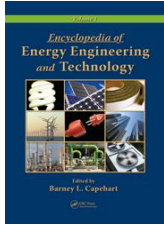


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Preface

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to waste fuels, energy engineers and technologists continue to make our lives comfortable and affordable using limited resources in efficient and renewable ways.

Over 300 researchers and practitioners, through 190 entries, provide ready access to the basic principles and applications of energy engineering, as well as advanced applications in the technologies of energy production and use. The global supply of energy is increasingly being stressed to provide for an expanding world population. Energy efficiency, energy conservation through energy management, and use of renewable energy sources are three of the major strategies that in the future will help provide the energy and energy services for the world's population and the world's economy.

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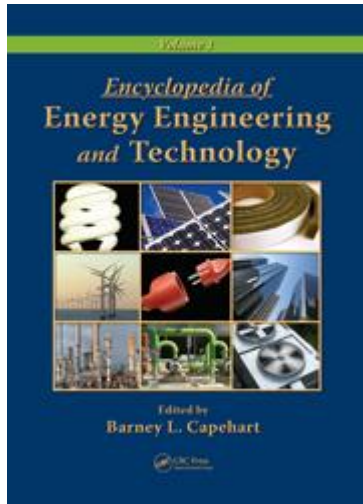
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- Renewable and alternative energy sources
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- Global climate change and carbon control
- Sustainable buildings and green development
- Hybrid electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles and maglev transportation

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The Online Edition is a dynamic resource that will grow as time and knowledge progress. Suggestions for additional content are welcomed by the editor, and new authors should contact me at the email address listed below.

Preparation of this modern compendium on energy engineering and technology has only been possible through the commitment and hard work of hundreds of energy engineers from around the globe. I want to thank all of the authors for their outstanding efforts to identify major topics of interest for this project, and to write interesting and educational articles based on their areas of expertise. Many of the authors also served a dual function of both writing their own articles, and reviewing the submissions of other authors. Another important group of people were those on the Editorial Board who helped submit topics, organizational ideas, and lists of potential authors for the *Encyclopedia*. This Board was a great help in getting the actual writing of articles started, as well as many of the Editorial Board members also contributed articles themselves.

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Solar Energy: Utilization in Building Operations

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Abstract

In the face of increasing concern over global warming and climate change, interest in the utilization of solar energy for building operations is rapidly growing. In this entry, the importance of using renewable energy in building operations is first introduced. This is followed by a general overview on the energy from the sun and the methods to utilize solar energy. Possible applications of solar energy in building operations are then discussed, which include the use of solar energy in the forms of daylighting, hot water heating, space heating and cooling, and building-integrated photovoltaics.



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