COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN OF A SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM FOR A BLOCK OF FLATS

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SUMMARY

The main objective of the diploma project was to design with the aid of computer a solar Heating System for a residential house.

To carry out and complete the project the following steps were followed as given in the Objectives of the project.

- Calculate the heat requirements for the space heating of the building.
- Study the methods and techniques currently used for the collection and storage of solar energy for space heating.
- Design a suitable system for the collection storage and distribution of low temperature solar energy to meet the heat requirements of the building.
- Determine the sizes of the solar components (collectors, storage, etc) and carry out pipe sizing.
- Investigate the monthly and yearly system performance through simulations.
- Prepare drawings (plan views and diagrammatic layouts) showing clearly the system layout and components.
- 7. Conduct a cost-estimate of the system.

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