

# What are the new energy storage locomotives

Could battery electric locomotives be a big deal?

Getting battery electric locomotives into service quickly is a big deal, since traditional diesel locomotives can operate for more than 20 years, Phadke says. A startup that came out of stealth last month has another idea: Parallel Systems wants to move freight using self-driving, battery-powered, autonomous rail vehicles.

How much battery does a line-haul locomotive need?

Whereas the California representative line-haul locomotive used to estimate energy requirements pulls 1,701 revenue-tonnes, the national average line-haul Class I freight locomotive carries only 1,090 revenue-tonnes. We estimate that this load requires a 9.1-MWh battery per locomotive, after adjusting for battery weight and cooling requirements.

How does a Class I locomotive work?

US Class I locomotives are diesel-electric: a diesel engine drives an electric generator that powers traction motors to drive the axles. Such a locomotive can be converted to battery-electric by adding one or more battery tender cars, referred to as tender cars, with wiring that delivers electricity to the drivetrain.

What is the world's first battery-powered heavy-haul locomotive?

Carl Swanson ERIE, Pa. --Wabtec and Australian mining firm Roy Hill have unveiled world's first 100% battery-powered, heavy-haul locomotive for mainline service in ceremonies today (Oct. 31, 2023) at Wabtec's Erie manufacturing facility.

How much power does a FLXdrive locomotive have?

This is about three times the power of a 2.4-megawatt-hour FLXdrive prototype that operated 13,000 miles on BNSF Railway in California with zero failures in 2021. "This FLXdrive locomotive represents a major step in the journey to a low-to-zero-emission future in the rail industry," says Rafael Santana, president and CEO of Wabtec.

How much CO<sub>2</sub> does a diesel locomotive emit a year?

These diesel locomotives emit 35 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year and produce air pollution that causes about 1,000 premature deaths annually, accounting for approximately US\$6.5 billion in health damage costs per year.

which converts the train's energy in motion to electric energy upon braking and giving it back to the feeder services. This function has been successfully implemented in the WAG-9, WAP-7, ...

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A battery system could power a train for hundreds of kilometres before needing a charge of renewable energy. Diesel-electric locomotives, which are widely used to pull US freight trains, emit...

Europe and China are leading the installation of new pumped storage capacity - fuelled by the motion of water. Batteries are now being built at grid-scale in countries including ...

BNSF's prototype locomotive will use a battery cell similar to what you might find under the hood of an electric car. It is a lithium-ion energy storage unit with cells that contain a combination of ...

The FLXdrive locomotive contains 72 lithium-ion modular battery packs with a total of 36,288 cells, giving the locomotive an energy capacity of 7 megawatt-hours. This is about three times the power of a 2.4 ...

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Traction power systems (TPSs) play a vital role in the operation of electrified railways. The transformation of conventional railway TPSs to novel structures is not only a ...

This new energy locomotive has not only achieved remarkable results in carbon reduction, but also particularly outstanding results in reducing pollutant emissions. The data ...

Shunting locomotives are required to produce high powers during shunting operations but may be idle for many hours each day. A key issue with a hybrid conversion is battery life. Shunting ...

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