





JAPAN'S ELECTRIC COSTS ARE SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE WORLD. THEY STARTED TO INCREASE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2011 TOHOKU EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI DISASTER.



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MOVING EITHER COILS OR MAGNETS INSIDE OF A MAGNETIC FIELD TO PRODUCE AN ELECTRIC CURRENT IS CALLED "ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION."



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WAVE POWER, WHICH GENERATES ELECTRICITY THROUGH THE RISING AND FALLING OF WAVES IN THE OCEAN. IS USED TO POWER LIGHTHOUSES AND OTHER THINGS. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE.



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RIFFERENT WAYS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY

THERE ARE MANY METHODS FOR GENERATING ELECTRICITY. NUMBERS ONE THROUGH SIX ROTATE MASSIVE COILS AND MAGNETS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. LET'S EXAMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH.

Method	Fuel & Natural Resources	Benefits	Drawbacks
1. Thermal Power Uses the heat created from burning fossil fuels to rotate turbines, which turn the gen- erators.	Natural gas, coal, biomass, etc.	 Can reliably generate large amounts of elec- tricity. Amount of energy gener- ated can be adjusted. 	 Produces carbon dioxide. Natural resources are finite.
2. Hydroelectric Power Uses the force of water falling to rotate turbines, which turn the generators.	Water in a dam	 Doesn't produce carbon dioxide. If the dam has enough water, it can quickly generate electricity when needed. 	 Constructing dams has a massive impact on the surrounding environment.
3. Geothermal Power Uses the heat from underground magma to rotate turbines, which turn the gen- erators.	Magma	 Doesn't use up natural resources. Doesn't produce carbon dioxide. Can produce electricity around the clock and is unaffected by the weather. 	 Only available in certain areas.
4. Nuclear Power Nuclear Power Generation makes use of thermal energy generated by the nuclear fission to turn the generator by rotating a turbine.	Uranium	 Stable generation of large amount of electricity with a small amount of fuel. Zero CO₂ emissions during operation. 	 Radioactive waste. Need to take safety measures in case of an accident.
5. Wind Power Uses the power of wind to rotate propel- lers, which turn the generators.	Wind	 Doesn't use up natural resources. Doesn't produce carbon dioxide. 	 Amount of electricity generated depends on the direction and strength of the wind.
6. Wave Power Uses the rising and falling of waves to cause the expansion and contraction of air inside containers to rotate turbines.	Waves	 Doesn't use up natural resources. Doesn't produce carbon dioxide. 	 Very difficult to con- struct structures that can withstand the frequently changing ocean environment and severe weather such as typhoons and high tides.
7. Solar Power Uses sunlight to make the electrons inside solar batteries move, generating electricity.	Light	 Doesn't use up natural resources. Doesn't produce carbon dioxide. 	Amount of electricity generated depends on the weather.