

Can a solar-powered wheelchair help physically challenged people?

**Abstract:** This project proposes an automated wheelchair that will help physically challenged people and serve as a complete form of automatic system (means of mobility). This paper exhibits a design and fabrication of a smarter feature of a solar-powered wheelchair with two modes of the control interface.

What is a Solar Assisted Wheelchair?

The Solar Assisted Wheelchair consists of a hub motor, a solar panel, a lead acid battery, and a voltage regulator. The hub motor is a conventional DC motor that generates high torque at low speed, which is highly efficient and doesn't require sprockets, brackets, and drive chains.

How a solar panel works in a wheelchair?

Solar panels are kept at the top of the wheelchair; they collect solar energy from the sun and convert it into electrical energy to charge the battery. A solar panel consists of PV cells which help to convert sunlight into electricity. Basically, when this solar panel is exposed to sunlight, it produces DC current and it is stored in the battery.

What is a solar powered wheelchair?

A solar powered wheelchair is a mobility vehicle for the disabled that is fabricated with indigenous materials like iron bars, hub motors, casters, bearings, forks, accelerator, and brakes. It is powered by a rechargeable battery of capacity 48V (12x4 in series).

How long can a wheelchair run on solar power?

According to the University of Virginia website, "The wheelchair can operate for more than 4 and a half hours at a speed of 5 mph on a fully charged battery, a range increase of more than 40% over batteries alone, and can run indefinitely at a speed of 1 mph on solar power alone, without using the battery." The solar panels serve two purposes.

Are solar powered wheelchairs smarter?

A prototype of the smarter features of the solar-powered wheelchair system has been fabricated based on the manually purposed wheelchair that is commonly available in the market with the addition of related work done in electrical and mechanical advancement.

The most commonly used device for differently able people are wheelchairs. We aimed to design a solar based wheelchair with control of joystick, for moving X-Y directions. ...

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To make the system energy efficient solar power will be used. Along these lines, while moving around all around the battery can be revived effectively. This keen wheelchair is additionally fit for ...

The document is a project report for the fabrication of a solar-powered wheelchair. It was submitted by five students to fulfill the requirements for a Bachelor of Technology degree. The report outlines the history and types ...

Researchers have explored diverse technologies originally developed for power wheelchairs to address specific challenges. These innovations aim to ensure collision-free travel, assist in task performance (e.g., navigating doorways), ...

After the discussion with the plan team, it has been decided to install 200 kWp Solar PV Power Plant for captive power generation & to reduce the grid connected power ...

According to the latest global reports ... If one narrows the search to "power wheelchair," the number of publications drops precipitously to 31 articles in the past year, 70 in the past 2 ...

Over the decades, with the advancement of science and technology, wheelchairs have undergone remarkable changes, such as controlling an electrical wheelchair by using brain signals. However, existing ...

In this paper, study shows conventional wheelchairs and their conversion into an electric wheelchair which is semi-automated using sensors and controllers. This paper studies ...

The Voice-Controlled Wheelchair (VCW) stands as a remarkable technological innovation aimed at revolutionizing mobility assistance for individuals with physical disabilities.

This project investigates designing an advanced wheelchair and tricycle combination that allows disabled users to experience the benefits of a tricycle without leaving their wheelchair. The document outlines research on ...

Fig. below shows all components of solar wheelchair. 1. Solar panel: It is a photovoltaic module which is an assembly of photovoltaic cells. The solar cells capture solar ...

The design of a wheelchair that runs on solar power is the proposed project. Two distinct situations are examined for the accuracy of the wheelchair: (i) in the presence of ...

In this report an attempt is made to fabricate a Solar- powered wheel ... Solar power wheelchair is a step forward to generate and utilize the energy itself and also helps in ...

Our project "Solar Powered Wheelchair" is based on the Automatic wheelchair which is driven by the DC motors and it gets the power generated by the Solar Panel. The ...

In this project we are going to design and fabricate a wheelchair consisting of solar components which are

capable of producing enough electrical energy to drive the wheelchair. ...

constrains the physical dimensions of the wheelchair's power base and impacts a user's ability to access home, work, recreational and educational environments. Seat height ...

The purpose of a Solar Based Gesture Control Wheelchair project could be to create a wheelchair that is powered by solar energy and can be controlled using hand gestures or ...

The wheelchair is cost effective, user friendly, self-driven and independent. The solar-powered wheelchair will help physically disabled people with their daily movements and ...

It can work even in partial absence of solar energy due to the presence of battery. Solar panel is fixed in such a way that it provides shade to the person using it. Remark 2. ...

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