

Battery and material quotation

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What factors influence the price of battery materials?

The materials under investigation are predominantly used in the battery value chain, so that the dynamics are essentially shaped by battery demand and the expansion of production capacities for materials. Their price therefore particularly reflects market factors such as supply and demand fluctuations.

What is the difference between lithium ion battery prices and nickel prices?

Data until March 2023. Lithium-ion battery prices (including the pack and cell) represent the global volume-weighted average across all sectors. Nickel prices are based on the London Metal Exchange, used here as a proxy for global pricing, although most nickel trade takes place through direct contracts between producers and consumers.

What materials are needed for battery synthesis?

The starting materials necessary for the production of battery materials must have a high purity (battery grade), which requires various refinement steps after raw material mining, and be in the right chemical form. In battery material synthesis, the use of carbonates, hydroxides and sulphates has become established.

Why are battery prices so opaque?

Volatile battery raw material prices, varying battery chemistries and differing manufacturing costs result in cell prices that appear opaque and subjective. This makes it difficult for market participants to budget effectively, anticipate price changes, bring transparency to transactions and effectively track cost changes over time.

Why do batteries cost so much?

And so more and more of the technological innovations introduced into the battery are aimed at reducing costs, even if at the same time features such as vehicle range tend to deteriorate. The largest single contributor to the cost of battery cells is the materials used in them, especially the cathode materials.

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