

# New magnesium battery for energy storage

Are rechargeable magnesium batteries a viable energy storage solution?

Rechargeable magnesium batteries (RMBs) are gaining attention as promising energy storage solutions due to their high volumetric capacity (3833 mAh/cm<sup>3</sup>), inherent safety from dendrite-free anodes, cost-effectiveness (~\$2/kg), and environmental sustainability [1,5,150].

What are rechargeable magnesium batteries used for?

Additionally, their high energy density and lightweight properties position rechargeable magnesium batteries for potential applications in the aerospace sector, including drones, satellites, and spacecraft, offering extended flight durations and reduced weight.

Can magnesium batteries power EVs?

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What is a rechargeable magnesium battery (RMB)?

Learn more. Benefiting from higher volumetric capacity, environmental friendliness and metallic dendrite-free magnesium (Mg) anodes, rechargeable magnesium batteries (RMBs) are of great importance to the development of energy storage technology beyond lithium-ion batteries (LIBs).

Why do we need a magnesium battery?

Magnesium enables dendrite-free operation, improving battery safety and lifespan. New cathodes and electrolytes address issues like Mg<sup>2+</sup> diffusion and anode passivation. Mg batteries suit EVs, grid storage, aerospace, and portable devices due to low cost. AI and materials engineering may speed up Mg battery commercialization and research.

What are the components of rechargeable magnesium batteries?

The rechargeable magnesium batteries consist of three core components: anode, electrolyte, and cathode material. Fig. 4 illustrates the schematic representation of rechargeable magnesium batteries. The cathode consists of a compound that can reversibly embed/de-embed Mg<sup>2+</sup>, and the anode consists of Mg metal or Mg alloy.



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