

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Wind turbine generator movement



## Overview

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How do wind turbines work?

Wind turbines turn energy from the wind into electricity. Turbines turn so that they face into the wind. The turbine blades are shaped so that even low winds will push them round. Kinetic energy from the moving air is transferred to the spinning blades. The blades turn a shaft which is connected to a gearbox.

How does a wind generator work?

The energy in the wind turns the blades that are connected to the main shaft, which turns and spins a second shaft, which spins a generator to create electricity. – A machine that is used to make electricity. When the generator head is turned, this energy is converted to electrical energy.

How does a wind turbine turn mechanical power into electricity?

This mechanical power can be used for specific tasks (such as grinding grain or pumping water) or a generator can convert this mechanical power into electricity. A wind turbine turns wind energy into electricity using the aerodynamic force from the rotor blades, which work like an airplane wing or helicopter rotor blade.

How does wind create power?

Wind power or wind energy is a form of renewable energy that harnesses the power of the wind to generate electricity. It involves using wind turbines to convert the turning motion of blades, pushed by moving air (kinetic energy) into electrical energy (electricity).

What is the difference between upwind and downwind turbines?

Upwind turbines—like the one shown here—face into the wind while downwind turbines face away. Most utility-scale land-based wind turbines are upwind turbines. The wind vane measures wind direction and communicates with the yaw drive to orient the turbine properly with respect to the wind.

## How do turbine rotors work?

Turbines catch the wind's energy with their propeller-like blades, which act much like an airplane wing. When the wind blows, a pocket of low-pressure air forms on one side of the blade. The low-pressure air pocket then pulls the blade toward it, causing the rotor to turn. This is called lift.

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### How Do Wind Turbines Work? , Department of Energy

Wind turbines work on a simple principle: instead of using electricity to make wind--like a fan--wind turbines use wind to make electricity. Wind turns the propeller-like blades of a turbine around a rotor, which spins a generator, ...

### Applications of magnets in wind turbines

Wind turbine generators. In 1831, Michael Faraday created the first electromagnetic generator. He discovered that an electric current can be created in a conductor when it is moved through a magnetic field. length of ...



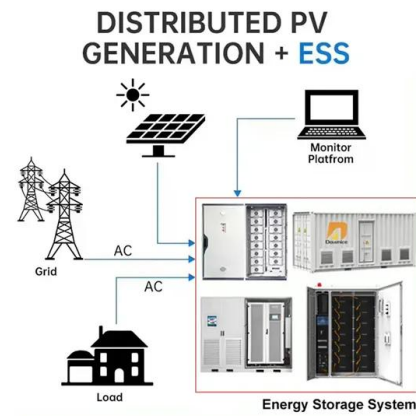
### [How Wind Power Works](#)

The cost of utility-scale wind power has come down dramatically in the last two decades due to technological and design advancements in turbine production and installation. In the early 1980s, wind power cost about 30 cents per kWh. In ...

### The Science of Wind Energy: How Turbines Convert Air ...

How do wind turbines work? Wind turbines work by capturing the energy of moving air with blades, converting it into rotational motion, and ultimately into electricity. What are the

environmental benefits of wind energy? Wind energy ...



## Aerodynamics of Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

This chapter reviews the aerodynamic characteristics of horizontal axis wind turbines (HAWTs). While the aerodynamics of wind turbine are relatively complicated in detail, the fundamental operational principle of a ...

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