

# Flywheel energy storage equipment accident



## Overview

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SAN DIEGO - An 11,000 pound metal flywheel caused an explosion this summer that injured four people at the warehouse of a Poway technology firm, state officials said this week. The blast occurred June 10 at Quantum Energy Storage at 13350 Gregg St. The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) said the explosion occurred during a high-speed rotation test. In early 2023, a flywheel energy storage system prototype in Liberia experienced a mechanical failure during a high-speed rotation test. Witnesses reported loud grinding noises followed by emergency shutdown protocols. Three workers were injured when a 2-ton steel rotor catastrophically failed during testing at a solar farm storage facility. When energy is extracted from the system, the flywheel's rotational speed is reduced as a consequence of the principle of conservation of energy; adding energy to the system increases its rotational speed. On June 10, an out-of-control, 11,000-pound metal flywheel caused an explosion at the business on Gregg Street. Three employees received abrasions, and a fourth broke an ankle, according to Cal/OSHA.

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### Cal/OSHA Fines Company \$58K for Explosion That Injured Employees

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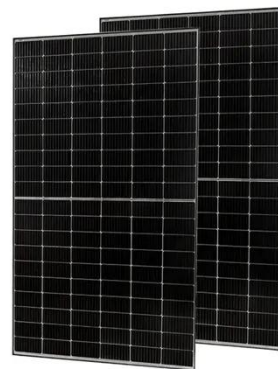
The principle of rotating mass causes energy to store in a flywheel by converting electrical energy into mechanical energy in the form of rotational kinetic energy. 39 The energy fed to ...

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In the 1950s, flywheel-powered buses, known as gyrobuses, were used in Yverdon (Switzerland) and Ghent (Belgium) and there is ongoing research to make flywheel systems that are smaller, lighter, cheaper and have a greater capacity. It is hoped that flywheel systems can replace conventional chemical batteries for



mobile applications, such as for electric vehicles. Proposed flywheel systems would eliminate many of th...

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