

# Necessary knowledge about wind turbine generators

What is a wind turbine generator?

What is a wind turbine? A wind turbine, or wind generator or wind turbine generator, is a device that converts the kinetic energy of wind (a natural and renewable source) into electricity. Whereas a ventilator or fan uses electricity to create wind, a wind turbine does the opposite: it harnesses the wind to make electricity.

Why does a wind turbine not produce power?

Below the cut-in wind speed, the turbine cannot produce power because the wind does not transmit enough energy to overcome the friction in the drivetrain. At the rated output wind speed, the turbine produces its peak power (its rated power). At the cut-out wind speed, the turbine must be stopped to prevent damage.

What is a wind turbine used for?

Wind turbines are the modern version of a windmill. Put simply, they use the power of the wind to create electricity. Large wind turbines are the most visible, but you can also buy a small wind turbine for individual use; for example to provide power to a caravan or boat. What is a wind farm? Wind farms are groups of wind turbines.

What do you need to know about wind turbines?

To do this one must know something about the environmental input to the wind turbine as related to wind speed distribution, atmospheric turbulence and for an offshore wind turbine also a description of the sea state.

How does a wind turbine turn mechanical power into electricity?

This mechanical power can be used for specific tasks (such as grinding grain or pumping water) or a generator can convert this mechanical power into electricity. A wind turbine turns wind energy into electricity using the aerodynamic force from the rotor blades, which work like an airplane wing or helicopter rotor blade.

What is the difference between upwind and downwind turbines?

Upwind turbines--like the one shown here--face into the wind while downwind turbines face away. Most utility-scale land-based wind turbines are upwind turbines. The wind vane measures wind direction and communicates with the yaw drive to orient the turbine properly with respect to the wind.

wind turbine, apparatus used to convert the kinetic energy of wind into electricity.. Wind turbines come in several sizes, with small-scale models used for providing electricity to rural homes or cabins and community ...

Wind energy developments can be responsible for negative impacts on birds, including displacement. In this study we performed a systematic review of the literature available on bird displacement due to wind turbines, ...

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As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, wind power had become a major player in the global energy landscape. Wind turbines were producing electricity in countries around the ...

Read all about the wind turbine: what it is, the types, how it works, its main components, and much more information through our frequently asked questions. Windmills of the third ...

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Wind turbines can turn the power of wind into the electricity we all use to power our homes and businesses. They can be stand-alone, supplying just one or a very small number of homes or businesses, or they can be ...

Wind energy capacity in the Americas has tripled over the past decade. In the U.S., wind is now a dominant renewable energy source, with enough wind turbines to generate more than 100 million watts, or megawatts, of electricity, ...

Wind turbines work on a simple principle: instead of using electricity to make wind--like a fan--wind turbines use wind to make electricity. Wind turns the propeller-like blades of a turbine around a rotor, which spins a generator, ...

The shift towards sustainable living has brought wind power to the forefront of renewable energy solutions, especially for homeowners. As we increasingly seek ways to reduce our carbon footprint and embrace energy ...

The generator is the heart of the wind turbine, converting mechanical energy into electrical energy. Function: Converts rotational energy into electrical energy. ... Whether part of a small ...

Wind energy has seen a steady rise in installed capacity over the last decade, according to development patterns. Wind energy installed capacity was only 194 GW in 2010, compared to the 743 GW added by the ...

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