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Best in Show: Nevados' TRACE™ All Terrain Tracker® wins Solar Power World's 2024 Top Products competition

Signals industry acceptance of the tracker that changed how solar projects are built, enabling zero grading on complex sites and saving topsoil for the future

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC. 2, 2024 — The Nevados TRACE™ All Terrain Tracker® has won "Best in Show" in the Large-Scale category of Solar Power World's *2024 Top Products* contest, signaling industry acceptance of a system that has changed how solar projects are built.

"As we celebrate our 10th anniversary it's gratifying to see how the industry has accepted our zero-grading solution that saves topsoil for the future," said founder and CEO Yezin Taha. "The Nevados TRACE system lets developers work with the land, not against it, which is a smarter, more sustainable way to build solar."

The annual [Top Products](#) contest recognizes the U.S. solar and storage industry's most innovative and disruptive products. Independent judges selected the winners for originality, market potential, and benefits to developers and installers.

"Our Large-Scale judges all seemed to value products that improve installation speeds and power density in sometimes tricky areas," said Kelly Pickerel, editor in chief of Solar Power World. "The TRACE All Terrain Tracker from Nevados does exactly that, so it's no surprise it was given a Best-in-Show award."

"TRACE's 'disconnected' torque tube architecture allows for panel rows to continue on the most irregular landscapes," Pickerel said, "which means eliminating grading altogether is possible, and project commissioning is faster. It's a unique update to the tracker market and deserving of a 2024 Top Product award."

The competition was divided into two market categories — Large-Scale and Residential — and was evaluated by experts with diverse experience spanning research, product development, and installation. The top five products in each category earned Best in Show awards, with five additional products selected for Honorable Mentions.

"Having industry experts choose the winners provides extra weight to the winning products in our 2024 Top Products competition," Pickerel said. "Our judges believe these products are already making a difference on projects across the United States, and the industry as a whole is better because of these advanced technologies."

TRACE tackles steep and undulating terrain of up to a market-leading 37% slope, and undulating capability of 26% at every post, eliminating costly and environmentally destructive grading — which can threaten community acceptance for a project.

Taha said the system was "designed from the ground up" to eliminate the need for grading, and that TRACE reflects 1.4 gigawatts of Nevados installations to date and almost 5 million hours of accelerated-life testing.

The patented articulating design elegantly follows the natural landscape and maintains consistent pile heights — which saved 43 miles of steel on one 170 MW project. And by eliminating grading, customers typically save \$700,000 on 95,000 cubic yards of earthmoving for each 100 MW.



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The Nevados design not only preserves natural landscapes and topsoil but also eases permitting, and cuts installation time and labor costs by 38% compared to leading competitors in an [independent study](#).

"As flat or gently sloping land becomes scarcer and more expensive, the solar industry needs solutions that can adapt to the world's diverse terrains," Taha said. "Nevados' continued innovation with the TRACE All Terrain Tracker redefines the possibilities for solar energy development, enabling fast and efficient deployment on sites that were previously considered too complex or cost-prohibitive and helping make them profitable."

Nevados also offers an American-made steel option for developers to fully qualify for domestic content tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act, further improving solar project economics. The domestic content version of TRACE, mainly manufactured at a ranch and rodeo supplier in East Texas, is available for orders now with delivery in Q2 2025.

About Nevados Engineering Inc.

Nevados is the only solar tracker company that enables the rapid development of PV power plants on challenging terrain economically and without environmental compromise. Nevados offers innovative all-terrain solar trackers paired with comprehensive software in an integrated platform that optimizes solar performance, improves plant reliability, and respects the natural landscape. Headquartered in Oakland, California and backed by institutional capital, Nevados is transforming utility-scale PV deployment with its market-leading tracking solutions and partnership approach. The company's mission is to pioneer sustainable solar solutions to preserve the earth for today and for tomorrow. For more information, visit www.nevados.solar