

Solar container superimposed on rare earth permanent magnets

<div class="df_qntext">Do rare earth permanent magnets have a supply chain?

This report focuses on the supply chain for rare earth permanent magnets, specifically sintered neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) magnets, used in clean energy technologies.

<div class="df_qntext">Which solar energy projects use rare earth magnets?

The Solar Wind Energy Tower project in Arizona, for instance, relies on rare earth magnets in its turbines to generate electricity. Another example is the SolarReserve's Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project in Nevada, which uses rare earth materials in its molten salt storage system.

<div class="df_qntext">What are rare earth permanent magnets used for?

They have a wide range of military, energy and industrial applications, with permanent magnets representing the largest application. Rare earth permanent magnets are important components for technologies that are driving the energy transition, namely wind turbines and batteries.

<div class="df_qntext">Are permanent magnets sustainable?

The high energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions associated with rare earth mining and REO processing are also a concern for the sustainability of the energy transition using downstream products, such as permanent magnets (Binnemans et al., 2013; Kullik, 2019).

<div class="df_qntext">Is magnet-to-magnet recycling carbon-intensive?

Extraction of rare earths, iron, and other magnet materials is also carbon-intensive relative to magnet-to-magnet recycling. Recycling of magnets, technologies that require smaller magnets or use fewer materials, and process improvements may all be able to reduce these environmental impacts.

<div class="df_qntext">Will recycling help meet the future demand for rare earth magnets?

Due to increasing dependency and rising geopolitical tensions, the EU's ability to meet the future demand for rare earth magnets is at risk. Recycling can help secure some of this demand. However, permanent magnets recycling is not yet widespread.

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Tapping into magnet waste flows is a critical challenge for scaling up recycling. Demand for rare earth permanent magnets (REPMs) has grown drastically the past decades and is ...

Overview Properties Types Applications Hazards and legislation Environmental impact Alternatives See also According to Lucas et al, "To produce ferromagnetism and then a magnet the first condition is to select materials having a high concentration of paramagnetic atoms. A paramagnetic atom contains unpaired electrons, each of them being equivalent to a local magnet due to the orientation of the electronic spin." The RE sequence of metals are characterized by a gradual filling of the 4f level, resulting in a large number of unpaired electrons. For instance, neodymium has three unpaired electrons, while samariu...

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Building upon the lessons learnt during the EU-funded INSPIRES project, as well as interviews with experts in the permanent magnets value chain and own quantitative assessments, this research ...

The competitive situation of rare-earth magnets relative to other permanent magnets is discussed. The consequences of limited samarium supply and the recent cobalt crisis on projected use patterns of ...

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Rare earth magnets are known for their superior magnetic properties--high induction, and coercive force. These properties arise due to the extremely high magnetocrystalline anisotropy made possible ...

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