

Energy storage system costs in China and the US



Overview

If executed, turnkey grid-scale storage costs for Chinese systems could be US\$ 1,084 - 1,204 / kW. With 45X and the domestic content adder, U. -based turnkey systems would be more competitively priced but domestic availability falls well short of demand. This report provides the latest, real-world evidence on the cost of large, long-duration utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects. Drawing on recent auction results from Saudi Arabia, India and Italy, along with in-depth interviews with project developers, suppliers and analysts. In this work we describe the development of cost and performance projections for utility-scale lithium-ion battery systems, with a focus on 4-hour duration systems. At that level, pairing solar with batteries to deliver power when it's needed is now economically viable. All forecasts are from Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables; ACP does not predict future pricing, costs or deployments. Media inquiries should be directed to. Turnkey systems, excluding EPC and grid connection costs, saw their biggest reduction since BNEF's survey began in 2017. This Premium article, which was one of the most read Premium articles in 2025, has been made free to all to offer a glimpse of our Premium coverage. BNEF analyst. Between April 2nd and May 12th 2025, actions by the Trump administration on tariffs significantly altered the effective costs of goods imported from China, including battery systems, cells, and components.

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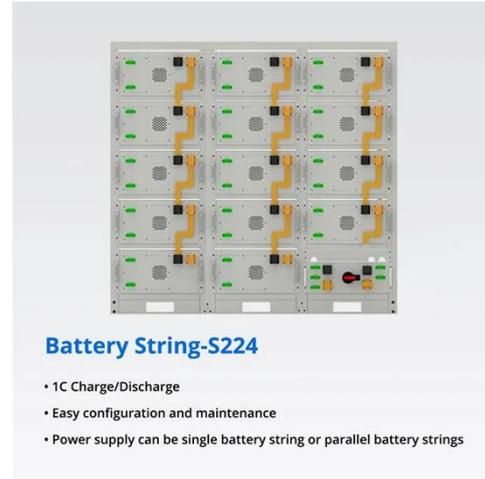
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