

Title: The first year of solar power generation

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The development of solar cell technology, or photovoltaic (PV) technology, began during the Industrial Revolution when French physicist Alexandre Edmond Becquerel first demonstrated the ...

In 1973, Elliot Berman founded Solar Power Corporation, a subsidiary of Exxon, and made huge strides in the cost of solar cell production. After 1973, oil companies used the extra profits to ...

First Solar begins production in Perrysburg, Ohio, at the world's largest photovoltaic manufacturing plant with an estimated capacity of producing enough solar panels each year to generate 100 megawatts ...

The Mariner 2 probe, the first successful interplanetary spacecraft, used solar cells to provide power during its flyby of Venus in 1962. These early applications demonstrated solar ...

Explore the fascinating journey of solar energy from its ancient beginnings to its modern applications and future potential. Discover how solar energy has evolved over time.

Overview 1960-1979 1800s 1900-1929 1930-1959 1980-1999 2000-2019 2020s
so 1960 - Hoffman Electronics creates a 14% efficient solar cell.
o 1961 - "Solar Energy in the Developing World" conference is held by the United Nations.
o 1962 - The Telstar communications satellite is powered by solar cells.

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1974 - J. Baldwin, at Integrated Living Systems, co-develops the world's first building (in New Mexico) heated and otherwise powered by solar and wind power exclusively.

In 1873, Willoughby Smith discovered that selenium had photoconductive potential, leading to William Grylls Adams' and Richard Evans Day's 1876 discovery that selenium creates ...

The first time that solar seemed like a "better option than fossil fuels " was during the oil embargo of 1973

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when gas shortages were rampant within the U.S. Interest in energy independence grew and ...

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1954: Bell Labs Introduces the First Silicon Solar Cells. The New York Times Front Page, April 26, 1954. In April 1954, Daryl Chapin, Calvin Fuller, and Gerald Pearson made the first silicon ...

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