

# *Solar Water Heating*

*For Commercial Applications*





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Cost-effective solar energy heats commercial buildings. Reliable solar energy heats commercial water. Clean solar energy helps business and industry meet environmental requirements.

*photo courtesy of North Carolina Solar Center*



In many

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

highway rest areas, the Department of Transportation has installed solar thermal systems to heat water and provide supplemental space heating during the winter.

*21st century technology  
turns sunlight into hot water.*

*Photo courtesy of National Park Service*



Visitors to this **OKLAHOMA** campground enjoy hot showers, thanks to cost-effective solar water heating systems. With no backup systems, some facilities in this national recreation area rely exclusively on energy provided by the sun.

# Solar Water Heating

## The Right Choice for Business

*“Our solar water heating system is one of the reasons we could shut down our second boiler, saving money and most importantly maintenance. The solar system has performed wonderfully and I would recommend it time and time again.”*

— Ron Wright, Director of Maintenance & Engineering,  
Santa Rosa Hospital Facilities

Photo by David Parsons



This solar thermal system at the Jefferson County jail in **COLORADO** provides a sizeable portion of the hot water for cooking and kitchen operations, laundry and showers.

Many jail facilities across the U.S. are using solar thermal systems to reduce their operating costs.

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This private, not-for-profit **WISCONSIN** nature and environmental educational facility uses solar collectors to heat water and provide supplemental space heating. Its photovoltaic system provides a clean energy source for electricity.



Photo by Glenn Bair

The solar water heating system installed in this **TEXAS** apartment building reduces the need for traditional energy sources while meeting much of the demand.

# Solar Process Heat

## Clean Energy.

Solar process heat systems produce clean energy for heat, hot water, steam, cooling and refrigeration. By incorporating a non-polluting solar system into your buildings, you can offset the consumption of traditional fossil fuel sources and maintain the environmental integrity of our planet.

## Cost-Effective Energy.

Solar water heating systems can dramatically reduce energy and maintenance cost of commercial and public facilities, especially those that use significant amounts of hot water. To reduce the capital cost to install solar process heat, the federal government offers a 10% tax credit and accelerated depreciation. Several states, committed to clean energy, also provide substantial tax credits, making solar a wise investment for business and industry.

## Versatile, Reliable Energy.

Today's solar thermal collectors incorporate state-of-the-art technology and are modular so they can accommodate any size application. A well-maintained system will have an expected life of more than 20 years.



Photo courtesy of Sun Trapper Solar Manufacturing



This 200-bed general hospital in **TEXAS** uses 5,000 square feet of roof-mounted solar collector to heat hot water for kitchen and laundry operations, patient rooms and therapy pools, and sanitation—an expected savings of more than one million gallons of oil over its 30-year life.

## *For more information:*



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