



# Who built the road to the wind power plant

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In this history of wind power, we've seen how it's come from small farmhouse windmills to one of the fastest-growing global energy sources. But how big and powerful are modern wind turbines?

Modern commercial wind turbines produce electricity by using rotational energy to drive an electrical generator. They are made up of one or more blades attached to a rotor and an enclosure called a ...

Several months later, the first automatically operated wind power plant was built in Ohio, America, by Charles Francis Brush. The wind wheel drove a 12 kW direct current generator charging the accumulators in the first ...

The Wind Turbine Verification Program, established in 1993, introduced electric utilities to emerging wind turbine technologies, created more confidence in wind power, and helped wind energy become the robust renewable ...

1887: The first known wind turbine used to produce electricity is built in Scotland. The wind turbine is created by Prof James Blyth of Anderson's College, Glasgow (now known as Strathclyde University).

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American colonists used windmills to grind grain, pump water, and cut wood at sawmills. Homesteaders and ranchers installed thousands of wind pumps as they settled the western United States. ...

Throughout the 20th century, parallel paths developed small wind plants suitable for farms or residences and larger utility-scale wind generators that could be connected to electricity grids for remote use of power.

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Some critics claim that wind farms have adverse health effects, but most researchers consider these claims to be pseudoscience (see wind turbine syndrome).

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