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# Meeting Your Power Needs in the Most Sustainable Way









# As the world moves decisively towards a cleaner, more resilient energy future,

the role of renewable and distributed energy systems has never been more critical. Solar, wind, and other renewables are leading the charge in decarbonizing our energy landscape; however, their integration into the grid comes with complex challenges.

The global push for renewable energy and distancing from carbon-based energy generation has forced the electrical grid, and those who support it, into an incredible transformation.

Developing and integrating innovating electrical power technologies that support this shift is now more important than ever.

## **Q: Where can transformers & electrical power solutions be found?**

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- Ships & Ports
  Onshore Wind Energy
- 3 Solar/Renewable Energy Stations
- 4 Oil & Gas

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- 5 Industrial Facilities
- 6 Substations
- 7 Power Distribution



13 Water & Wastewater

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🚺 Offshore Energy

- 15 Data Centers
- 16 Airports
- 17 Commercial Buildings
- 18 Battery Energy Storage
- 19 Mining Industry
- 20 Hydro Power

## A: EVERYWHERE!

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# Transformers: The Backbone of the Renewable Energy Revolution

At the core of the transformation of energy is a key component that has often been overlooked and taken for granted, TRANSFORMERS. **Power transformers** are the backbone and silent enabler of the energy transition, and a critical component in the energy distribution network. Whether at the generation, transmission, or distribution level, transformers play an indispensable role and are responsible for converting and conditioning power into a usable format for industrial, commercial, and residential consumers.

The transformer's primary role is to step up (increase) or step down (decrease) voltage levels to ensure efficient power transmission over long distances and safe delivery to end-users. With increasing renewable penetration, its importance has only grown and plays a more pivotal role in stabilizing the grid. Unlike traditional fossil-fuel-based power generation, which delivers steady and predictable power, renewable energy sources often generate electricity at variable voltages and frequencies, which can cause instability. Transformers help stabilize these variations and intermittency by converting the generated power into a consistent and usable form.

For instance, a wind turbine might generate electricity at a lower voltage, which needs to be stepped up for transmission across the grid. Conversely, the voltage needs to be stepped down when it reaches residential or commercial areas for safe usage.

As distributed energy resources (DERs) such as rooftop solar, microgrids, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations become more widespread, transformers are adapting to bidirectional power flows.



# Battery Energy Storage Systems: The Game-Changer

The Achilles' heel of renewable energy has always been its variability. The sun doesn't always shine, and the wind doesn't always blow. Enter Battery Energy Storage--the game changer and key to renewable energy reliability.

#### Battery energy storage systems

(<u>BESS</u>) store excess renewable energy when supply generated during peak production times exceeds demand and dispatching it when needed during periods of low production or high demand.

For instance, during a cloudy day or a windless night, stored energy can be dispatched to meet the demand, preventing blackouts and reducing reliance on fossil-fuel-based power plants.



This capability not only smooths out fluctuations in generation but also enhances grid stability, defers costly infrastructure upgrades, and provides backup power during outages. Utility-scale BESS installations are increasing worldwide.

They enable better integration of renewable energy into the grid by providing ancillary services such as frequency regulation, voltage support, and demand response. They can quickly respond to fluctuations in demand and supply, maintaining the grid's stability and efficiency, and preventing overloads.





# Switchgear: The Guardian of Grid Safety and Efficiency

While transformers and BESS often steal the spotlight, switchgear is equally important in securing and stabilizing renewable energy. Switchgear is essentially the control centers of the electrical grid. They control, protect, and isolate electrical equipment, ensuring the safe and reliable operation of the power system.

In renewable energy systems, switchgear plays a crucial role in managing the connection and disconnection of energy sources. They protect the grid from faults, such as short circuits and overloads, which the variable nature of renewable energy generation can cause. By quickly isolating faulty sections, switchgears prevent widespread outages and damage to equipment. As the complexity of power networks increases, <u>Air-Insulated Switchgear</u> (<u>AIS</u>) remains indispensable in protecting electrical equipment and ensuring reliable power distribution. And as the energy landscape becomes more decentralized with the proliferation of microgrids and distributed energy resources, advanced switchgears are needed to manage these complex systems.

They facilitate the seamless integration of various energy sources, ensuring optimal performance and reliability. Modern switchgear solutions, including **gasinsulated switchgear** (**GIS**), and hybrid variants, are evolving to meet the demands of high-voltage renewable integration, microgrids, and smart grids.





## As we pivot toward a more sustainable future,

renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydropower are taking center stage. However, the journey to a fully renewable energy ecosystem is not just about generating clean energy, it's also about establishing efficient energy distribution and storage. This is where transformers, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and switchgear come into play as unsung heroes.

Since the future of energy relies on a stable and resilient grid, these technologies will continue to play a pivotal role in making that future a reality. This reality means it will be imperative to have agile manufacturers, like JST Power Equipment, that produce great quality solutions at favorable production lead-times that can adapt to the immediate need of the industry at incredible speeds.

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