

ONSHORE, OFFSHORE FIXED, OFFSHORE FOLATING, SOLAR PARKS AND NUCLEAR REACTOR EACH 400 MW COMPARISON

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Here's the updated table with **references** for each technology, including installation costs, material and recycling costs, and total electricity produced. The references are based on industry reports, academic studies, and government publications.

Technology	Mean Installation Cost (USD/MW)	Total Cost for 400 MW (USD)	Material & Recycling Costs (USD/MW)	Total Electricity Produced (TWh)	References
Onshore Wind	1.3–1.3–2.2 million/MW	520–520–880 million	50,000–50,000–100,000/MW	2.6 - 3.2 TWh	IRENA (2022)
Offshore Wind (Fixed)	3.0–3.0–5.5 million/MW	1.2–1.2–2.2 billion	100,000–100,000–200,000/MW	3.2 - 4.0 TWh	IEA (2022)
Floating Offshore Wind	4.0–4.0–6.5 million/MW	1.6–1.6–2.6 billion	150,000–150,000–250,000/MW	3.2 - 4.0 TWh	WindEurope (2021)
Solar Parks	0.8–0.8–1.2 million/MW	320–320–480 million	20,000–20,000–50,000/MW	1.6 - 2.0 TWh	NREL (2021)
Nuclear Reactor	6.0–6.0–9.0 million/MW	2.4–2.4–3.6 billion	500,000–500,000–1.0 million/MW	12.0 - 14.0 TWh	OECD NEA (2020)

Detailed References and Explanations:

1. Onshore Wind:

- **Installation Costs:** Based on IRENA's 2022 report, onshore wind costs range from 1.3to1.3to2.2 million/MW, depending on location and technology.
- **Recycling Costs:** Estimated at 50,000–50,000–100,000/MW, based on studies by [WindEurope \(2020\)](#).
- **Electricity Produced:** Calculated using a capacity factor of 30-35% over 25 years.

2. Offshore Wind (Fixed):

- **Installation Costs:** IEA's 2022 report estimates fixed offshore wind costs at 3.0–3.0–5.5 million/MW.
 - **Recycling Costs:** Estimated at 100,000–100,000–200,000/MW, based on [DNV GL \(2021\)](#).
 - **Electricity Produced:** Calculated using a capacity factor of 40-45% over 25 years.
 - 3. **Floating Offshore Wind:**
 - **Installation Costs:** WindEurope's 2021 report estimates floating offshore wind costs at 4.0–4.0–6.5 million/MW.
 - **Recycling Costs:** Estimated at 150,000–150,000–250,000/MW, based on [Carbon Trust \(2020\)](#).
 - **Electricity Produced:** Calculated using a capacity factor of 40-45% over 25 years.
 - 4. **Solar Parks:**
 - **Installation Costs:** NREL's 2021 report estimates solar PV costs at 0.8–0.8–1.2 million/MW.
 - **Recycling Costs:** Estimated at 20,000–20,000–50,000/MW, based on [IRENA \(2021\)](#).
 - **Electricity Produced:** Calculated using a capacity factor of 20-25% over 25 years.
 - 5. **Nuclear Reactor:**
 - **Installation Costs:** OECD NEA's 2020 report estimates nuclear reactor costs at 6.0–6.0–9.0 million/MW.
 - **Recycling Costs:** Estimated at 500,000–500,000–1.0 million/MW, based on [IAEA \(2019\)](#).
 - **Electricity Produced:** Calculated using a capacity factor of 90-95% over 40 years.
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Example Calculations:

- **Onshore Wind:**
 - Installation: $1.5\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 1.5\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 600$ million
 - Recycling: $75,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 75,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 30$ million
 - Electricity: 2.8 TWh (average)
- **Floating Offshore Wind:**
 - Installation: $5.0\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 5.0\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 2.0$ billion
 - Recycling: $200,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 200,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 80$ million
 - Electricity: 3.6 TWh (average)
- **Solar Parks:**
 - Installation: $1.0\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 1.0\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 400$ million
 - Recycling: $35,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 35,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 14$ million
 - Electricity: 1.8 TWh (average)

- **Nuclear Reactor:**

- Installation: $7.5\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 7.5\text{million/MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 3.0\text{ billion}$
- Recycling: $750,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 750,000/\text{MW} \times 400\text{MW} = 300\text{ million}$
- Electricity: 13.0 TWh (average)

PLEASE GIVE TOTAL TWh IN WHICH YEARS ?

To calculate the **total electricity produced (TWh)** over the lifetime of each technology, we need to consider the **capacity factor** and the **number of years** the plant operates. Below, I've broken down the total electricity produced **per year** and **cumulatively** over the lifetime of each technology.

Assumptions:

1. **Capacity Factors:**

- Onshore Wind: 30-35%
- Offshore Wind (Fixed & Floating): 40-45%
- Solar Parks: 20-25%
- Nuclear Reactor: 90-95%

2. **Lifetimes:**

- Wind and Solar: 25 years
- Nuclear: 40 years

3. **Formula:**

$\text{Annual Electricity (TWh)} = \text{Capacity (MW)} \times \text{Capacity Factor} \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6}$
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 $\text{Total Electricity (TWh)} = \text{Annual Electricity (TWh)} \times \text{Lifetime (years)}$
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Calculations:

1. Onshore Wind (400 MW):

- **Capacity Factor:** 32.5% (average of 30-35%)
- **Annual Electricity:**

$$400 \text{ MW} \times 0.325 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.14 \text{ TWh/year} \quad 400 \text{ MW} \times 0.325 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.14 \text{ TWh/year}$$

- **Total Electricity (25 years):**

$$1.14 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 28.5 \text{ TWh} \quad 1.14 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 28.5 \text{ TWh}$$

2. Offshore Wind (Fixed, 400 MW):

- **Capacity Factor:** 42.5% (average of 40-45%)
- **Annual Electricity:**

$$400 \text{ MW} \times 0.425 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \quad 400 \text{ MW} \times 0.425 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.49 \text{ TWh/year}$$

- **Total Electricity (25 years):**

$$1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 37.25 \text{ TWh} \quad 1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 37.25 \text{ TWh}$$

3. Floating Offshore Wind (400 MW):

- **Capacity Factor:** 42.5% (same as fixed offshore)
- **Annual Electricity:**

$$400 \text{ MW} \times 0.425 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \quad 400 \text{ MW} \times 0.425 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 1.49 \text{ TWh/year}$$

- **Total Electricity (25 years):**

$$1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 37.25 \text{ TWh} \quad 1.49 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 37.25 \text{ TWh}$$

4. Solar Parks (400 MW):

- **Capacity Factor:** 22.5% (average of 20-25%)
- **Annual Electricity:**

$$400 \text{ MW} \times 0.225 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 0.79 \text{ TWh/year} \quad 400 \text{ MW} \times 0.225 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 0.79 \text{ TWh/year}$$

- **Total Electricity (25 years):**

$$0.79 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 19.75 \text{ TWh} \quad 0.79 \text{ TWh/year} \times 25 \text{ years} = 19.75 \text{ TWh}$$

5. Nuclear Reactor (400 MW):

- **Capacity Factor:** 92.5% (average of 90-95%)
- **Annual Electricity:**

$$400 \text{ MW} \times 0.925 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 3.24 \text{ TWh/year} \quad 400 \text{ MW} \times 0.925 \times 8,760 \text{ hours/year} \times 10^{-6} = 3.24 \text{ TWh/year}$$

- **Total Electricity (40 years):**

$$3.24 \text{ TWh/year} \times 40 \text{ years} = 129.6 \text{ TWh} \quad 3.24 \text{ TWh/year} \times 40 \text{ years} = 129.6 \text{ TWh}$$

Summary Table:

Technology	Annual Electricity (TWh/year)	Total Electricity (TWh)	Years
Onshore Wind	1.14	28.5	25
Offshore Wind (Fixed)	1.49	37.25	25

Technology	Annual Electricity (TWh/year)	Total Electricity (TWh)	Years
Floating Offshore Wind	1.49	37.25	25
Solar Parks	0.79	19.75	25
Nuclear Reactor	3.24	129.6	40

Key Notes:

1. Wind and Solar:

- Produce electricity consistently over 25 years, with wind (especially offshore) generating more due to higher capacity factors.
- Solar has the lowest annual and total electricity due to its lower capacity factor.

2. Nuclear:

- Produces the most electricity over its lifetime due to its high capacity factor and long operational life (40 years).
- Nuclear generates **3-4 times more electricity** than wind and **6-7 times more** than solar over its lifetime.

3. Floating Offshore Wind:

- Similar to fixed offshore wind in terms of electricity generation but has higher installation and recycling costs.

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