



Potassium nitrate solar thermal energy storage



Overview

Potassium nitrate, a salt composed of potassium ions and nitrate ions, has long been recognized for its thermal stability and high heat capacity. In the context of solar thermal power, these attributes translate into the ability to absorb and retain large amounts of energy from. Enter potassium nitrate, an unassuming yet pivotal compound that's making waves in renewable energy. The operating temperature range of commonly used Solar Salt, a binary mixture of sodium- and potassium nitrate, is set by the freezing temperature (plus a safety margin) on. Whether it's capturing excess solar heat during the day or recycling industrial waste heat, thermal energy storage (TES) systems enable energy to be conserved and released when needed, balancing supply and demand in an increasingly variable grid. The evolution of these materials dates back to the 1980s when researchers began exploring molten salts as heat transfer fluids and storage media. Over the. Concentrated solar power (CSP) plants, equipped with a Molten Salts Storage System, store heat during sunny hours and stay operational also during evening hours and cloudy days, which significantly increases their electricity output. Solar salt, a mixture of 60% NaNO_3 -40% KNO_3 by weight, is finding increased application as a Heat Transfer Fluid (HTF) and Thermal Energy Storage.



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