

European Solar Energy Storage

Energy storage safety accident statistics



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The database compiles information about stationary battery energy storage system (BESS) failure incidents. There are two tables in this database: Stationary Energy Storage Failure Incidents - this table tracks utility-scale and commercial and industrial (C&I) failures. Other Storage Failure.

From 2017 to 2024, there were 90 incidents, with 15 fires.

The global installed capacity of utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) has dramatically increased over the last five years. While recent fires afflicting some of these BESS have garnered significant media attention, the overall rate of incidents has sharply decreased,¹ as lessons learned.

Claimed as the first publicly available analysis of battery energy storage system (BESS) failures, the work is largely based on EPRI's BESS Failure Incident Database and looks at the root causes of a number of events inputted to it. The authors said the report is an attempt to help mitigate issues.

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The number of fires in Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) is decreasing [1]. Between 2017 and 2022, U.S. energy storage deployments increased by

more than 18 times, from 645 MWh to 12,191 MWh, while worldwide safety events over the same period increased by a much smaller number, from two to 12.

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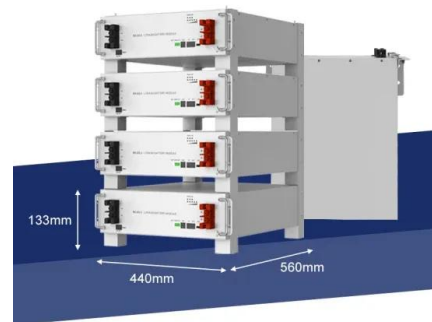


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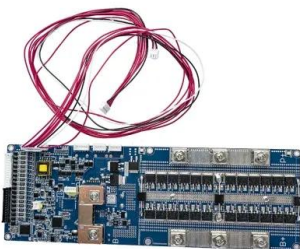
Insights from EPRI s Battery Energy Storage Systems ...

The availability of root cause information starting in 2018 is an indication of both energy storage industry maturity as well as collective action and scrutiny on lithium ion BESS safety.



Lithium-ion energy storage battery explosion incidents

Utility-scale lithium-ion energy storage batteries are being installed at an accelerating rate in many parts of the world. Some of these batteries have experienced troubling fires and explosions.



BESS Failure Incident Database

This table tracks other energy storage failure incidents for scenarios that do not fit the criteria of the table above. This could include energy

storage failures in settings like electric transportation, recycling, manufacturing, etc.



Analysis of energy storage safety accidents in lithium-ion

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According to incomplete statistics from the National Energy Information Platform, there have been a total of 32 incidents of fire and explosion at energy storage plants worldwide, including 1 in Japan, 2 in the United States, 1 in Belgium, 3 in China, and 24 in South Korea.

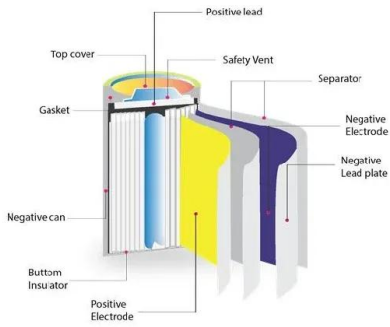
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2024 energy storage fire accident statistics, fire detection scheme

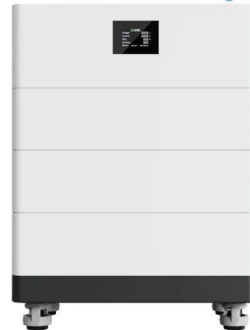
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