

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.

This new solar cell was publicly demonstrated on April 25, 1954. This development is a landmark in the history of solar energy, widely considered the birth of the modern solar panel and ...

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Horace de Saussure built the first solar oven in 1767, demonstrating the ability to harness solar heat. John Dalton's work on solar radiation absorption paved the way for converting solar ...

University of Delaware is credited with creating one of the first solar buildings, "Solar One," in 1973. The construction ran on a combination of solar thermal and solar photovoltaic power.

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The Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) pioneered utility-scale solar power generation in 1982. ARCO opened a 1.1 megawatt (MW) operation in Hesperia, California, the first industrial solar ...

In 1876, William Grylls Adams and his student Richard Day discovered that when Selenium (Se) was exposed to light, it produced electricity. While it wasn't perfect, it was the first step towards the ...

In the 7th century B.C., humans discovered that sunlight could be concentrated using a magnifying glass to create fire. This marked one of the earliest instances of humans manipulating ...

While experimenting with metal electrodes and an acidic solution, nineteen-year-old French physicist Alexandre Edmond Becquerel creates the first solar cell. This solar cell was known as a photovoltaic ...

Some of the earliest uses of solar technology were actually in outer space, where solar was used to power satellites. In 1958, the Vanguard I satellite used a tiny one-watt panel to power its ...

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 ...

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