

## **Solar Panels Plus LLC and Rheem Form Distribution Partnership**

### *Solar Heat Exchanger Tanks Drive Industry Growth and Fill a Crucial Requirement for Solar Thermal Installations*

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Solar Panels Plus, LLC (SPP) has become a distribution partner of Rheem Manufacturing Company. SPP is now an authorized national distributor of Rheem Water Heating products, including the Rheem line of Solaraide solar heat exchanger tanks.

"Highly efficient and cost effective heat exchanger tanks are an important component in residential and commercial solar water heating applications," said John Williams, COO of Solar Panels Plus. "Rheem tanks provide the best overall value and they have long history of building high-quality products, which led to this strategic partnership," Williams said.

According to Jeff Mahoney, Alternative Energy Market Manager for Rheem Specialty Products Division, "Rheem is pleased to partner with Solar Panels Plus. We are impressed with their commitment to provide their customers with superior product support."

According to the SPP website located at [solarpanelsplus.com](http://solarpanelsplus.com), the company provides solar water heaters, systems, parts and engineering expertise through its nationwide network of authorized dealers. SPP solar thermal systems include domestic and commercial hot water, forced air and radiant space heating, swimming pool heating and solar cooling (solar powered air conditioning). SPP also produces a proprietary corn-based food grade non-toxic glycol product that is 100% renewable and biodegradable.

In a [solar water heater](#) system, special coatings on the evacuated collector tubes are activated when exposed to sunlight, causing the collector temperature to reach upwards of 300 degrees. A water-glycol solution is circulated through the collectors, which transfers the heat into a built-in heat exchanger in the water tank, heating the water. A typical solar water heating system can provide hot water for a family of 4-6 people with larger and smaller systems available. Solar water heaters are also used in a wide range of commercial applications such as laundries, hospitals, dormitories, and various manufacturing processes.

#### About Rheem Manufacturing Company:

Rheem Manufacturing Company ([www.rheem.com](http://www.rheem.com)) is a privately held company with headquarters in Atlanta. In its 81st year of operation, the company manufactures a full-line of high-quality residential and commercial heating and cooling systems, tank and tankless water heaters, swimming pool heaters and commercial boilers throughout North America and world markets. The premium brands of Rheem Manufacturing Company include Raypak, Ruud and Rheem.

#### About Solar Panels Plus, LLC:

Solar Panels Plus is a Chesapeake, Virginia importer, distributor and manufacturer of solar energy products for residential and commercial applications including solar water heating, solar pool heating, solar air conditioning and solar heating solutions. Solar Panels Plus distributes their wide range of solar water thermal products through a nationwide network of authorized dealers. For more information, visit <http://www.solarpanelsplus.com>.

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