

South Korea s new energy storage





Overview

Korea's three major battery makers — LG Energy Solution, Samsung SDI and SK On — are accelerating efforts to mass-produce lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries as they seek new opportunities amid a prolonged slump in electric vehicle (EV) demand. Why is South Korea launching a 540mw battery energy storage tender?

South Korea is ramping up its battery energy storage deployment with a new 540MW tender to stabilize the grid and support renewable energy growth. Learn how this move strengthens both domestic resilience and global market leadership.

Does South Korea have a storage market?

Interestingly, South Korea's approach differs from some Western markets where subsidies or mandates drive storage growth. Instead, Korea is leaning into competitive contracting, using central tenders to attract cost-efficient and technically robust projects.

Will South Korea install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems?

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy unveiled plans for a nationwide tender to install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems (BESS), marking the country's first major government-led deployment of its kind. The project is part of a broader effort to modernize South Korea's power grid and support the transition to renewable energy.

Does South Korea have a battery industry?

But South Korea's battery industry faces mounting pressure from China, whose manufacturers, led by CATL, currently account for nearly 90 percent of global energy storage battery capacity. CATL expanded its footprint in January by establishing a South Korean subsidiary, signaling an aggressive push into the local market.



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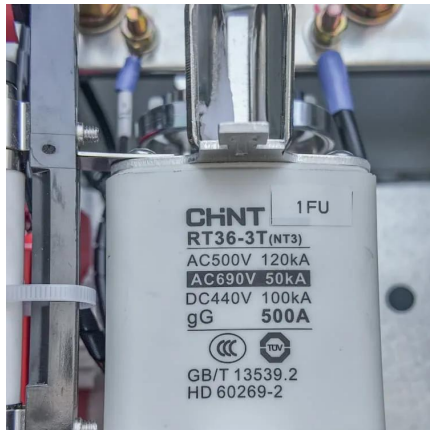
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