

For wind farms

The Windflow 500 offers wind farm developers superior land utilisation, ease of transport and installation, low environmental impact, exceptional grid integration capabilities and cost-effective installation, operation and maintenance.



Te Rere Hau wind farm Stage 1

For the community

At a site with an annual mean wind speed of 8.5m/s (30km/h), a Windflow 500 turbine will power the equivalent of approximately 200 households.

It can be easily connected into the local network, and export excess electricity. For remote communities, it can also be used in conjunction with a diesel generator and displace expensive diesel fuel when the wind is blowing.

For the farm or business

If your farm or business is located in a windy area and you have a significant energy load, a single turbine may be economic to provide power for your own use with excess energy being exported into the local network.

About Windflow Technology

Windflow Technology Ltd was incorporated in New Zealand in 2001 and is a publicly listed company with international shareholders (NZX:WTL).

It is ideally positioned to provide turbines throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific for wind farms or single installations in remote areas.

Windflow Technology is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards in quality management. The company is working to ISO 9001 and IEC WT 01 (Class 1A) in its design, development, production, installation and servicing activities (certification in process).

Services

Windflow Technology Ltd offers complete wind farm project management.

Services include:

- wind monitoring
- siting
- resource consents
- construction
- training
- maintenance
- operations
- general wind energy consultancy

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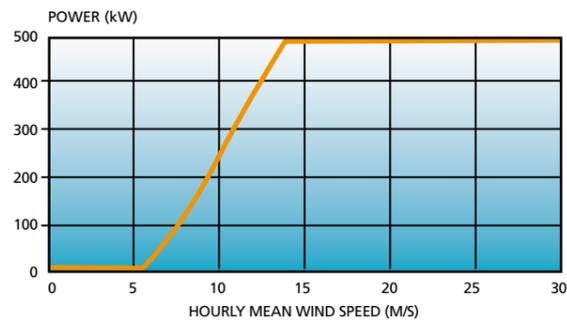
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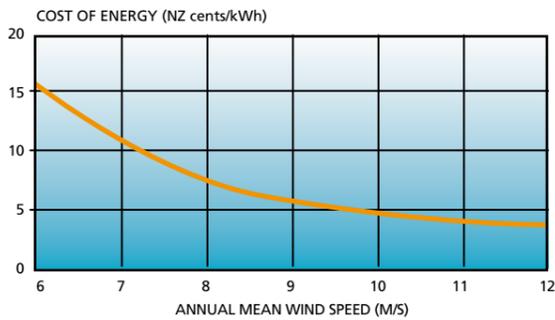
The Next Generation In Wind Turbine Design

The Windflow 500 combines cost-effectiveness, simplicity and reliability in a world leading design. The turbine has been designed to solve the problems of traditional turbine designs and to meet IEC WT 01 (Class 1A) certification – for strong winds and turbulent conditions. Its size, performance and light-weight design makes it suitable for wind farms, islanded power, and single installations.

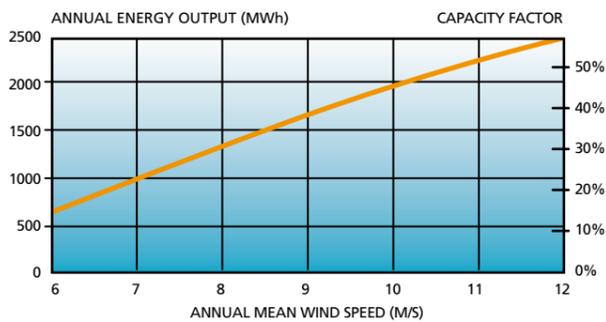
Windflow 500 Calculated Power Curve



Windflow 500 Cost of Energy



Windflow 500 Annual Energy Output

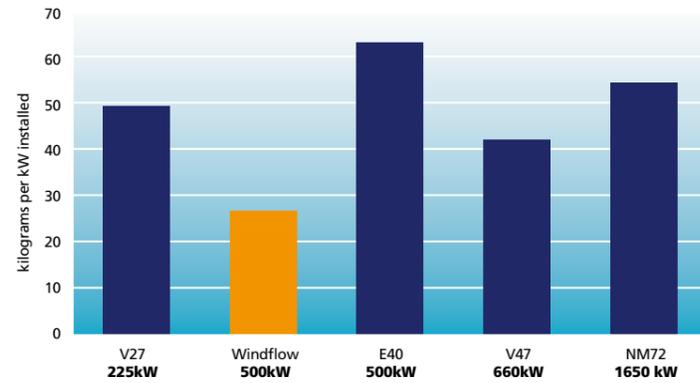


The Windflow Advantage

Reduced weight and loads with two bladed rotor

The two-bladed rotor is mounted on a hinge, allowing it to teeter back and forth slightly as it rotates. The proven advantage of teetering is that it greatly reduces the fatigue loads on the windmill allowing a lighter, and therefore more cost-competitive design.

Turbine tower top weight relative to generator size



Robust Torque Limiting Gearbox design

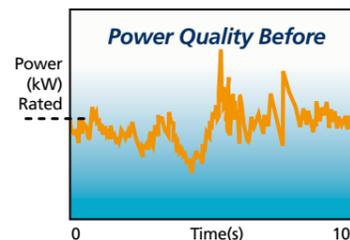
The patented Torque Limiting Gearbox (TLG) is a hydraulic variable speed system which has proven to significantly reduce fatigue loads and provide smooth power output (operating in the UK in the 1990's and in NZ since 2003).

Conventional fixed speed turbines must cope with significant torque fluctuations. This results in increased fatigue loads and necessitates the gearbox being far heavier and more expensive than the TLG.

Conventional variable speed turbines achieve some weight reduction, but not as much as the TLG because of the inertial torques imposed when wind gusts accelerate the generator.

The TLG's hydraulic system effectively eliminates inertial torques by enabling the generator speed to be constant while the wind turbine speed varies. This also avoids the use of power electronics which are relatively more expensive, less efficient, less reliable and can impose significant harmonic and electrical fault torques on the gearbox.

By comparison, the TLG system eliminates overloads on the gearbox by providing almost perfect torque smoothing even in the gustiest conditions.



Cost-effective, simple installation

The light-weight, compact design enables:

- a foundation pad of less than 64 m³ of concrete
- components transportable with standard trucks on 4 metre wide roads
- nacelle and rotor to be installed in one easy lift with 80 tonne crane

Minimal visual impact

With a hub height of 30 metres (46 metres to the tip of the blade), the visual catchment of the wind farm (or single turbine) will be less than for taller turbines. It is painted light blue/grey to blend in, and is small enough that it does not require warning lighting under New Zealand aviation regulations.

Quiet technology

Generally, a modern turbine can not be heard above typical background noise levels (40 dBA) at a distance greater than 400 metres. Windflow's quiet gearbox technology (patents pending) means that the turbine is quieter than some three bladed designs. The sound power level of the Windflow 500 wind turbine is being verified through the IEC certification process.

Exceptional grid compliance

Unlike other wind turbines, the Windflow 500 uses a synchronous generator with the same electrical characteristics as traditional hydro/gas/coal electricity generators and has been designed to easily integrate into the electrical grid architecture and meet grid codes around the world.

The use of an off-the-shelf synchronous generator directly on line provides exceptional voltage control, frequency control, fault ride through and reactive power capabilities without the need for additional expensive power electronics.

In areas that require reactive power (kVARs), the 500 kW synchronous generator is able to provide 550 kVARs (110%). The generator can provide this reactive power even when the wind is not blowing by being run up to speed with a pony motor.

1 BLADE	
Make	Wind Blades Ltd
Material	Laminated wood/epoxy
Air Brake	Full-span pitch
Weight	870 kg

2 ROTOR	
Number of blades	2
Rotor Diameter	33.2 m
Rotor Speed	48-50 rpm
Swept Area	866 m ²
Hub height	30 m
Orientation	Upwind
Regulation	Full-span pitch
Hub	Teetering (pitch-coupled)
Weight (Hub and Blades)	4100 kg

3 HYDRAULIC SYSTEM	
3a. Power Unit	Axial Piston Pump
3b. Yawing	1.3/ 2°/sec 9 kN.m geared motor
3c. Pitch Actuation	linear actuator
3d. Braking	fail-safe calliper
3e. Torque limiting	3.3 kN.m radial piston pump

4 GEARBOX	
Type	Hicks Planetary/parallel TLG
Design	AH Gears
No of Stages	4
Overall ratio	30.94:1
Rated torque	109 kN.m

5 GENERATOR	
Type	Synchronous
Nominal power	520 kW
Speed	1500 rpm
Voltage	415 V
Frequency	50 Hz (60 Hz also available)

6 TOWER	
Type	Lattice or tubular
Height	29 m
Weight	8000 kg/ 15500 kg

CONTROLLER	
Make	Bremca Industries Ltd
Cut in System	Auto-Synch
Logic System	PLC

TOTAL WEIGHT	
Nacelle & Rotor	12700 kg
Total (lattice tower)	20700 kg
Total (tubular tower)	28200 kg

PERFORMANCE	
Low wind cut-in	5.5 m/s
Rated Power at	13.7 m/s
Maximum Power	500 kW
High Wind Cut-out	30 m/s