# SOLAR PRO. Energy cost of lead-acid battery production

Do lead-acid or Li-ion batteries affect the economic optimum?

The results show that in both 100% PV and PV-diesel hybrid systems, the use of lead-acid or Li-ion batteries results in different sizing of the economic optimum system. In other words, if the type of battery is changed, to achieve the economic optimum the entire system must be resized.

#### Do lead-acid batteries have a shorter life?

The cases in which lead-acid batteries have shown a shorter useful life are both homes(single-family home and second home),in accordance with the results of a previous study focused on their aging. Consequently, it is in them where the improvement in terms of lifetime is greater when changing to a Li-ion battery.

## Are Li-ion batteries better than lead-acid batteries?

It must be taken into account that the DOD of 90% allowed in the simulations of Li-ion batteries made their useful capacity greater than in lead-acid batteries whose allowed DOD was 80%. Moreover, the higher cycling efficiency of the Li-ion battery (95%) compared to the lead-acid (85%) played in favor of the lower need for PV production.

## Do lithium batteries increase energy production from PV or diesel origin?

If the higher DOD and the higher cycling efficiency of Li-ion batteries were not enough to compensate for the lower storage, the production of energy increased from PV or diesel origin. It was also observed that the five case studies presented quantitatively different behaviors in front of the change of type of battery.

## How much does a lithium ion battery cost?

For behind the meter applications, the LCOS for a lithium ion battery is 43 USD/kWh and 41 USD/kWh for a lead-acid battery. A sensitivity analysis is conducted on the LCOS in order to identify key factors to cost development of battery storage.

### Are lithium ion batteries profitable?

In some cases, the economic optimum is reached with Li-ion and in others with lead-acid batteries, depending on the demand profiles. Thus, both types of batteries can be profitable options in standalone energy systems, with a greater tendency to lead-acid in fully photovoltaic systems and to Li-ion in hybrids.

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Batteries use 85% of the lead produced worldwide and recycled lead represents 60% of total lead production. Lead-acid batteries are easily broken so that lead-containing components may be separated from plastic containers and acid, all of which can be recovered. Almost complete recovery and re-use of materials can be achieved with a relatively low energy ...

The costs of delivery and installation are calculated on a volume ratio of 6:1 for Lithium system compared to a lead-acid system. This assessment is based on the fact that the lithium-ion has an energy density of 3.5 times Lead-Acid and a ...

The measures examined, including the placement of a Li-ion battery, resulted in an increase of 24.6% in the heating demand solar contribution and of 7.9% in the renewable energy generated for...

Solar Energy Storage Options Indeed, a recent study on economic and environmental impact suggests that lead-acid batteries are unsuitable for domestic grid-connected photovoltaic systems [3]. 2 ...

For large-format LIBs, 6500 GW h of cumulative production are forecasted to be necessary to reach price parity. By taking into account future cost improvements for both technologies, the authors conclude that LIB prices will not undercut those of lead-acid batteries for more than twenty years.

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