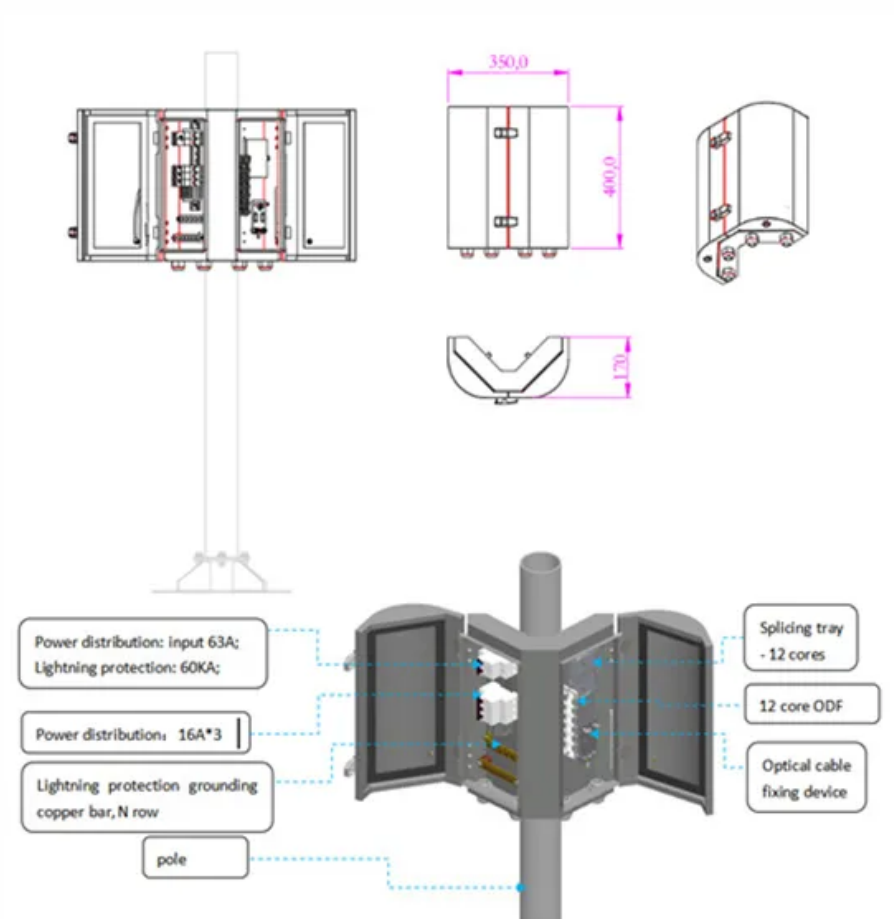


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Overview

As of 2023, China has the largest solar energy capacity in the world at 609,921 megawatts (MW), contributing approximately 3% to the country's total electricity production. It is followed by the United States at 139,205 MW and Japan at 89,077 MW. A report from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory found that solar power accounted for 54% of new U. electricity generation capacity in. Developers added 12 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale solar electric generating capacity in the United States during the first half of 2025, and they plan to add another 21 GW in the second half of the year, according to our latest survey of electric generating capacity changes. However, many nations have set ambitious solar targets for the future and are building large-scale power plants to fulfill their energy needs.

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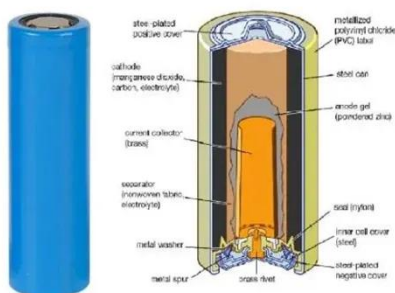
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