*Solivar*

*Solivar near Prešov is among the most important industrial monuments in Slovakia. It is a unique complex of technical objects for sinking and cooking salt from brine, coming from the 17th century and it is part of the Slovak Technical Museum in Košice. In this complex are 5 buildings: Gápeľ, storage building, Klopačka, brewhouse and Četerne. Leopold pit is the oldest component of Solivar. They began to sink it in 1571. In 1674, over it, was build new building named Gápeľ. The mechanism was turned by four pairs of horses. The brine was pumped in a leather sacks. Salt storage tanks were built in the 1815. These tanks underwent several changes in their material and technology, as well as their volume and number. Finally there were 8 wooden tanks with double bottom and they were on stone base. Storage building was built around 1825. In the late 18th century, were built two brewhouses- Franz and Ferdinand. Ferdinand was demolished in 1931.*

*Brine was poured in to evaporation pan and then crystal salt was transfered to drip chambers. After 24 hours the salt was transferred to the storage or it was expanded. Storage building’ve got huge Baroque roof, Classicist clock tower and it was most dominant of these buildings. It burned down in 1986 but this year it was reopened as a museum. The tower of “Klopačka“ was used as a watchtower until 1914, later it was modified as a bell tower. The latest reconstruction of the three-floor bell tower was in 1969. In 2001, Slovak Technical Museum has made available objects of Solivar as an exposition.*