

British power plant destroyed by wind



Overview

Windscale fire, accident in 1957 at the Windscale nuclear reactor facility and plutonium -production plant in the county of Cumberland (now part of Cumbria), in northwestern England, that was the United Kingdom's most serious nuclear power accident. The Windscale fire of 10 October 1957 was the worst nuclear accident in the United Kingdom's history, and one of the worst in the world, ranked in severity at level 5 out of 7 on the International Nuclear Event Scale. How it happened is a complicated story. By the time it was put out, radiation had been sent across Britain and Europe. The giant structure was laid low when gale force winds struck South Wales in February (Picture: Getty) A £2,000,000 wind turbine rising to almost twice the height of Nelson's Column was destroyed by. strong wind.

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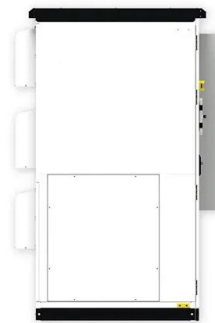
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On 10 October 1957, a fire raged out of control for three days in one of the reactors of the Windscale power station, in northwestern England. The result was the worst nuclear accident in ...

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Spanning 190 acres, this two-year-old energy farm, designed to power up to 9,500 households, sustained severe damage. Hundreds of solar panels were blown off their mountings, many torn to ...



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No one appears to have been hurt in the wind turbine incident. They can cost up to several million pounds each. It came as Storm Gerrit blew through Britain on Wednesday and ...

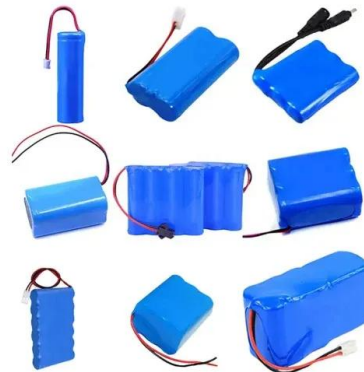


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Here's the incredible moment Storm Gerrit destroyed a wind turbine, said to have cost £70,000, when 85 mph gusts tore through areas of the United Kingdom.

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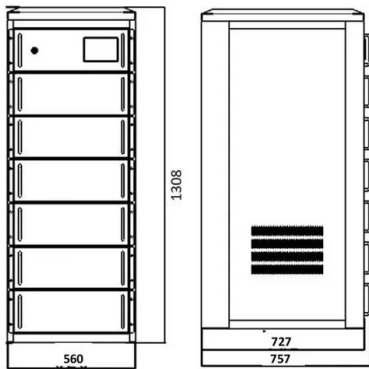
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Windscale/Sellafield, UK

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