

# **30kW Solar-Powered Container Used in West African Oil Refineries**





## Overview

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Can solar energy systems decarbonize oil refineries?

Other studies in the literature considered coupling solar energy systems to oil refineries to decarbonize their operation. The applicability and feasibility of introducing a concentrated solar power (CSP) system to reduce partial reliance on process heaters of a crude oil refinery was studied by Danish et al.

Can solar energy drive crude oil refineries?

Employing solar energy to drive crude oil refineries is one of the investigated pathways for using renewable energy sources to support lowering the carbon emissions and environmental impact of operating the processing of fossil-based fuels.

Is solar energy a viable alternative to crude oil?

As is well known, the methods and industries of exploiting, refining, transporting, and trading crude oil are well established. This is not the case with solar energy resources, which, although highly abundant, are expensive and not yet implemented at the whole industrial scale. Solar energy is not yet economical to harvest.

Can solar energy be used in the oil industry?

In Absi Halabi et al. , the application of solar energy in the oil industry is reviewed. As noted there, petroleum (oil) energy is the major contributor to energy inputs worldwide, with 34.25%, meaning 172 EJ (Exa Joules =  $10^{18}$  J).



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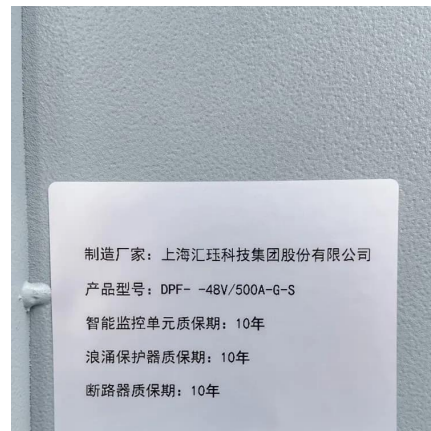
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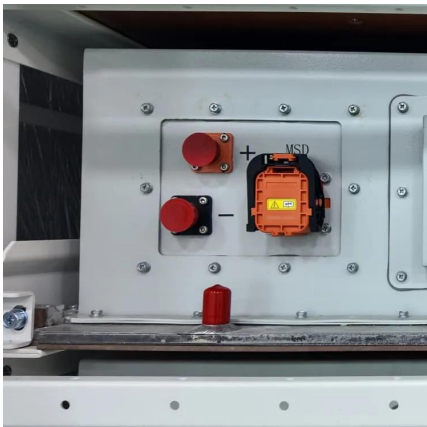


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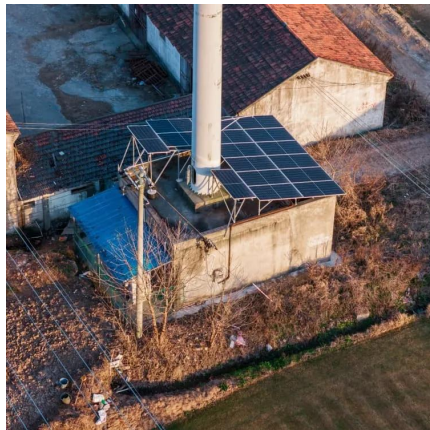
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