

# **How much does it cost to replace the battery cabinet of the State Grid**





## Overview

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Are battery energy storage systems worth the cost?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are becoming essential in the shift towards renewable energy, providing solutions for grid stability, energy management, and power quality. However, understanding the costs associated with BESS is critical for anyone considering this technology, whether for a home, business, or utility scale.

How much does a battery grid cost?

Battery grid storage solutions, which have seen significant growth in deployments in the past decade, have projected 2020 costs for fully installed 100 MW, 10-hour battery systems of: lithium-ion LFP (\$356/kWh), lead-acid (\$356/kWh), lithium-ion NMC (\$366/kWh), and vanadium RFB (\$399/kWh).

Do projected cost reductions for battery storage vary over time?

The suite of publications demonstrates wide variation in projected cost reductions for battery storage over time. Figure ES-1 shows the suite of projected cost reductions (on a normalized basis) collected from the literature (shown in gray) as well as the low, mid, and high cost projections developed in this work (shown in black).

Is grid-scale energy storage a viable alternative to electric vehicles?

Grid-scale energy storage, however, lacks the stringent power and weight constraints of electric vehicles, enabling a multitude of storage technologies to compete to provide current and emerging grid flexibility services.

Are lithium-ion batteries more expensive than solid-state batteries?

As mentioned, lithium-ion batteries are popular but more expensive. Newer technologies like solid-state batteries promise higher performance at potentially lower costs in the future, but they are still in the developmental stage. Government incentives, rebates, and tax credits can significantly



reduce BESS costs.

How much does a lead-acid battery cost?

In the literature, lead-acid battery prices are reported as low as \$200-220/kWh (Aquino et al., 2017; G. J. May, Davidson, & Monahov, 2018; PowerTech Systems, 2015). Cost information was provided for a 10 MW, 50 MWh system for a utility-scale BESS installed in Europe and is shown in Table 5 (Raiford, 2020a).



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### [Cost Projections for Utility-Scale Battery Storage: 2025 Update](#)

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. The projections are ...

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