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PACIFIC WHEEL - FERRIS WHEEL --- FAST FACTS

- Original Pacific Wheel Opened:** May 25, 1996
- All-New Pacific Wheel Opened:** May 28, 2008
- Solar-Power Conversion:** November 1998
- All-New Pacific Wheel Cost:** \$1.5 million
- Solar Power Accolade:** Selected “Best in America” by *Reader’s Digest*
- Solar Power Panel Technology:**
- Generates more than 71,000-kilowatt hours of renewable photovoltaic (PV) power from the sun’s rays.
 - In order for the Pacific Wheel to operate, more than 650 PV modules had to be mounted on top of the Park’s loading area for the West Coaster roller coaster and Midway games building.
 - The Pacific Wheel uses Solar Power Panel technology to offset the cost of the power consumption used to operate the attraction. On cloudy days the Pacific Wheel is operated from conventional energy sources.
 - Features more than 160,000 energy-efficient LED lights that provide higher energy savings while complementing the solar-power application.
- Pacific Wheel Height:** Soars 130 feet above the Pacific Ocean and stands over nine stories high.
- Computer Generated Light Show:**
- The 160,000 LED lights are mounted on Pacific Wheel’s structure including the 40 spokes and hubs.
 - The illumination package displays dynamic, eye-popping computer-generated lighting entertainment in the evenings.
- Pacific Wheel Capacity:**
- Twenty gondolas with a maximum six adults per gondola.
 - Pacific Wheel can accommodate up to 600 riders per hour.

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