

# The early days of solar photovoltaic power generation



## Overview

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This timeline lists the milestones in the historical development of solar technology from 1767 to 1891. You can also glimpse the future. Magnifying glass used to concentrate sun's rays to make fire and to burn ants. When was solar energy first used?

In theory, solar energy was used by humans as early as the 7th century B. Since the creation of the first silicon solar cell 70 years ago, solar leaders have been innovating, improving efficiency, lowering costs, and growing this American-born technology into an essential part of our nation's energy system. The word "Photovoltaic" takes us to the beginning of solar history: "Photo" meaning light.

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### The History of Solar Power Development: From Ancient Innovations to

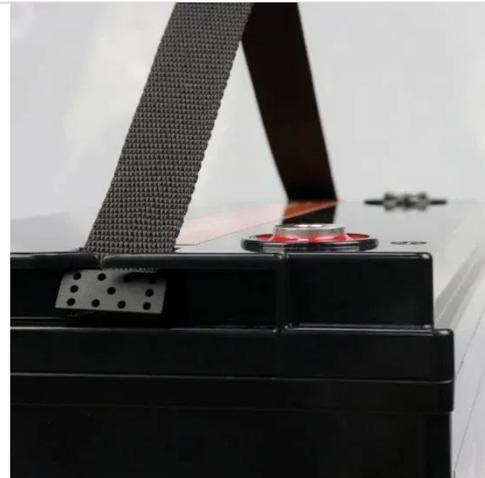
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## The History of Solar Energy (Timeline & Future Trends 2025)

In the 1950s, researchers at Bell Labs began developing photovoltaic (PV) technology and using silicon to create



solar cells, ushering in the modern era of solar energy.

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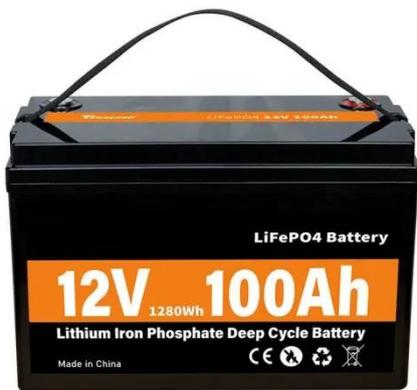
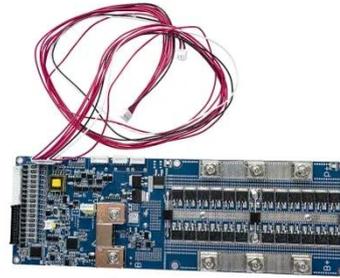
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1954: Bell Labs Introduces the First Silicon Solar Cells. The New York Times Front Page, Ap. In April 1954, Daryl

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