

# Does the energy storage device release or absorb heat





## Overview

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How does a thermal energy storage system work?

**Energy Collection:** Thermal energy is captured from a heat source. This heat might come from natural sources like solar heat (captured using solar thermal panels), industrial waste heat, or even off-peak electricity converted to heat via an electric heater. **Energy Storage:** The captured heat is transferred to a TES medium.

How does a substance absorb or release heat energy?

A substance can absorb or release heat energy by the process of radiation, convection, or conduction. Radiation refers to the transfer of energy through emission of electromagnetic waves or the movement of particles. An example of radiation is the Sun's rays. This type of heat transfer does not require direct contact between objects.

How is heat stored in a TES medium?

**Energy Storage:** The captured heat is transferred to a TES medium. In sensible heat storage, the medium's temperature increases; in latent heat storage, the medium undergoes a phase change; in thermochemical processes, a chemical reaction occurs to store energy.

What is the difference between sensible heat storage and latent heat storage?

In sensible heat storage, the medium's temperature increases; in latent heat storage, the medium undergoes a phase change; in thermochemical processes, a chemical reaction occurs to store energy. **Energy Retrieval:** When required, the stored energy is extracted either directly for heating/cooling or converted back into electricity.



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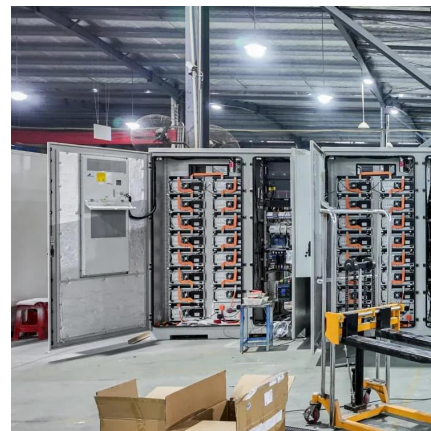
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