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Think ahead.
 Come out ahead!

How long do Solar Systems last?

A properly designed and installed solar water heating system will perform well for 20-40 years, depending on the system and how well it is maintained.

How much does a Solar Water Heater Cost?

The installed cost of a domestic solar water heater ranges from \$2,000 - \$4,500 according to the US Department of Energy . The installed cost of a solar thermal heating system vary widely depending on whether it is a domestic hot water system, whether it is 'active' or 'passive,' or a pool heating system. Although the upfront cost of solar water heating is more than conventional gas or electric heaters, the life-cycle cost of a solar water heater is at least 20% lower. That's at today's energy prices, when we calculate inflation in the price of energy, that will likely double within the next 5-10 years (see figure 2). Solar heating systems will insulate you from rising fuel costs and protect you from fuel-price inflation. A solar system can also increase the resale value of your home. Often the entire cost of the system can be recovered when you sell your property. According to the *Appraisal Journal* a home value increases by about \$20 for every \$1 reduction in annual utility bills (as a result of investing in energy efficient improvements). Furthermore, in California, solar energy systems are exempt from property tax.

diagram A

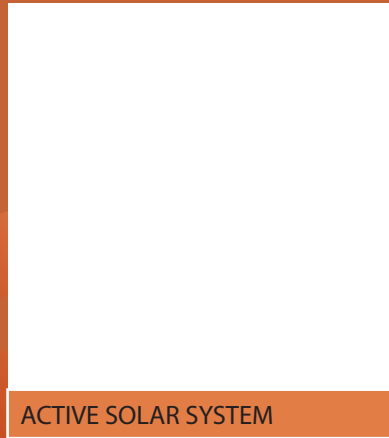


diagram B

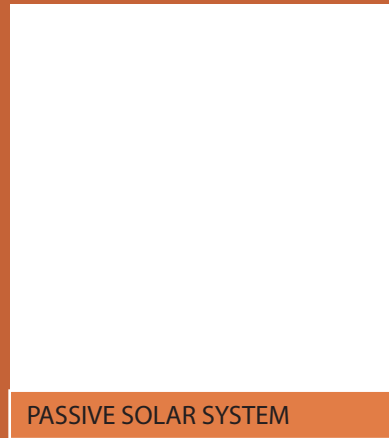
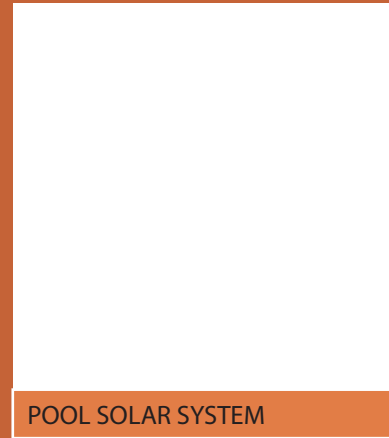


diagram C



Solar Smart

Hot Water Systems

- SAVE UP TO \$570 PER YEAR ON HEATING BILLS
- HEDGE AGAINST INCREASING ENERGY PRICES
- REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL
- USE CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY

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