

Can thermal models be used to analyze parabolic trough solar collectors?

The review of thermal modeling approaches presents the steady and transient heat transfer analyses of single and two-phase (with direct steam generation) flows. Also, the computational fluid dynamics models used to analyze the physics of parabolic trough solar collectors with a better insight are reviewed and presented.

What is parabolic trough solar collector (PTSC)?

Parabolic Trough Solar Collector (PTSC) is one of such concentrating collectors which concentrates the solar insolation on the focal axis of parabolic reflectors where receiver is located. The absorber receives the thermal energy of arriving solar irradiations and transmits the same to the Heat Transfer Fluid (HTF).

Do parabolic trough solar collectors improve performance?

Finally, the studies conducted on the performance improvement of parabolic trough solar collectors are separately examined and presented, these include novel designs, passive heat transfer enhancement, and nanoparticle laden flows. 1. Introduction

Which turbulators are best for hydrothermal trough collectors?

The outcomes revealed that the ribbed absorber tube and the concentric rod insert are the most optimum turbulators. In addition, the parabolic trough collector equipped with a combination of corrugated channel and obstacle has a much better hydrothermal performance than the collectors using each of these turbulators separately.

What is a parabolic trough collector?

For these reasons the parabolic trough collector is made up of a number of single receiver pipes connected in series up to the total length that is usually between 25 m and 150 m. The parabolic trough mirrors are supported by a metallic structure and fixed using four mounting pads that are glued on the back.

How does a solar trough receiver improve Nusselt number?

According to their obtained results, the trapezoidal porous inserts in the absorber tube of the solar trough receiver improved the Nusselt number up to 13.80% at a 6.41 kg/s mass flow rate with just 1.7 kPa penalty in pressure drop.

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