

# Thule

## CASE STUDY



**LOCATION**  
Seymour, CT



**TOTAL SIZE**  
318 kW



**TYPE**  
Rooftop Mounted



**MODULES**  
1,760



**INVERTERS**  
Satcon



**DATE COMPLETE**  
January 2009



### Project Overview

Thule, the largest brand in the Thule Group, is a collection of brands all related to the outdoors and various types of transportation solutions. The Thule solar PV system consists of two separate arrays with a total of 1,760 solar panels. The PV system supplies an estimated 350,278 kWh annually, or about 26% of the facility's total electrical needs. Thule hosted the system under a power purchase agreement (PPA), where Nautilus Solar Energy owned the solar system and Thule purchases energy produced at a fixed price below current utility rate.

“ This installation represents yet another step Thule is taking to minimize our energy footprint. We have made substantial improvements in lighting, maintenance and operations over the past few years to achieve significant energy savings. We encourage our employees to ride bikes to work and provide facilities for those who do so — leading to Thule being recognized as an industry leader in going green by Bicycle Retailer and Industry News. ”

– Fred Clark, President of Thule, Inc.

### About Nautilus Solar

Founded in 2006, Nautilus Solar Energy, headquartered in Summit, N.J. is a leading full service solutions provider for business and public sector customers across North America. Nautilus is making solar possible by developing, funding, executing and managing the physical and financial aspects of distributed generation solar electric projects. The company delivers full service financial and technical expertise by customizing the optimal solar solution to save customers money while helping them meet their sustainability goals. Nautilus has been involved in over 100 MW—both distributed and grid tied systems—of solar solutions in the United States and Canada. Nautilus is minority owned by Virgo Investment Group LLC and its affiliates, based in Redwood Shores, California. For more information, visit [www.nautilussolar.com](http://www.nautilussolar.com).