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Solar air heater (SAH) play a key part in solar energy use systems for air heating (Sukhatme and Nayak, 1996, Duffie and Beckman, 2006, Garg and Prakash, 2006). The maximum use of solar energy is achieved by optimal designing of solar air heaters. The absorber plate or solar collector is the most important part of SAH.

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A solar heater that can move a lot of 120F air is more effective than 160F air moving too slowly. High interior temperatures lead to much more heat loss through the glazing . Fan speed and duct size will affect the air flow.

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