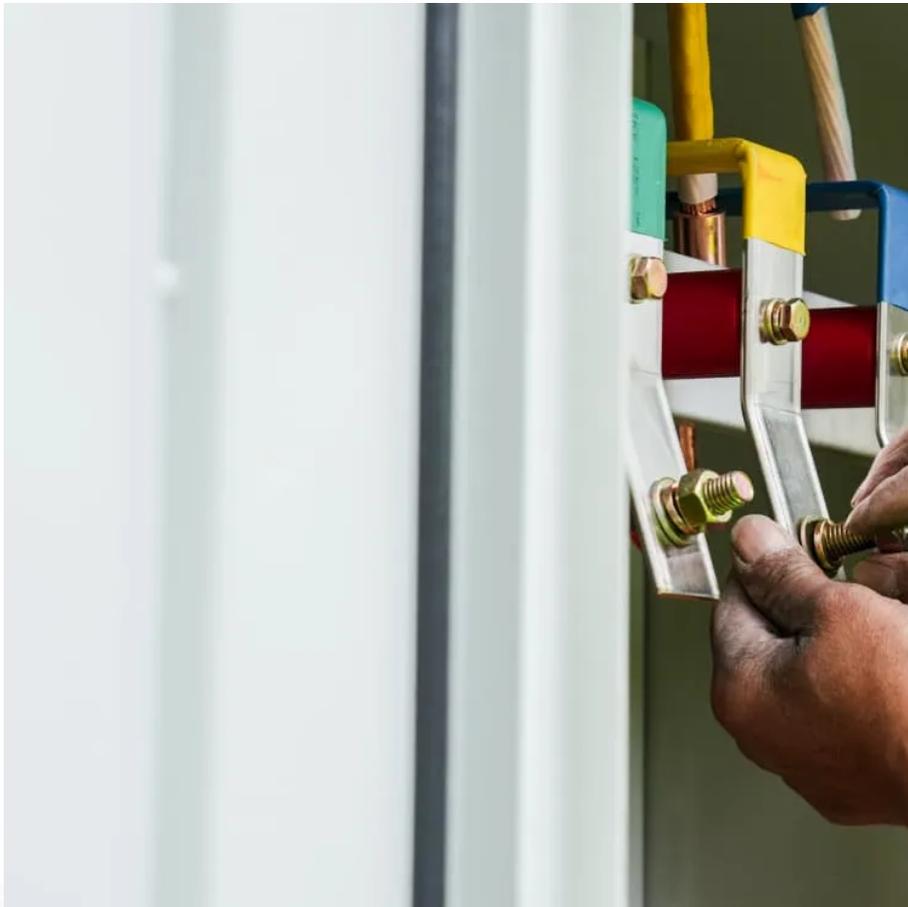


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Overview

Why do solar receiver tubes need a glass to metal seal?

Unlike other applications, solar receiver tubes are usually used in difficult conditions with the glass to metal seal exposed to high temperatures, thermal shock and frequently stretching. Therefore, the glass to metal seal must be extremely reliability and tight. The metal and the glass have different thermal expansion coefficients.

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Why is glass-to-metal sealing difficult in solar trough absorber tube?

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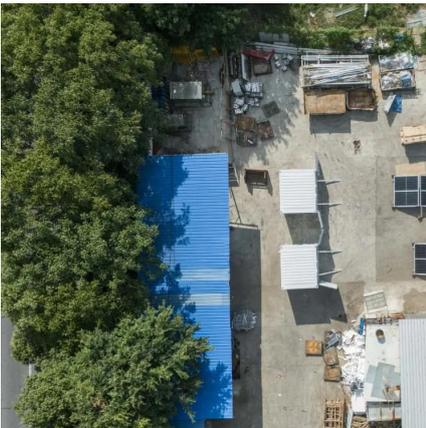
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