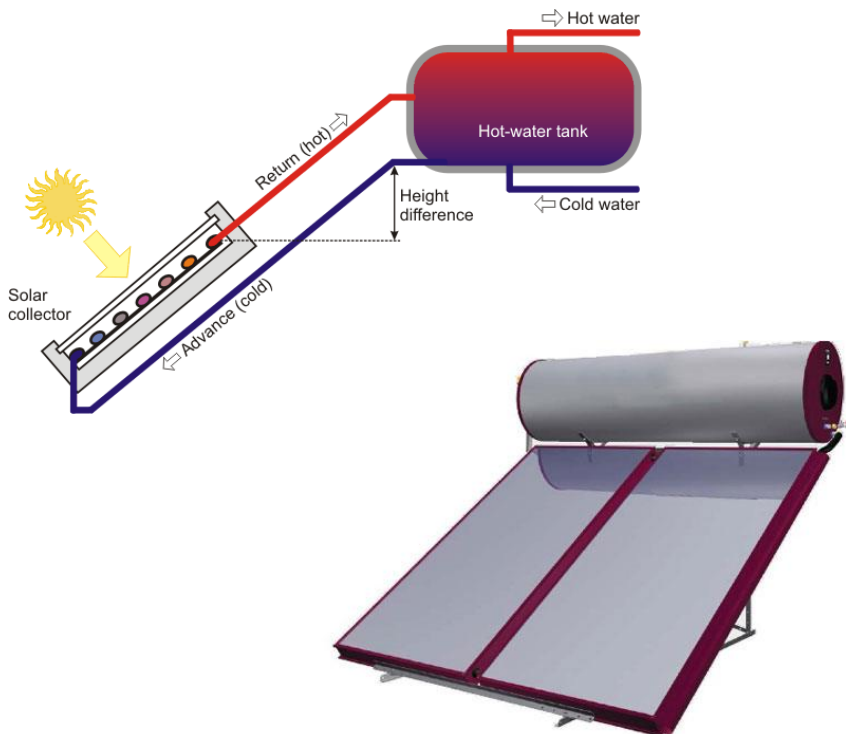




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Thermosiphon Collector

- Natural convection resulting from buoyancy
- Integrates storage with collection





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Solar Water Heating Systems

Passive



Direct



Active



Indirect





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Solar Water Heaters

Active

Passive

Direct
Active

Indirect
Active

Direct
Passive

Indirect
Passive



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Circulation Types

Distinguished by mechanism used to circulate water through the system:

- **ACTIVE**

- Uses one or more pumps



- **PASSIVE**

- Uses natural convection via gravity and density



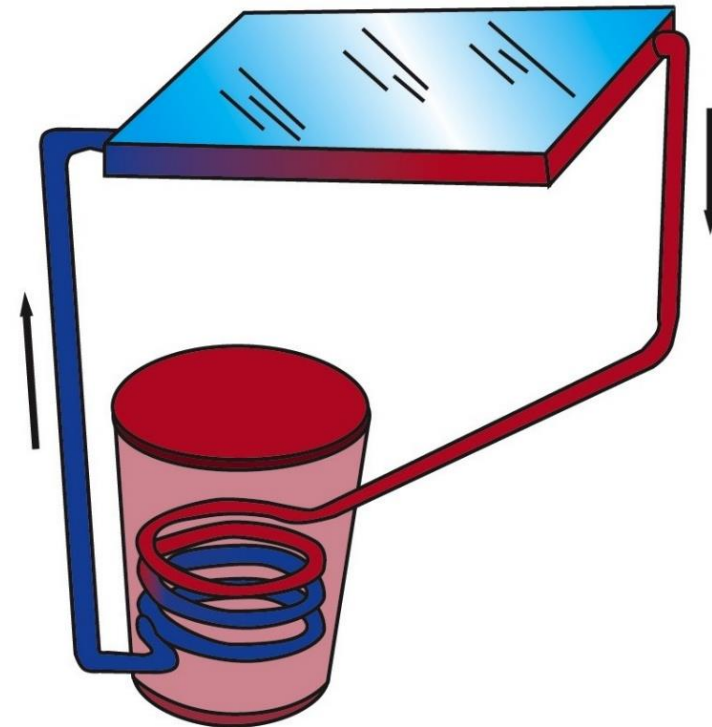


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System Heating Categories



Direct



Indirect



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Thermosiphon System



- Passive – Direct or Indirect



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Tubular Thermosiphon System

- Passive Indirect

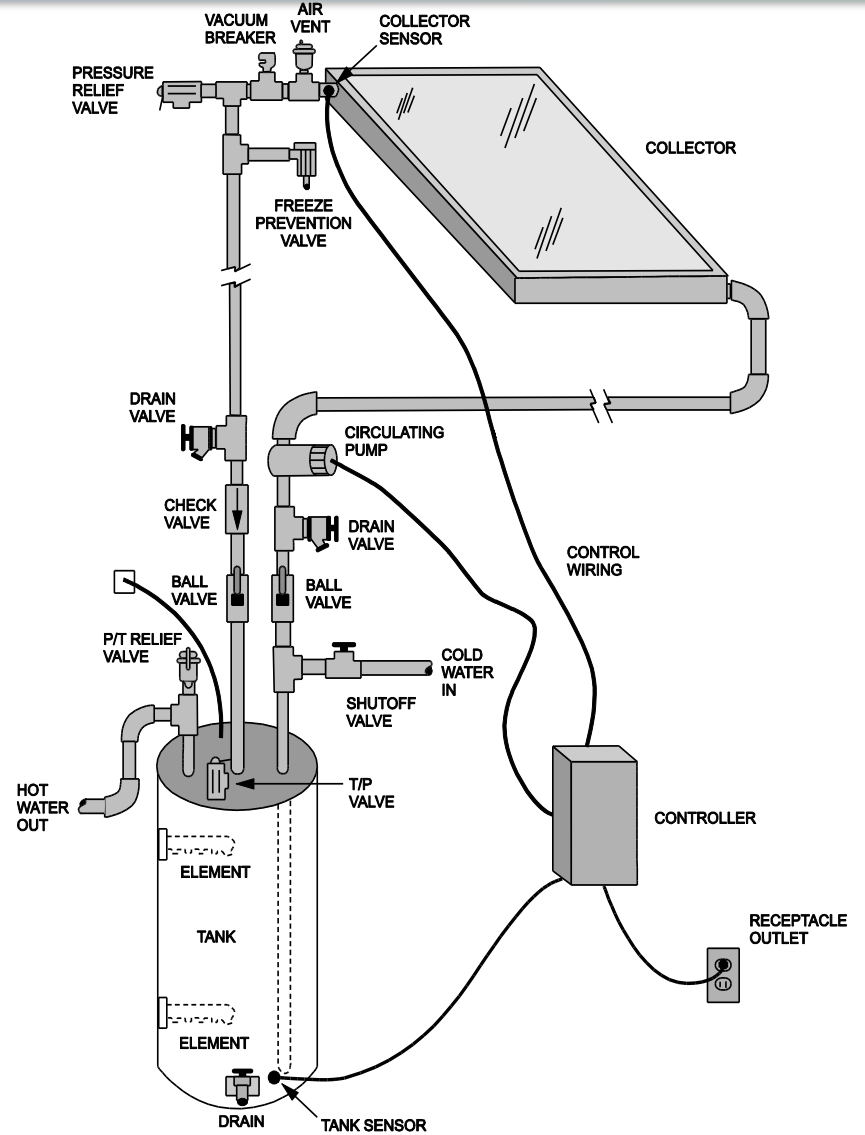
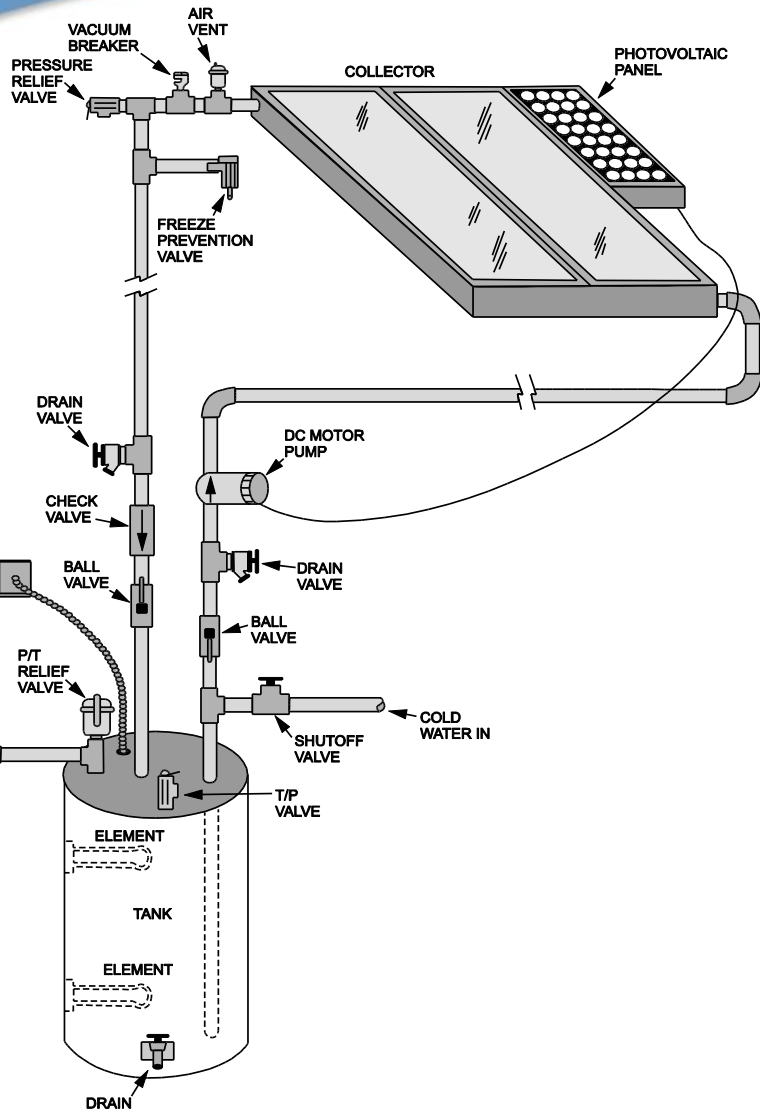




Active Direct Systems



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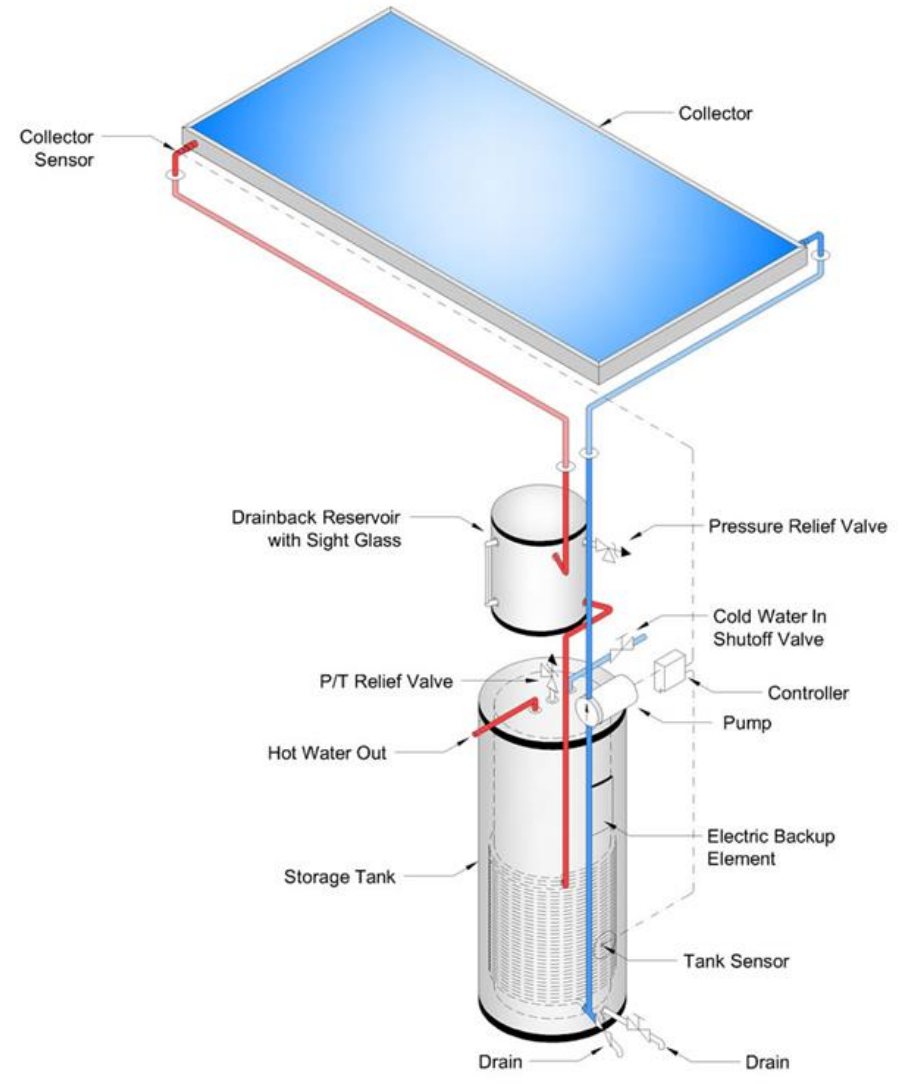
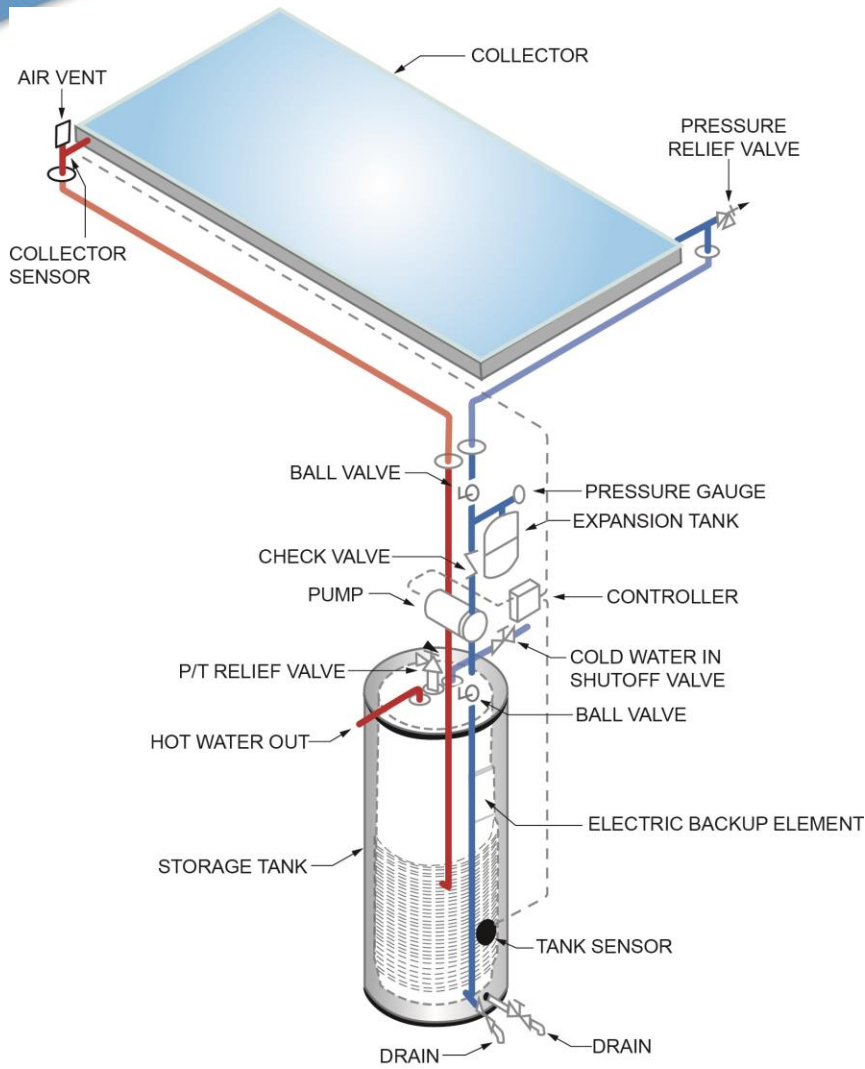




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Active Indirect System





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Maintenance Considerations

- Active
 - Pumps (bearings, seals)
 - Control sensors (sensor/PV failure, wire damage, lightning strikes)
 - Valves (air vent, P and P&T, freeze)
 - Fluid - indirect systems (pH, viscosity)
- Passive
 - Fluid - indirect systems (pH, viscosity)



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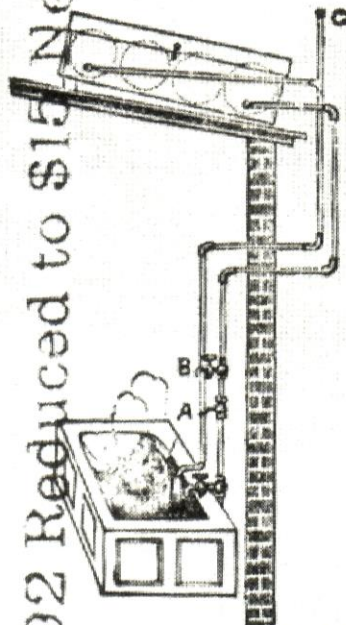
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Climax Solar-Water Heater

UTILIZING ONE OF NATURE'S GENEROUS FORCES

THE SUN'S HEAT { Stored up in Hot Water for Baths,
Domestic and other Purposes.

Price Of No. 1 Heater for
1892 Reduced to \$15 Net



GIVES HOT WATER at all HOURS
OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

NO DELAY.

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THE WATER AT TIMES
ALMOST BOILS.

Price, No. 1, \$25.00

This Size will Supply sufficient
for 3 to 8 Baths.

CLARENCE M. KEMP, BALTIMORE, MD.

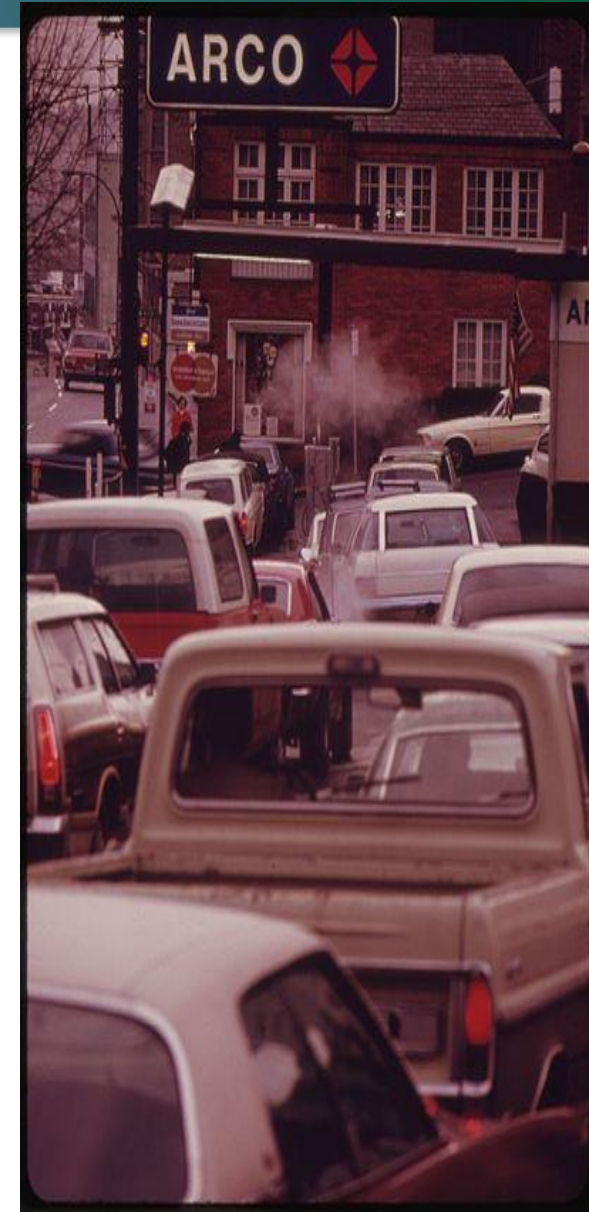




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Solar Water Heating in the U.S.

- 1970's Oil embargo increased interest in renewable energy
- Several states set up testing, certification & rating programs to:
 - Ensure quality and protect the industry's reputation
 - Provide consumers with a way to compare equipment
 - Provide utilities and state programs reliable ratings for incentives and rebates





Standards Development



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NBS TECHNICAL NOTE **899**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE / National Bureau of Standards

Development of Proposed Standards for Testing Solar Collectors and Thermal Storage Devices

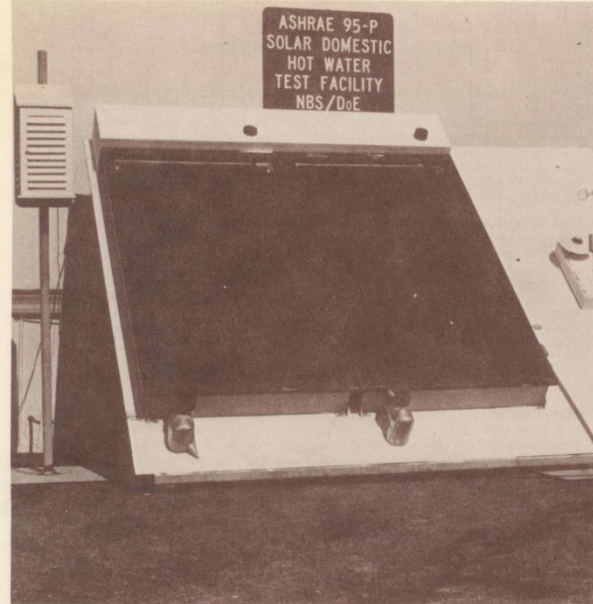
NBSIR 77-1305

Provisional Flat Plate Solar Collector Testing Procedures

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Provisional Flat Plate Solar Collector Testing Procedures: First Revision

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NBS TECHNICAL NOTE **1140**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE / National Bureau of Standards

Uncertainty in Determining Thermal Performance of Liquid-Heating Flat-Plate Solar Collectors

NBS TECHNICAL NOTE **1196**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE / National Bureau of Standards

NBS Solar Collector Durability/Reliability Test Program: Final Report

NBS BUILDING SCIENCE SERIES 140

Analytical and Experimental Analysis of Procedures for Testing Solar Domestic Hot Water Systems

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE • NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

NBSIR 77-1314

Solar Energy Systems - Survey of Materials Performance



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ASHRAE STANDARD

Methods of Testing to Determine the Thermal Performance of Solar Collectors

INTERNATIONAL
STANDARD

ISO
9806

First edition
2013-11-15

**Solar energy — Solar thermal
collectors — Test methods**

Énergie solaire — Capteurs thermiques solaires — Méthodes d'essai



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Collector Performance



Efficiency =

(collected energy) / (available energy)

= $m \times C_p \times (T_o - T_i)$ / (solar radiation)



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Collector Performance Measurements

Efficiency =
(collected energy) / (available energy)

= $m * C_p * (T_o - T_i)$ / (solar radiation)

Measure:

- Mass flow rate (m)
- Fluid outlet (To) and inlet (Ti) temperatures
- Solar radiation



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Measurement Accuracy

Measured Parameter	Sensor	Range	Accuracy* (Standard Uncertainty)	Resolution
Fluid (liquid) Temperature	Thermistor, Platinum Resistance Thermometer	0°C to 100°C	+/- 0.1 K	+/- 0.02 °C
Differential Fluid Temperature	Thermistor, Platinum Resistance Thermometer	0°C to 20°C	+/- 0.05 K	+/- 0.01 °C
Liquid Flow Rate	Turbine, Coriolis (Mass Flow)	0.01 to 0.1 kg/sec	+/- 1%	
Solar Radiation	Pyranometer, Pyrheliometer	0 to 1200 W/m ²	Class I per ISO 9060 (~ 2%)	
Ambient Air Temperature	Thermistor, Platinum Resistance Thermometer, Thermocouple	-5°C to 45°C	+/- 0.5 K	+/- 0.1 °C
Ambient Air Speed	Anemometer (3-cup, ultrasonic)	0 to 5 m/s	+/- 0.25 m/s	+/- 0.1 m/s

* Reference: ISO 9806

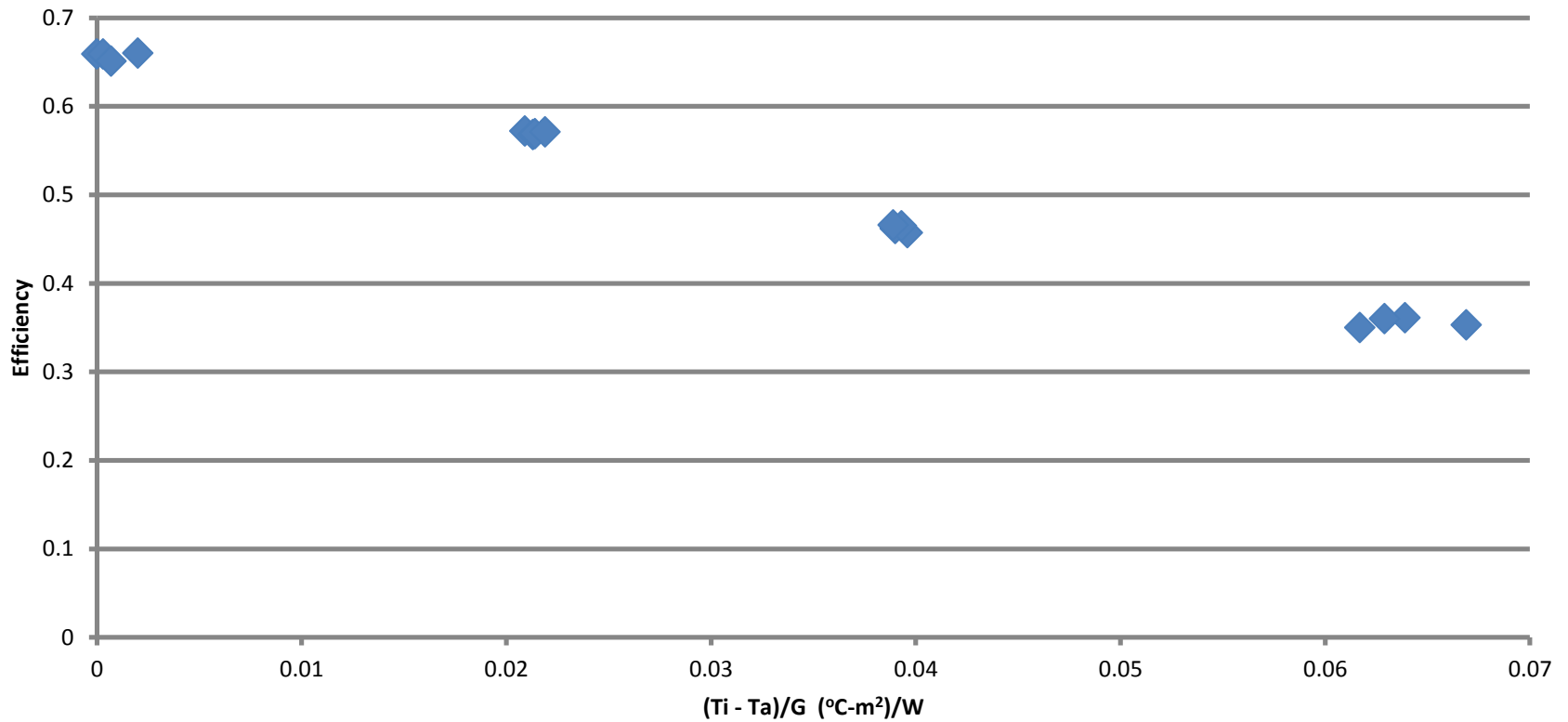


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Solar Collector Test Data

Collector Efficiency



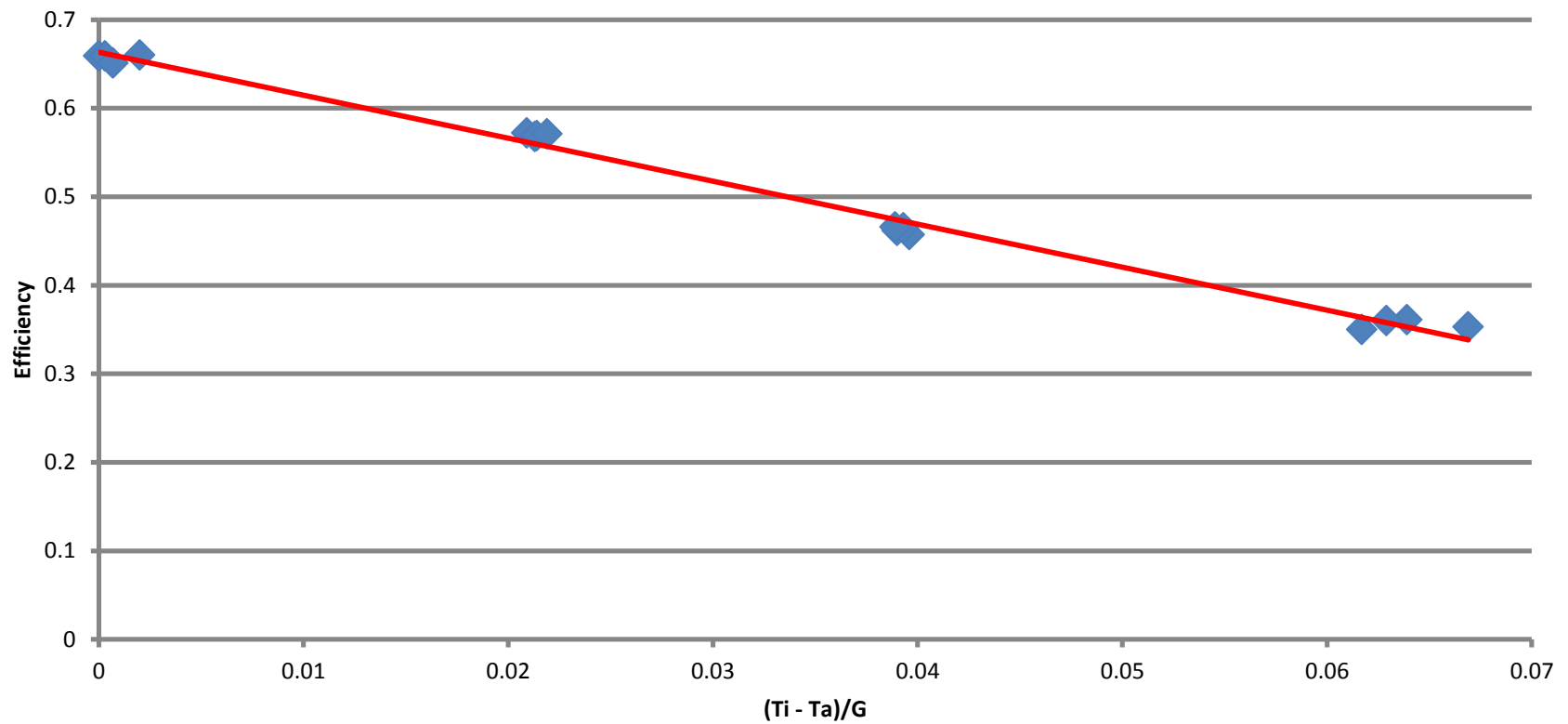


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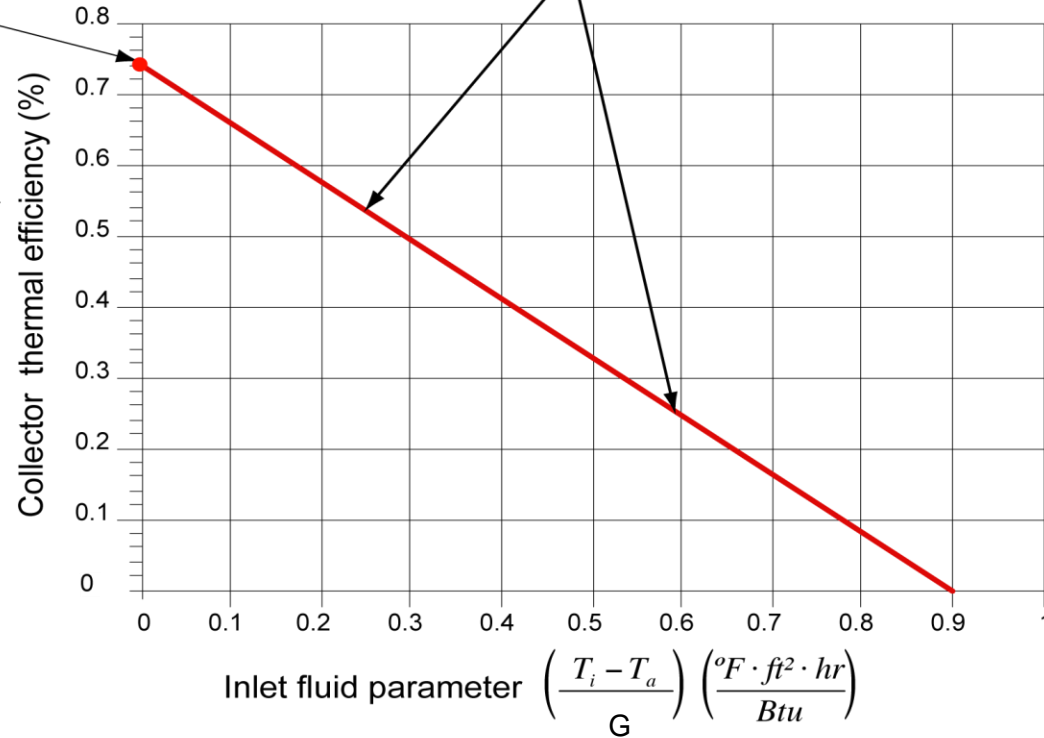
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Collector Efficiency



Y- intercept = $(F_R ta)$

slope = $(F_R U_L)$



Efficiency = Absorbed Energy – Lost Energy

$$\eta_{collector} = (F_R ta) - (F_R U_L) \times \left[\frac{T_i - T_a}{G} \right]$$

Where

T_i = Inlet fluid temperature to collector ($^{\circ}F$)

T_a = ambient air temperature surrounding collector ($^{\circ}F$)

G = solar radiation intensity incident on collector ($^{\circ}F \cdot ft^2 \cdot hr$)

$F_R ta$ = Y-intercept (determined through testing)

$F_R U_L$ = slope of efficiency line (determined through testing)



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Y Intercept / Slope



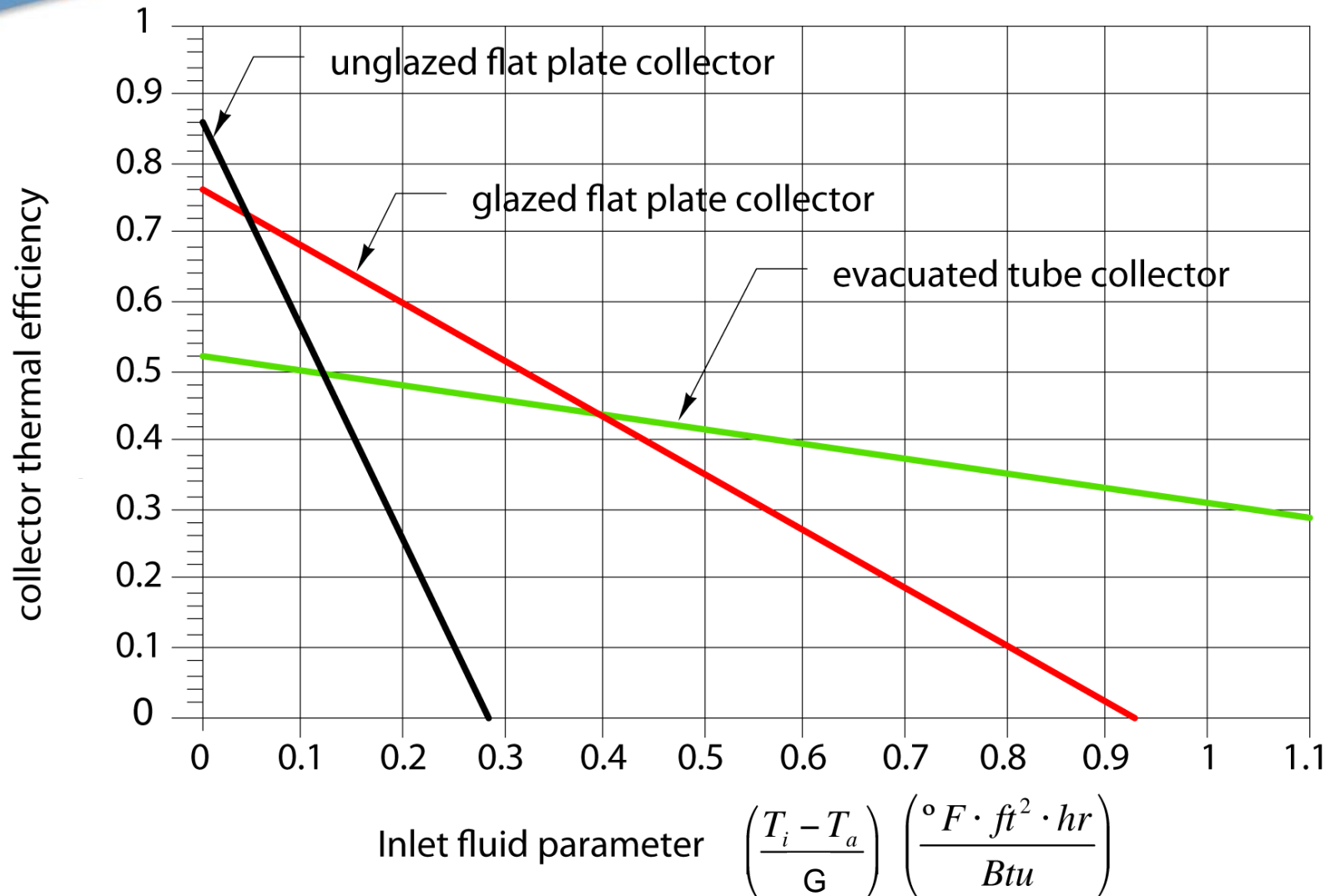
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Collector Efficiency Comparison





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Generalized Collector Performance

Collector Output =

$$\eta_{o,b} * K_b(\theta_L, \theta_T) * G_b + \eta_{o,b} * K_d * G_b -$$

(gain from direct beam radiation) (gain from diffuse radiation)

$$c_1(T_i - T_a) - c_2(T_i - T_a)^2 -$$

(loss to ambient temperature)

$$c_3 u(T_i - T_a) - c_6 uG -$$

(loss due to wind)

$$c_4(E_L - \sigma T_a^4) - c_5(dT_i/dt)$$

(collector capacitance)

(radiation loss to sky)



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Why Certification?

- Assures Quality
 - Independent third party evaluation of design
 - Ensures minimum standards are met
 - Participants benefit from reputable credentials
 - Comparable data on certified products in consistent formats
 - Regulatory Bodies/Code Inspectors can verify products meet minimum requirements



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Quality ?





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Certification Body (SRCC)

- Non-profit certification body, established in 1980, certifying solar thermal systems and components
- Develops consensus standards referenced in incentive programs and building codes
- Awards certifications that provide authoritative, standardized performance ratings for collectors and systems
- Expert recommendations and advice to government programs and other incentive entities by staff of internationally recognized experts
- Guidance and protection for consumers and various stakeholders



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SRCC Certification Programs

- OG-100 – Solar Collectors
- OG-300 – Solar Water Heating Systems
- OG-400 – Swimming Pool Heating Systems (in development)



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Approved Test Laboratories

Test Laboratories (16)

- U.S. (2)
- Canada(1)
- Europe (9)
 - Germany, Austria, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden
- Australia (2)
- China (2)



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SRCC Certification Marks



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High Solar Radiation Climate
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Certification and Rating Process

- Standards define certification requirements
 - Collector:
 - Qualification Tests
 - Pressure, exposure, shock, impact tests from ISO 9806
 - Collector efficiency Test
 - Measure collected energy using procedures from ISO 9806
 - Standardized collector tests conducted by an approved laboratory
 - System:
 - Components requirements set for storage vessels, controls, heat exchangers, collectors, pumps, and balance of system (piping, insulation, wiring, etc.)
 - Stringent review of system design ensuring standards are met
- Rating conditions
 - Establish consistent operating conditions for all certified products



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Collector Certification


- **OG-100 Collector Certification**
 - SRCC Standard 100 - “Test Methods and Minimum Standards” for Glazed and Unglazed Flat Plate and Tubular Collectors
 - Standard 600 for concentrating collectors
 - TM-1 for ICS and non-separable thermosiphon collectors
 - Standardized tests conducted by an SRCC-approved lab



Certificate

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Dongguan City, GUANGDONG 523051 China
www.fivestarsolar.com

In Accordance with:
SRCC Standard 100-2010-08

BRAND: Fivestar

MODEL: FS-PTY95-2.0

COLLECTOR TYPE: Glazed Flat Plate

CERTIFICATION #: 2012043A

Original Certification: August 30, 2012

Expiration Date: July 18, 2024

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COLLECTOR THERMAL PERFORMANCE RATING							
Kilowatt-hours (thermal) Per Panel Per Day			Thousands of Btu Per Panel Per Day				
Climate ->	High Radiation (6.3 kWh/m ² .day)	Medium Radiation (4.7 kWh/m ² .day)	Low Radiation (3.1 kWh/m ² .day)	Climate ->	High Radiation (2000 Btu/ft ² .day)	Medium Radiation (1500 Btu/ft ² .day)	Low Radiation (1000 Btu/ft ² .day)
Category (Ti-Ta)				Category (Ti-Ta)			
A (-5 °C)	8.1	6.1	4.2	A (-9 °F)	27.8	21.0	14.2
B (5 °C)	7.4	5.4	3.4	B (9 °F)	25.1	18.3	11.6
C (20 °C)	6.1	4.2	2.2	C (36 °F)	20.9	14.2	7.6
D (50 °C)	3.5	1.8	0.3	D (90 °F)	12.0	6.1	1.0
E (80 °C)	1.2	0.1	0.0	E (144 °F)	4.1	0.2	0.0

A- Pool Heating (Warm Climate) B- Pool Heating (Cool Climate) C- Water Heating (Warm Climate)
D- Space & Water Heating (Cool Climate) E- Commercial Hot Water & Cooling

COLLECTOR SPECIFICATIONS					
Gross Area:	2.000 m ²	21.53 ft ²	Dry Weight:	35 kg	77 lb
Net Aperture Area:	1.896 m ²	20.41 ft ²	Fluid Capacity:	1.7 liter	0.4 gal
Absorber Area:	1.896 m ²	20.41 ft ²	Test Pressure:	900 kPa	131 psi

TECHNICAL INFORMATION			Tested in accordance with: ISO 9806:1994		
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Incident Angle Modifier								Test Fluid:		Water	
θ	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	Test Mass Flow Rate:	0.0200 kg/(s m ²)	14.75 lb/(hr ft ²)	Impact Safety Rating: 11
Ktra	1.00	0.99	0.97	0.94	0.89	0.81	0.63				

REMARKS:

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Why Ratings?

- Product Comparison and Improvement
 - Performance is estimated
 - Standard rating conditions
 - Products can be compared
 - Participants strive to improve their products
 - Regulatory Bodies can calculate incentives
 - Buyers can make informed decisions



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SRCC Collector Rating

- Based on:
 - 3 climates: High, Medium, Low Radiation
 - 5 operating temperatures ($T_i - T_a$):
 - - 5 = pool heating where pool is colder than air
 - 5 = pool heating where pool is warmer than air
 - 20 = domestic water heating (warm climate)
 - 50 = domestic water heating (cool climate)
 - 80 = air conditioning, process heating



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Category (Ti-Ta)				Category (Ti-Ta)			
A (-5 °C)	8.1	6.1	4.2	A (-9 °F)	27.8	21.0	14.2
B (5 °C)	7.4	5.4	3.4	B (9 °F)	25.1	18.3	11.6
C (20 °C)	6.1	4.2	2.2	C (36 °F)	20.9	14.2	7.6
D (50 °C)	3.5	1.8	0.3	D (90 °F)	12.0	6.1	1.0
E (80 °C)	1.2	0.1	0.0	E (144 °F)	4.1	0.2	0.0

A- Pool Heating (Warm Climate) B- Pool Heating (Cool Climate) C- Water Heating (Warm Climate)
D- Space & Water Heating (Cool Climate) E- Commercial Hot Water & Cooling

COLLECTOR SPECIFICATIONS					
Gross Area:	2.000 m ²	21.53 ft ²	Dry Weight:	35 kg	77 lb
Net Aperture Area:	1.896 m ²	20.41 ft ²	Fluid Capacity:	1.7 liter	0.4 gal
Absorber Area:	1.896 m ²	20.41 ft ²	Test Pressure:	900 kPa	131 psi

TECHNICAL INFORMATION			Tested in accordance with: ISO 9806:1994		
ISO Efficiency Equation [NOTE: Based on gross area and (P)=Ti-Ta]					
SI UNITS:	$\eta = 0.675 - 3.51220(P/G) - 0.02140(P^2/G)$		Y Intercept:	0.678	Slope: -4.426 W/m ² .°C
IP UNITS:	$\eta = 0.675 - 0.61900(P/G) - 0.00209(P^2/G)$		Y Intercept:	0.678	Slope: -0.780 Btu/hr.ft ² .°F

Incident Angle Modifier								Test Fluid:		Water	
θ	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	Test Mass Flow Rate:		0.0200 kg/(s m ²)	14.75 lb/(hr ft ²)
Kra	1.00	0.99	0.97	0.94	0.89	0.81	0.63	Impact Safety Rating: 11			

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System Certification

- SRCC Standard 300 for Residential and Commercial Systems
 - Design Review
 - Functional evaluation
 - OG-300 requirements:
 - Component design
 - Reliability and Durability
 - Safety
 - Installation
 - Installation and Operation Manual(s)



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System Ratings

- TRNSYS computer model
- One-day profile
 - Weather and load like DOE water heater test
 - Solar Energy Factor (SEF)
 - Solar Fraction (SF)
- Annual profile
 - Annual weather with daily load profile
 - SEF, SF, and energy savings
 - 100+ Cities



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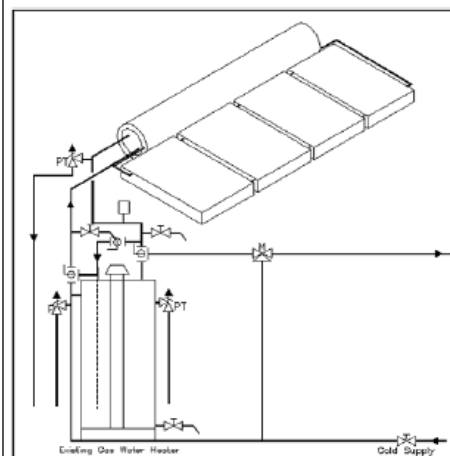
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MODEL: ASG 444SP
SYSTEM TYPE: Thermosiphon, Indirect
CERTIFICATION #: 30004134
Original Certification: August 04, 2015
Expiration Date: August 04, 2020

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Description: Glazed Flat Plate, -7 °C 19 °F, GRAS, UL listed electric tank, Fluid, Other

Single-day Rating		SINGLE DAY RATING CONDITIONS		SI Units	Inch-Pound Units
Solar Energy Factor (SEF _D)	Solar Fraction (SF _D)	System Set Temperature	57.2 °C	135 °F	
1.2	0.48	Environmental Temperature	19.7 °C	67.5 °F	
		Ambient Temperature Profile Average	14.4 °C	58 °F	
		Water Mains Temperature	14.4 °C	58 °F	
		Delivered Load	43.3 MJ/day	41,045 Btu/day	
		Solar Irradiance	4,733 Wh/m ² -day	1,500 Btu/ft ² -day	

Single-day Rating Conditions:
SEF_D = Solar Energy Factor (info link)
SF_D = Solar Fraction (info link)



Storage Tank(s)			
Solar Tank Vol (l)	Solar Tank Vol (gal)	Aux Tank Vol (l)	Aux Tank Vol (gal)
400	106	189	50

Note: The auxiliary tank can have a volume between 132 and 246 liters (35 and 65 gallons).

Approximate Collector Area: 8.3 m², 89.6 ft²

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Annual Ratings in AZ - Phoenix		
Solar Energy Factor (SEF _A)	Solar Fraction (SF _A)	Energy Savings (kWh)
2.5	0.77	4160

Annual Rating using hourly weather data for the chosen city:
SEF_A = Solar Energy Factor (info link)
SF_A = Solar Fraction (info link)
Energy Savings = Estimated annual energy saved compared to a conventional water heater using the same type of backup

Only the following options for the collector array are approved:

Option	Collector Panel Manufacturer	Collector Panel Request Number	Collector Panel Model Number	Collector Panel Name	Quantity	Total Panel area(m ²)	Total Panel area(ft ²)
1	Solahart Industries	10001951	SPA2000	Solahart	4	8.33	89.64



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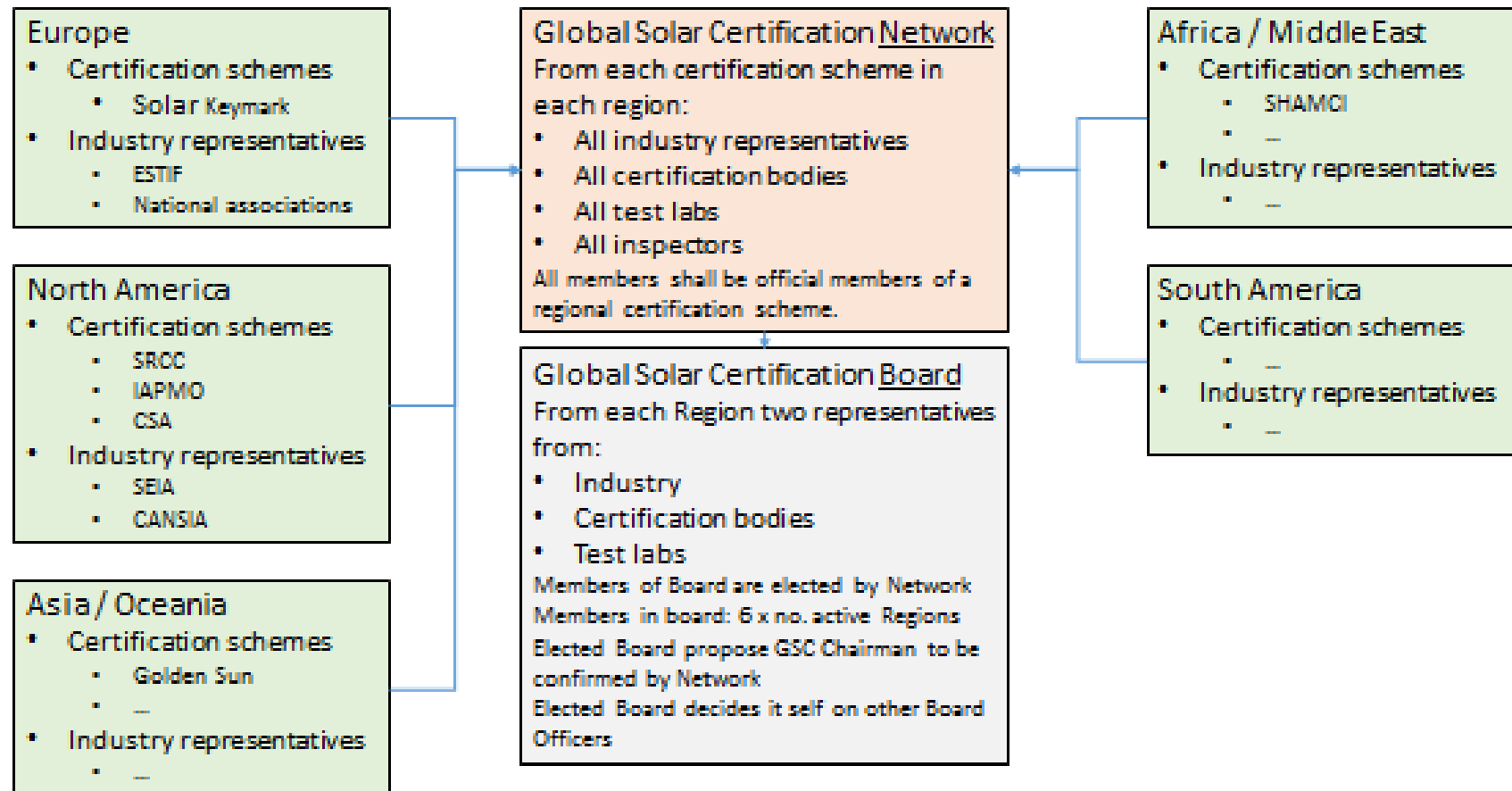




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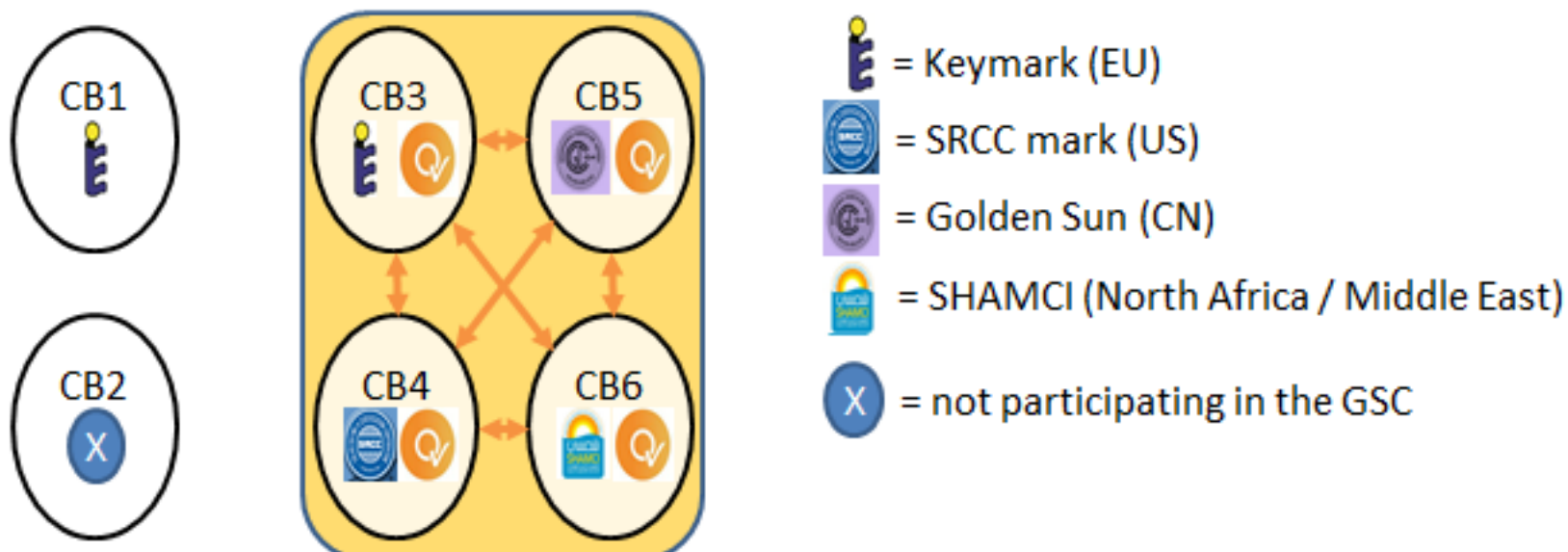




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Global Solar Certification Concept

CB = Certification Body



Global Solar Certification makes it possible for manufacturers to utilize existing local certification to obtain certification around the world without re-testing and re-inspection.

If a manufacturer obtains the Global Mark at e.g. CB3, he will have easy access to other Local Marks via CB4, CB5 and CB6.

Global Solar Certification - from Industry Point of View

First certification (participating scheme):

- Initial inspection and sampling
- Testing
- Annual inspection
- Certification



Next certification (other participating scheme):

- No further inspections
- No re-testing (supplementary tests may apply)
- New certificate (fee)

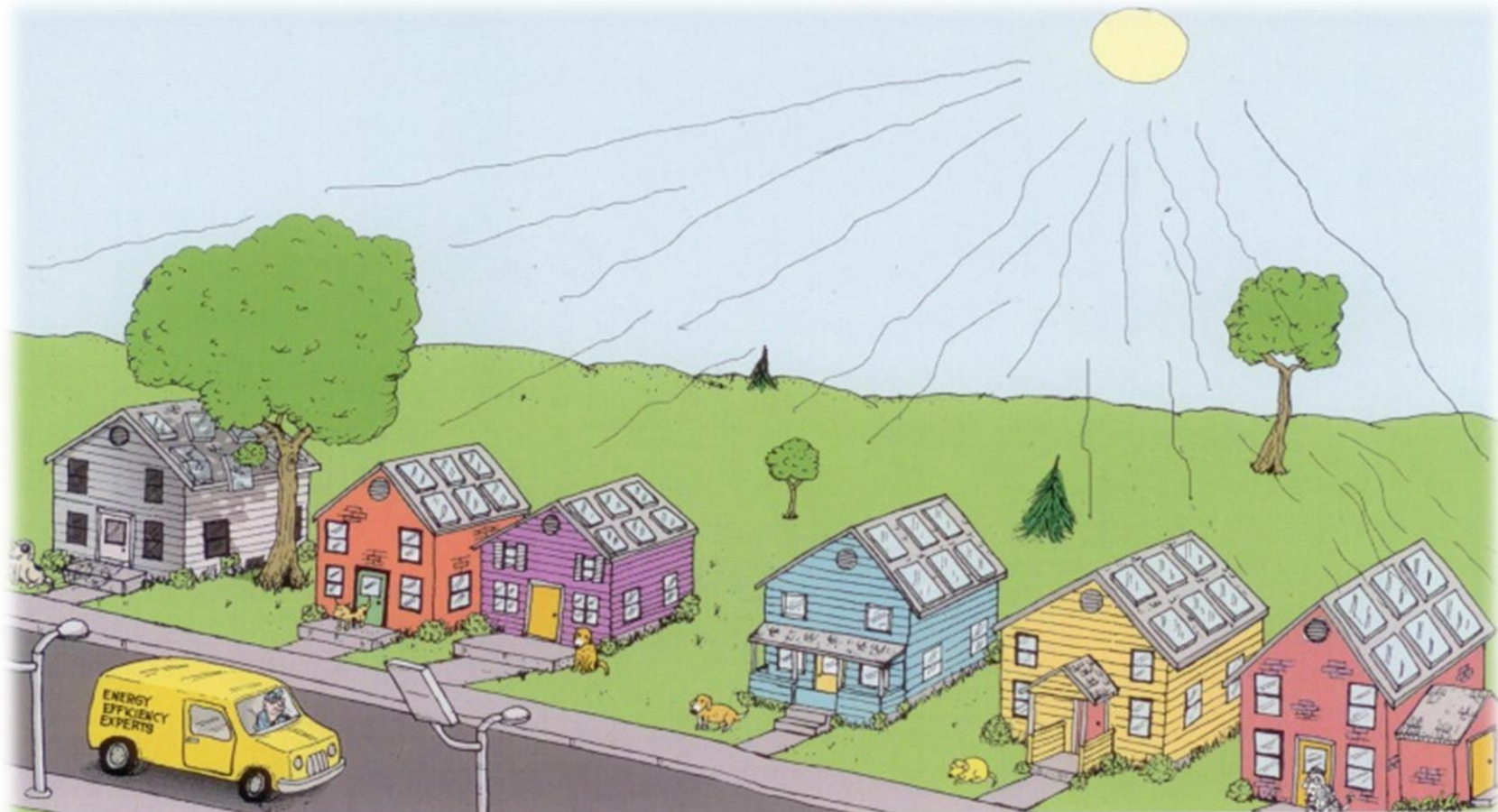



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