

# Commercialization of vanadium flow batteries

Is the vanadium redox flow battery industry poised for growth?

Image: VRB Energy. The vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB) industry is poised for significant growth in the coming years, equal to nearly 33GWh a year of deployments by 2030, according to new forecasting. Vanadium industry trade group Vanitec has commissioned Guidehouse Insights to undertake independent analysis of the VRFB energy storage sector.

Why do flow batteries use vanadium chemistry?

This demonstrates the advantage that the flow batteries employing vanadium chemistry have a very long cycle life. Furthermore, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy analysis was conducted on two of the battery stacks. Some degradation was observed in one of the stacks reflected by the increased charge transfer resistance.

Will flow battery suppliers compete with metal alloy production to secure vanadium supply?

Traditionally, much of the global vanadium supply has been used to strengthen metal alloys such as steel. Because this vanadium application is still the leading driver for its production, it's possible that flow battery suppliers will also have to compete with metal alloy production to secure vanadium supply.

Does the vanadium flow battery leak?

It is worth noting that no leakages have been observed since commissioned. The system shows stable performance and very little capacity loss over the past 12 years, which proves the stability of the vanadium electrolyte and that the vanadium flow battery can have a very long cycle life.

Are vanadium flow batteries flammable?

The installed capacities have grown steadily in recent years though, from double digits to hundreds of megawatt-hours, with major projects announced in China, Australia, and Canada. Unlike lithium-ion batteries, vanadium flow batteries store energy in a non-flammable, liquid electrolyte and do not degrade with cycling.

Why are vanadium batteries so expensive?

Vanadium makes up a significantly higher percentage of the overall system cost compared with any single metal in other battery technologies and in addition to large fluctuations in price historically, its supply chain is less developed and can be more constrained than that of materials used in other battery technologies.

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