



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

**1.5 million installed capacity  
energy storage power station**



## Overview

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How much energy is stored on the grid?

28,000 MW of storage capacity—on a net summer capacity basis—installed on the U.S. electricity grid.<sup>34</sup> Pumped hydroelectric storage accounted for over 80 percent of this capacity, and lithium-ion batteries accounted for nearly 17 percent. Other technologies represent approximately 1 percent of total grid energy storage capacity.

Will energy storage be added to the grid by 2025?

Energy storage technology use is increasing on the grid and tens of thousands of MW of energy storage are projected to be added to the grid by 2025, according to EIA data. As previously discussed, over 10,000 MW of battery storage have been planned for construction between 2021 and 2023.

How much power can a pumped hydroelectric storage system provide?

Capacity can reach 1,000 megawatts (MW) for pumped hydroelectric and compressed air energy storage systems.<sup>13</sup> Technologies like batteries and flywheels have smaller capacities and shorter discharge times. See figure 5 for information on selected technology power, the maximum amount of electricity that the storage can provide, and duration.

What are energy storage systems?

Energy storage systems are not primary electricity sources, meaning the technology does not create electricity from a fuel or natural resource. Instead, they store electricity that has already been created from an electricity generator or the electric power grid, which makes energy storage systems secondary sources of electricity. Wind.

What is a 150 MW solar power station?

The 150 MW Andasol solar power station is a commercial parabolic trough solar thermal power plant, located in Spain. The Andasol plant uses tanks of

molten salt to store captured solar energy so that it can continue generating electricity when the sun is not shining.

What energy storage technologies are used today?

Energy storage technology use has increased along with solar and wind energy. Several storage technologies are in use on the U.S. grid, including pumped hydroelectric storage, batteries, compressed air, and flywheels (see figure).

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