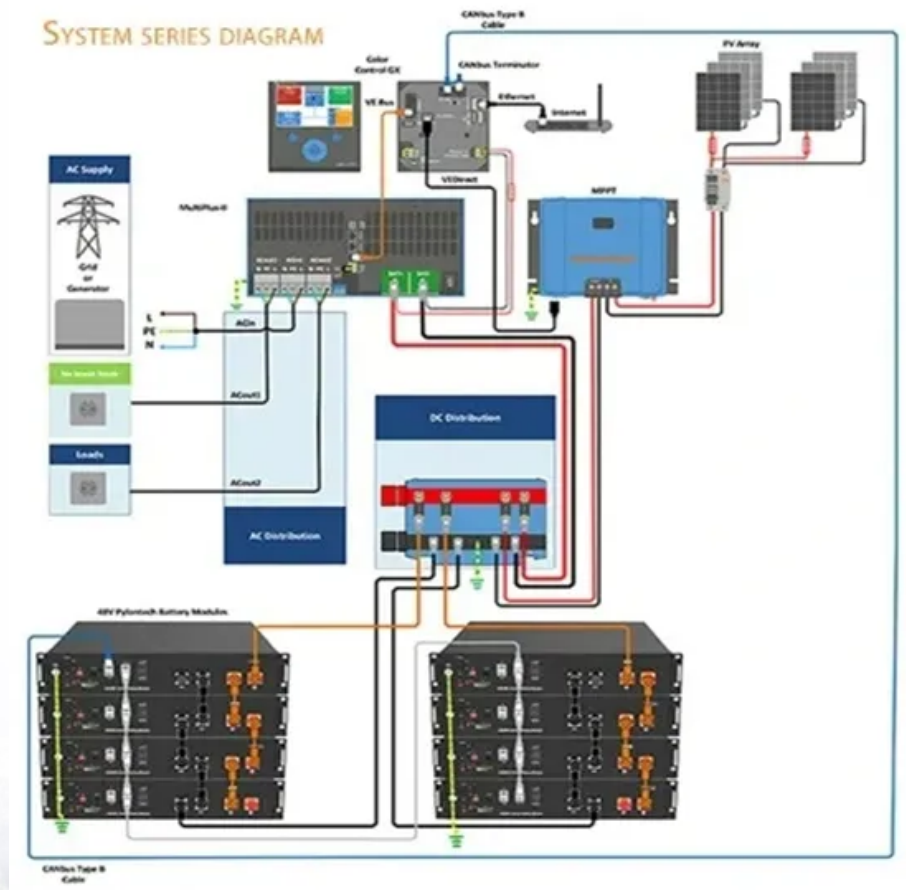


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## Overview

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I spent quite a bit of time the past couple of years researching the different lithium battery offerings, charging systems, and installation issues. In this short series, I'll teach you what I've learned.

Why do lithium batteries cost so much?

As a result of these factors driving up costs, manufacturers are likely to increase cell prices in response. The protection and charging mechanisms of lithium batteries significantly impact the manufacturing cost of battery packs. In line with international regulations, all lithium-based batteries must be equipped with a BMS.

How much does a lithium battery pack cost?

Lithium battery pack manufacturers must certify lithium battery packs for safety before transport. Some certifications, like CE, are done in-house; others require external labs. Costs range from \$500 to \$30,000, depending on the certification type. Sample packs are needed for both destructive and non-destructive tests.

How much does a lithium ion battery cost?

However, with the recent crash in lithium prices, battery costs have started to decline again. In 2023, the average price of a lithium-ion battery pack was \$139 per kWh, and it's expected to fall even further, potentially reaching \$78 per kWh by the end of 2024, as the market continues to be oversupplied.

Why is the price of lithium-ion batteries dropping?

The price of lithium-ion batteries, the essential power source behind electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy storage systems, is steadily dropping—and it shows no signs of stopping. This ongoing price decline is largely driven by a combination of oversupply in battery metals and a recent slowdown in electric vehicle adoption.

Do all batteries use lithium?



No, not all batteries use lithium. Lithium batteries are relatively new and are becoming increasingly popular in replacing existing battery technologies. One of the long-time standards in batteries, especially in motor vehicles, is lead-acid deep-cycle batteries.

What are the different types of lithium batteries?

The different lithium battery types get their names from their active materials. For example, the first type we will look at is the lithium iron phosphate battery, also known as  $\text{LiFePO}_4$ , based on the chemical symbols for the active materials. However, many people shorten the name further to simply LFP. #1. Lithium Iron Phosphate



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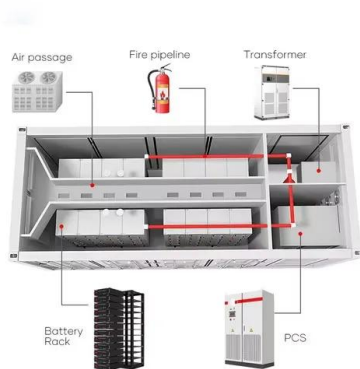
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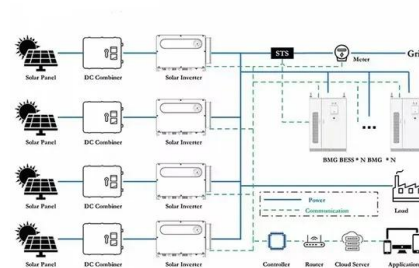
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