

Title: Pipeline daylight and solar power

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What is a solar pipe?

Solar pipe or sunpipe, as it is normally called and trademarked by Solatube, has several other names trademarked by various manufacturers which include light pipes, solar tunnels, sun tubes, light tubes, sunlight tubes, daylight pipes, and light tunnels.

Can a heliostat be used in a light pipe daylighting system?

In a light pipe daylighting system, it is possible to add a heliostat that reflects incident light and dramatically improves the performance of light pipes at low altitudes. For optical fiber-based daylighting systems, the attenuation limits the transmission efficiency of optical fiber, as shown in Figure 10.

How effective are daylighting systems?

In addition, the effectiveness of daylighting systems depends on the design or performance of commonly used optical materials, such as glass, lenses, polymers, and plastics. Thus, the efficiency of the light pipe is strongly influenced by the optical geometry and reflection time of the light pipe itself.

Does daylight save energy?

Daylighting can save energy for lighting up to about 63% for user input setup and 68% for automated setup. Until the 1940s, daylight was the main source of light for buildings, and it was supplemented by artificial lighting.

The embrace of solar energy for pipeline operations represents a transformative shift in how energy is utilized in this critical sector. Recognizing the multifaceted benefits--from cost savings ...

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Effective use of natural daylight in indoor spaces contributes to reduced energy consumption in electrical systems as well as improved occupants' visual comfort. Present ...

This system is also known as solar pipe, tubular daylight guidance system or mirror pipe. Compared to conventional skylights and windows, a light pipe offers better heat insulation properties ...



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performance. Furthermore, such a general model can enable the assessment of light pipe system's efficiency and potential in energy saving. A modified form of daylight factor, Daylight Penetration ...

The presence of shadows affects the energy balance and the user's visual comfort. Therefore, the appropriate shading system must be chosen to limit undesired solar gain while ...

The development of efficient light pipes for transporting solar light over distances of many meters offers the possibility for providing high quality natural daylight to the interior, or core, spaces ...

Light pipe is one of the key renewable energy sources used in daylight science and daylighting technology. The particular studies on the light pipe efficiency exist, but the ...

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