

# Refitting wind power generation

What is repowering a wind turbine?

After twenty years of loyal service, the first generations of wind turbines are reaching the end of their operational lives. Repowering consists of replacing these turbines with new, higher-performing models-- on average capable of producing twice as much electricity, sometimes more--while reusing existing infrastructure. How?

Is repowering the future of wind power?

This aging global fleet is drawing major investment into repowering: total renewed capacity is expected to grow more than sixfold, from 21 GW in 2023 to 134 GW in 2033. In France, the first wind farms date back to 1991, meaning their replacement process is now well underway. Repowering offers several advantages.

Should wind turbine foundations be strengthened or retrofitted?

However, there is lack of research on strengthening and retrofitting of the original wind turbine foundations. When the upper wind turbine is substituted by the one having higher hour power generation, the height of the wind turbine tower and the length of its blade will increase.

Can strengthening and retrofitting improve the safety of higher-power wind turbines?

The maximum tensile stress of concrete, the maximum compressive stress of concrete, and the maximum stress of the embedded-ring are reduced by 19.8%, 31.3%, and 22.2%, respectively. To summarize, the proposed strengthening and retrofitting methods are capable of ensuring the safety and stability of higher-power wind turbine operation.

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Wind repowering--the combined activity of dismantling or refurbishing existing wind turbines and commissioning new ones--plays an important role in the wind industry by modernizing ...

Partial repowering allows existing wind-power projects to be updated with equipment that increases energy production, reduces machine loads, increases grid service capabilities, and ...

Many of the early wind power projects installed in North America are ripe for an upgrade. Wind repowering is a process that involves replacing old wind turbines or their components to ...

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controlled onshore turbines. ABB works with OEMs, project developers, IPPs ...

**REPOWER YOUR WIND-ENERGY** Repowering is an investment opportunity for the facility owner, enabling owners to retrofit power plants on existing sites with new and/or refurbished ...

Newer turbines are designed to capture more wind energy and operate more efficiently, resulting in increased power generation and improved performance. Site Evaluation and ...

As wind turbines age and become less reliable, utilities have three options. First, replace aging assets--a costly and time-consuming activity. Second, repair--this can often be hampered by ...

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