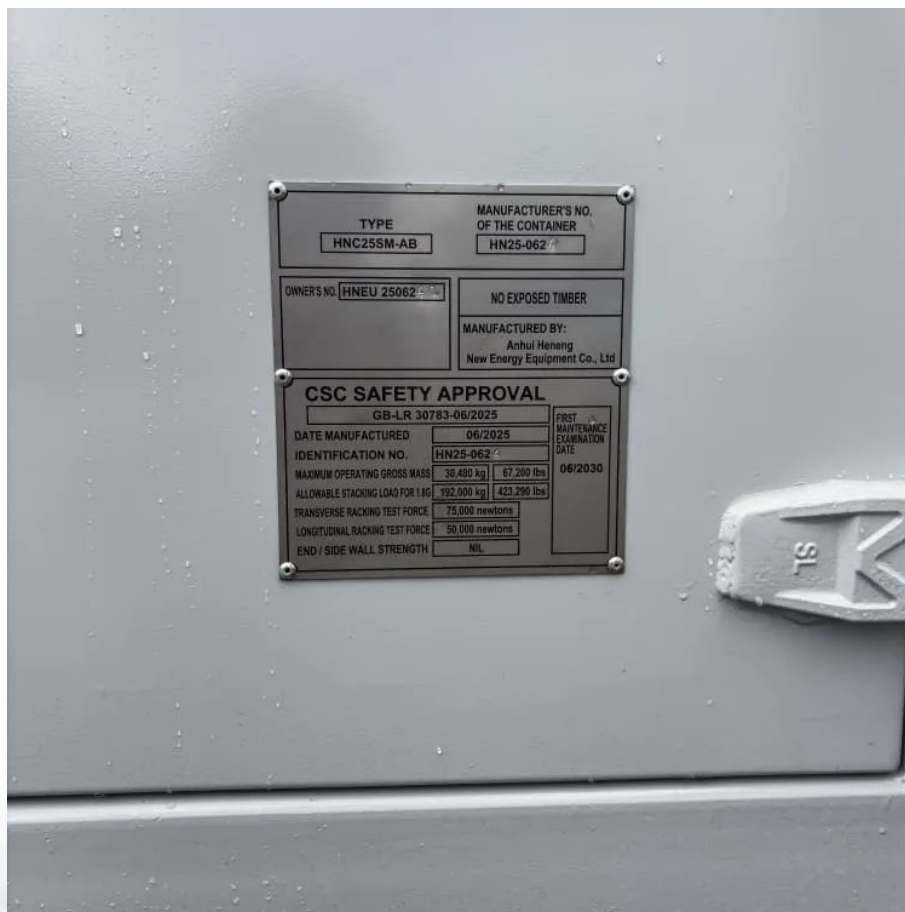


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Overview

Because of the extreme imbalance in intercontinental trade, the repositioning of empty containers creates a significant problem for shipping companies. There are many efforts to reduce the cost of repositioning.

Are foldable containers a good investment?

Despite high purchase costs and the additional folding and unfolding costs of foldable containers, foldable containers have advantages in the reduction of repositioning costs and saving in terms of storage space and vessel capacity.

Do foldable containers reduce repositioning costs?

In our ECR problem, the shipping company considers both transporting loaded containers and repositioning of empty containers over a planning horizon. Because empty repositioning incurs costs and consumes vessel capacity, foldable containers are used to reduce repositioning costs.

Do commercialized foldable Containers save money?

The operating costs do not include fixed or purchase costs of the foldable containers, which may be very costly. Nevertheless, a considerable cost saving may be realized for using commercialized foldable containers. Table 4. Computational results using standard containers only with different holding costs.

Can foldable containers be used in maritime transportation?

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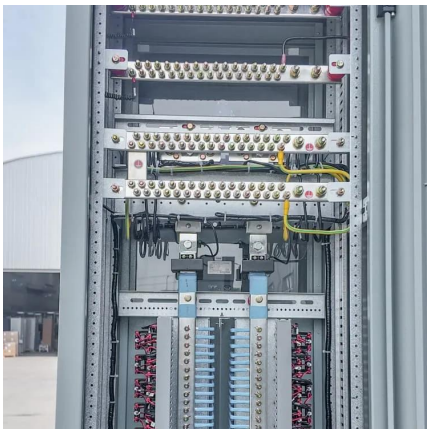
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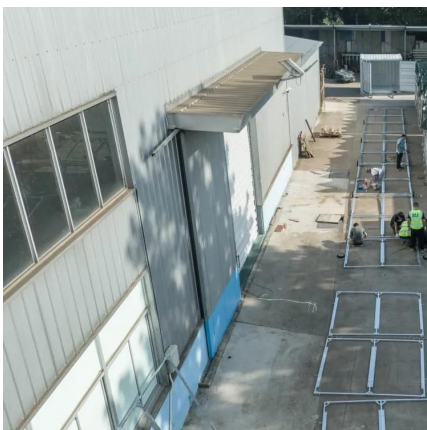
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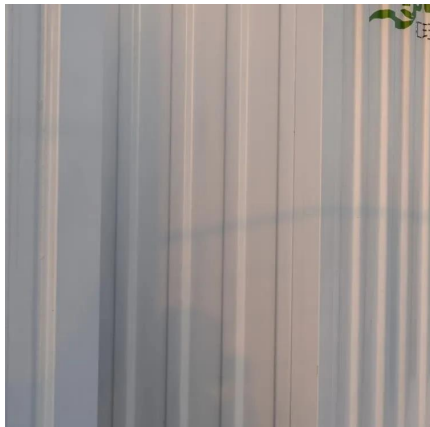
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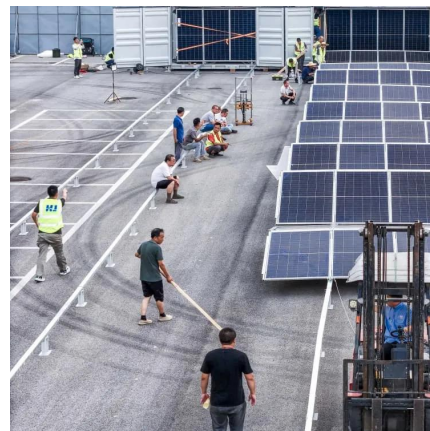


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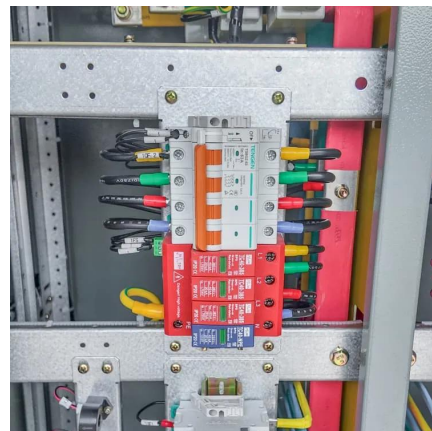


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