

# How much does it cost to generate electricity from wind blades

How much does a wind turbine blade cost?

The total cost of a wind turbine blade is estimated at \$154,090.40. This cost breakdown is detailed in Table 26 and Figure 4 of the 'A Detailed Wind Turbine Blade Cost Model' document.

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The typical wind turbine is 2-3 MW in power, so most turbines cost in the \$2-4 million dollar range. Operation and maintenance runs an additional \$42,000-\$48,000 per year according to research on wind turbine operational cost. See the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's website for the most recent (December 2022) Cost of Wind Energy Review.

# How much does a 12 MW wind turbine cost?

The most powerful 12 MW wind turbine costs up to \$400 millionto manufacture and install. Costs for utility-scale wind turbines can be broken down into three categories: manufacturing,transport and installation,and operations and maintenance. Researchers are constantly working to drive down the costs.

#### How much does a wind farm cost?

The location of a wind farm can have a profound effect on cost. While a wind turbine in Europe or the United States can cost about \$1 million per MW, turbines installed in countries like Brazil can be as cheap as \$500,000 per MW. Once the turbines are erected, they must be wired to the electrical grid.

# How many blades can a wind turbine produce a year?

This model imagines a wind turbine factory producing 1,000 blades per year. However, users can easily edit this value to represent their specific needs in the model for a wind turbine blade cost.

# Why are wind turbines so expensive?

The values are based on typical wind turbines in use today. On the other hand, newer wind turbine technologies, such as carbon fiber, are more expensive. Engineering designs that eliminate the need for certain turbine components -- such as a transition piece -- tend to drive down costs.



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