

ZincFive BC 2 UPS Battery Cabinets: Powerful Nickel-Zinc Batteries, Smallest Battery Cabinet Footprint

The Power of Good Chemistry C ZincFive

- The world leader in innovation and delivery of nickel-zinc (NiZn) batteries and power solutions
- 90+ patents on NiZn architecture and manufacturing
- Trusted mission-critical solutions provider approved with large UPS OEMS
- Development partners with leading Hyperscale/Cloud and modular solutions providers
- BC and BC 2 large scale deployments globally
- Global headquarters Portland, Oregon





ZincFive Product Portfolio

Data Centers Portfolio

MW Class Battery Cabinets





OCP Style In-Rack Backup







Solutions to Power a Better World

A nickel-zinc electrochemistry that provides immediate power with no harmful tradeoffs



Pressure-Tested Safety and Reliability

- No risk of fire or thermal runaway per UL testing
- No transportation restrictions
- No need to trade reliability for safety



Sustainable Power

- Lowest climate impact/carbon footprint compared to lead-acid and lithium
- Bill of materials not dominated by toxic elements
- Profitable recycling model comprising >90% of materials



Low TCO versus conventional lithium and lead-acid batteries





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Nickel-Zinc (NiZn) Overview



New Z5 13-90 USF Battery

The Power of Good Chemistry[™] works when you need it most





	Z5 13-80 High-Rate	Z5 13-90 Ultra High-Rate
Nominal Voltage	13V	13V
Amp Hour Capacity	80Ah	90Ah
Discharge Current in BC Series	800A	1200A
UL 9540A Tested	YES (No Thermal Runaway at Cell Level)	YES (No Thermal Runaway at Cell Level)
Max Continuous Discharge Power	8,000W	12,000W

Designed with Nickel-Zinc (NiZn) Chemistry

The Ideal Battery for Backup

Nickel-Zinc Advantages	Nickel-Zinc	Lead-Acid	Lithium-Ion
Safe			
Safety in Operation	٠	•	
BMS/Fire Protection Required	٠	۲	
Powerful			
Rapid Charge/Discharge Rates	•	•	•
Power Density	۲		•
Reliable			
Operating Temperature Range	٠	•	•
Long Cycle and Calendar Life	•	•	•
Green			
Raw Materials	•	•	•
Recyclability/Pollutants	٠		

Small Footprint and <40lbs/18kg!

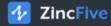


80Ah High-Rate



90Ah Ultra-High-Rate

Monobloc Battery



Detailed information on Nickel Zinc batteries

Thomas Edison is the inventor of record for Nickel Zinc (NiZn) over a century ago.

Positive electrode: Ni (NiOOH). There are other battery chemistries that utilize a similar positive electrode, e.g. NiCd, NiMH, NiFe.

Negative electrode: Zn/ZnO

Electrolyte: Aqueous, Alkaline (KOH-based)

E₀ = 1.73V (based on ideal thermodynamic Data)

Discharge

Anode Reaction:

 $Zn + 2OH^{-} \rightarrow ZnO + H_2O + 2e^{-}$

Cathode Reaction:

 $NiOOH + H_2O + e^- \rightarrow Ni(OH)_2 + OH^-$

Overall Reaction:

 $Zn + 2NiOOH + H_2O \rightarrow ZnO + 2Ni(OH)_2$

Charge

Anode Reaction: $ZnO + H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow Zn + 2OH^-$

<u>Cathode Reaction:</u> Ni(OH)₂ + OH⁻ \rightarrow NiOOH + H₂O + e⁻

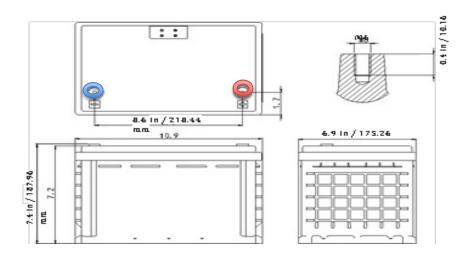
Overall Reaction:

 $ZnO + 2Ni(OH)_2 \rightarrow Zn + 2NiOOH + H_2O$

In alkaline solution oxidation/reduction of Zn occurs via a complex zincate ion, Zn(OH)₄²⁻

Construction/Materials Used

- The Z5 13-80 HSF and 90 USF batteries are valve-regulated, non-spillable, with a starved aqueous alkaline electrolyte.
- The relief valve is located on the center edge opposite the two terminals.
 - O Under normal operation the relief valve will not open nor have any liquid discharge, but this area must never be covered.
- The case material is flame retardant V1-rated.
- The terminals have a color coated ring around base of the terminal and marked for polarity.
 - O Positive terminal Red.
 - O Negative terminal Blue.



Battery Size	LN3
Terminal	Ni Plated Copper Terminal with M6*10mm Bolt,
/Torque	Torque to 10Nm (90 inlb.)
Length (in/mm)	10.9 / 277
Width (in/mm)	6.9 / 175
Height (in/mm)	7.4 / 188
Weight (lbs/kg)	33 / 16

Cell Component	Description
Positive	Nickel Hydroxide, nickel metal
Negative	Zinc oxide, zinc metal, copper, tin
Separator	Polypropylene
Electrolyte	Proprietary KOH based water solution
Case	Noryl SE100X PPE+PS plastic



NFPA 855 and UL9540A



- Batteries are tested at the cell level to UL9540A
- Tests measure thermal runaway response to multiple tests
- If a test produces a flame, manufacturers are allowed to add battery management and additional safety features to prevent propagation of the flames outside of the battery module or cabinet and test at the next level
- The installation level test includes special site considerations to help suppress the fire



UL9540A Test Report Summary Detail

(Excerpt from UL Report)

Test	Test Method	Venting Time (mm:ss)	Venting Temperature (°C)	Thermal Runway Time (mm:ss)	Thermal Runway Temperature (°C)
1	Overdischarge	Not Observed	N/A	Not Observed	N/A
2	Overcharge	91:30	103.7	Not Observed	N/A
3A	Heating Trial 1	22:30	216	Not Observed	N/A
3B	Heating Trial 2	46:30	180.5	Not Observed	N/A
4	Nail Penetration	00:15	84.5	Not Observed	N/A
5	Short Circuit	00:18	99.6	Not Observed	N/A
6 ³	Gas Composition	66:40	97.5	Not Observed	N/A
	(Overcharge)				

Codes and Standards

CHAPTER 12 ENERGY SYSTEMS

TABLE 1207.5 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES OF ELECTROCHEMICAL ESS

- NFPA 855 and IFC listed favorably, due to UL9540A report, in the newest codes.
- AHJ approvals and preference growing rapidly as we expand and train personnel.
- Restrictions growing on container permitting, size, and development potential due to kWh restrictions on lithium.
- Power density requirement for customers is growing (1.5MW+) and runtimes are shrinking (5 minutes or less).

TECHNOLOGY	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES a
STORAGE BATTERIES	
Flow batteries ^b	600 kWh
Lead-acid, all types	Unlimited
Lithium-ion	600 kWb
Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd), nickel-metal hydride (NI-MH) and nickel zinc (Ni-Zn)	Unlimited
Sodium nickel chloride	600 kWh
Zinc-manganese dioxide (Zn-MnO ₂)	Unlimited
Other battery technologies	200 kWh
CAPACITORS	
All types 20 kWh	
OTHER ELECTROCHEMICAL ESS	
All types	20 kWh

TABLE 1207.1.3 ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (ESS) THRESHOLD QUANTITIES

TECHNOLOGY	ENERGY CAPACITY ^a
Capacitor ESS	3 kWh
Flow batteries ^b	20 kWh
Lead-acid batteries, all types	70 kWh ^c
Lithium-ion batteries	20 kWh
Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH) and nickel zinc (Ni-Zn) batteries	70 kWh
Nonelectrochemical ESS ^d	70 kWh
Other battery technologies	10 kWh
Other electrochemical ESS technologies	3 kWh
Sodium nickel chloride batteries	70 kWh
Zinc manganese dioxide batteries (Zn-MnO ₂)	70 kWh



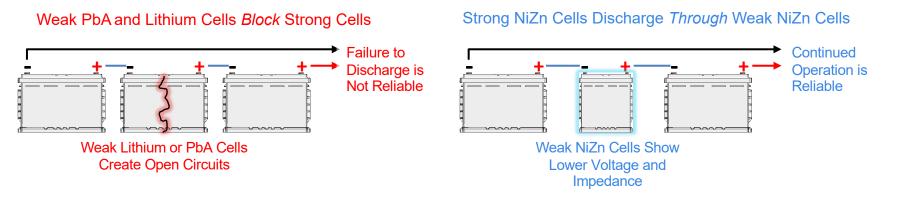






Nickel-Zinc Reliability

NiZn String Discharge Reliability



- Unlike lead-acid and lithium-ion chemistries, a weak or depleted NiZn cell remains conductive, allowing the string to continue operating.
- Turns an emergency, unplanned maintenance situation for lithium and leadacid into a simple string repair at the next planned maintenance cycle

NiZn reliability delivers planned maintenance with no operational impact!

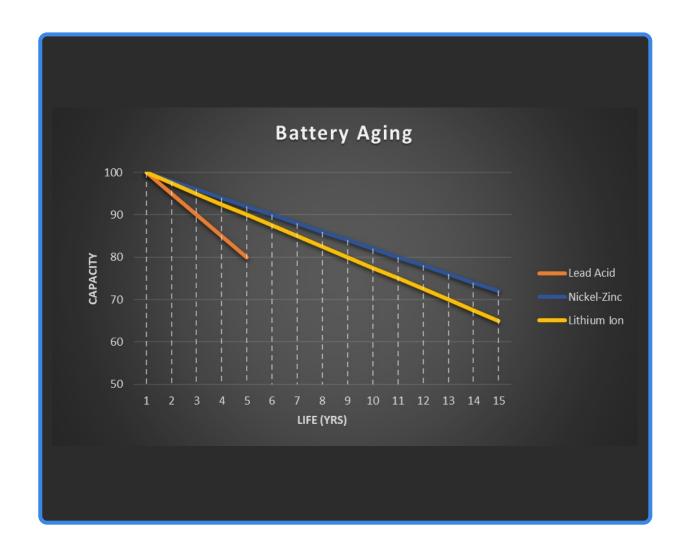
Nickel-Zinc Reliability

As batteries age Lead acid internal impedance increases and capacity fades.

- Nickel-Zinc internal impedance changes little as it ages
- Easily add/mix new and old batteries into a cabinet

Lead acid begins to degrade rapidly once it hits 80% capacity

- Nickel-Zinc battery calendar aging capacity degrades linearly reaching ~70% SOC at 15yrs
- Increased life span decreases total cost of ownership and extends time to plan replacements





Sustainability







Sustainability Criteria



Climate Impact Score: 9.4/10



Addresses four of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



- Safe, abundant, non-toxic materials
- Non-flammable battery chemistry
- SDG 12



- Advanced storage technologies for large energy users such as data centers
- Clean energy support for EV charging infrastructure
- SDG 7



- No solvents or VOCs used in manufacturing
- Production has lower GHG emissions (58kgCO2e per kWh) than all conventional chemistries
- SDG 13



- Promoting resilient, reliable power
- Smallest footprint
- No risk of fire
- Broad operating temperature range in harsh environments
- SDG 9

What They Said





Analysis showed that ZincFive's for CROP and GHG customers can realize <u>significant savings</u> <u>ZincFive's nickel-zinc battery.</u>

Customers purchasing ZincFive's battery <u>can save up to six times</u> <u>more GHG emissions</u> compared to lithium-ion batteries, <u>up to</u> <u>four times more</u> when compared to lead acid batteries.





In addition to the CROP and the GHG Footprint of ZincFive's battery, Boundless also analyzed the <u>Carbon Payback Time (CPT)</u>

The CPT was estimated to be between 0.16 and 0.21 years, four times faster than lithiumion and lead-acid batteries and up to six times faster than sodium sulfur batteries. ZincFive batteries only use <u>safe</u> and abundant materials that mitigate battery hazards, health risks and scarcity concerns.

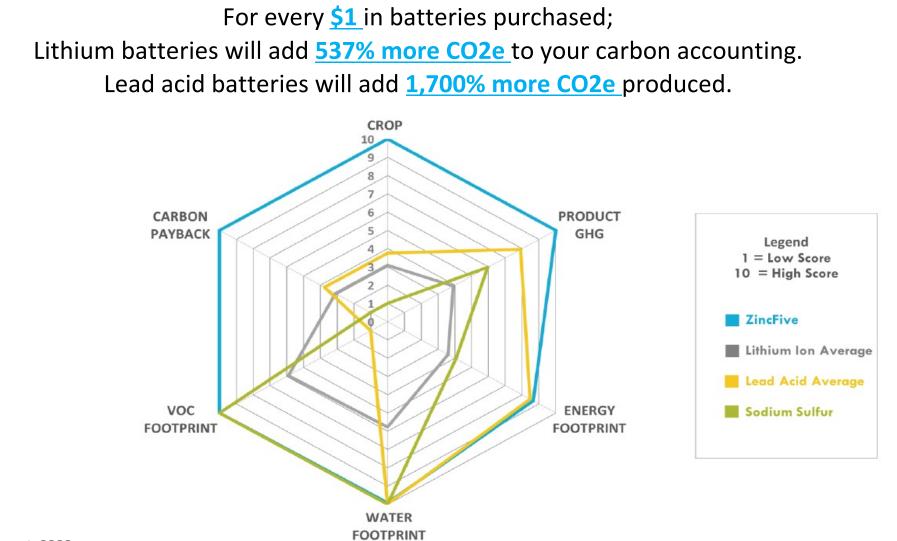
Both zinc and nickel are relatively abundant materials, <u>four-times and five-times</u> <u>more abundant</u> <u>than lithium</u> in the earth's crust, respectively.

The Energy, Water and VOC Footprint of ZincFive's battery were also analyzed.

The Water Footprint of the ZincFive battery, including water requirements for raw material extraction, <u>was estimated to be 96%</u> <u>lower than the average</u> <u>Water Footprint of</u> <u>lithium-ion batteries</u>.

What This Means





Source: Boundless Climate Impact, 2020.









ZincFive BC Series Features & Benefits

High Power Density, High Reliability Nickel-Zinc Batteries

Enables fewest cabinets per MW of competing chemistries with unrivaled string reliability.

10-year battery warranty

Ensures Lower Total Cost of Ownership.

Low maintenance nickel-zinc batteries

Simplified maintenance, lower total cost of ownership.



Drop-in replacement for lead-acid cabinets

Backward and forward compatibility with megawatt class UPS inverters.

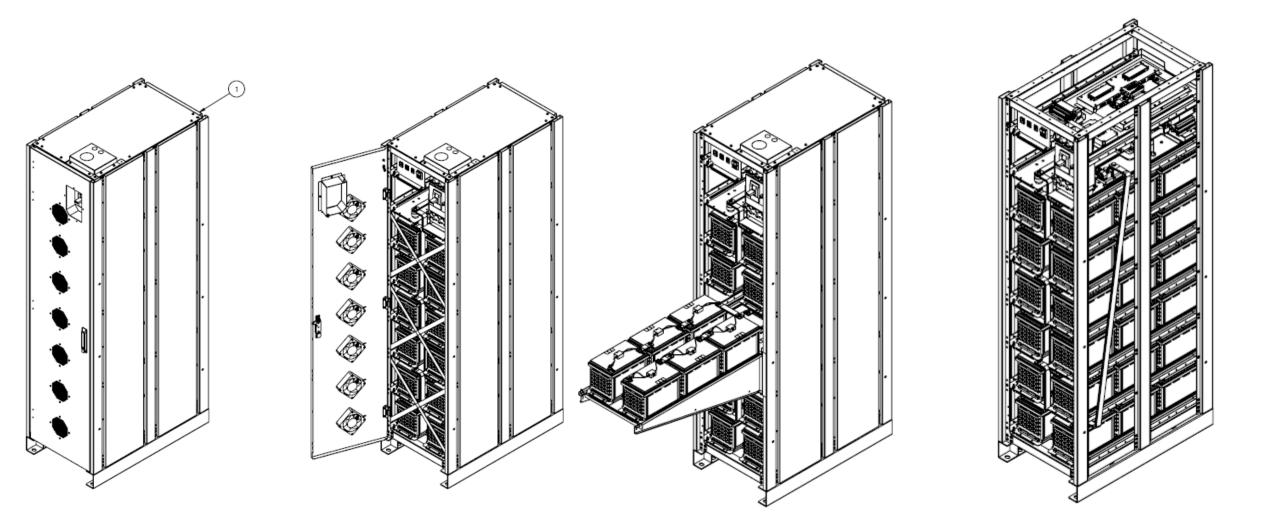
Safety in operation

Nickel-zinc batteries do not exhibit thermal runaway per UL9540A Test Method.

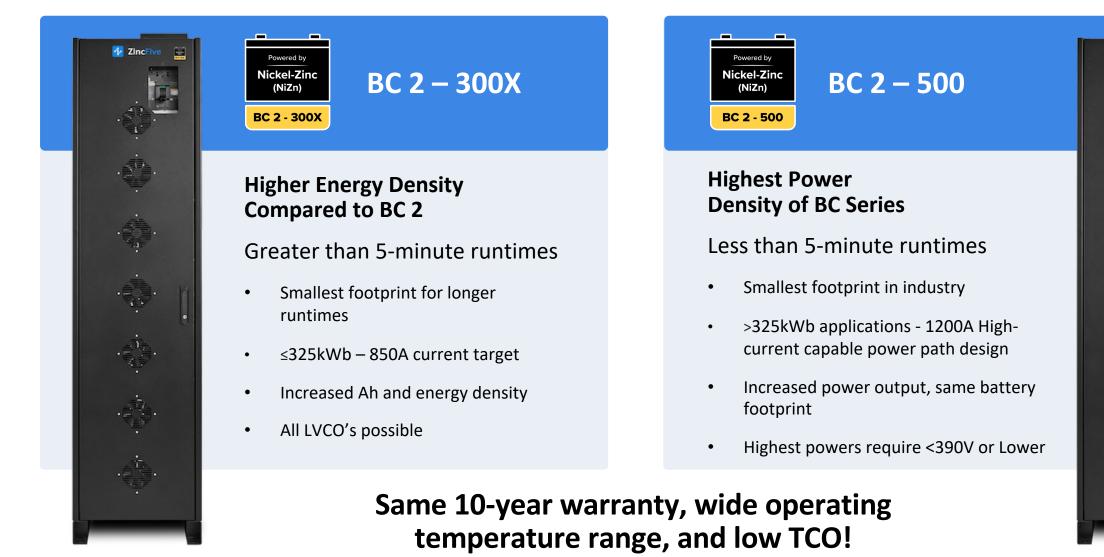
Nickel-Zinc battery wide operating temperature range

Less power and cooling required leading to reduced facility operating costs.

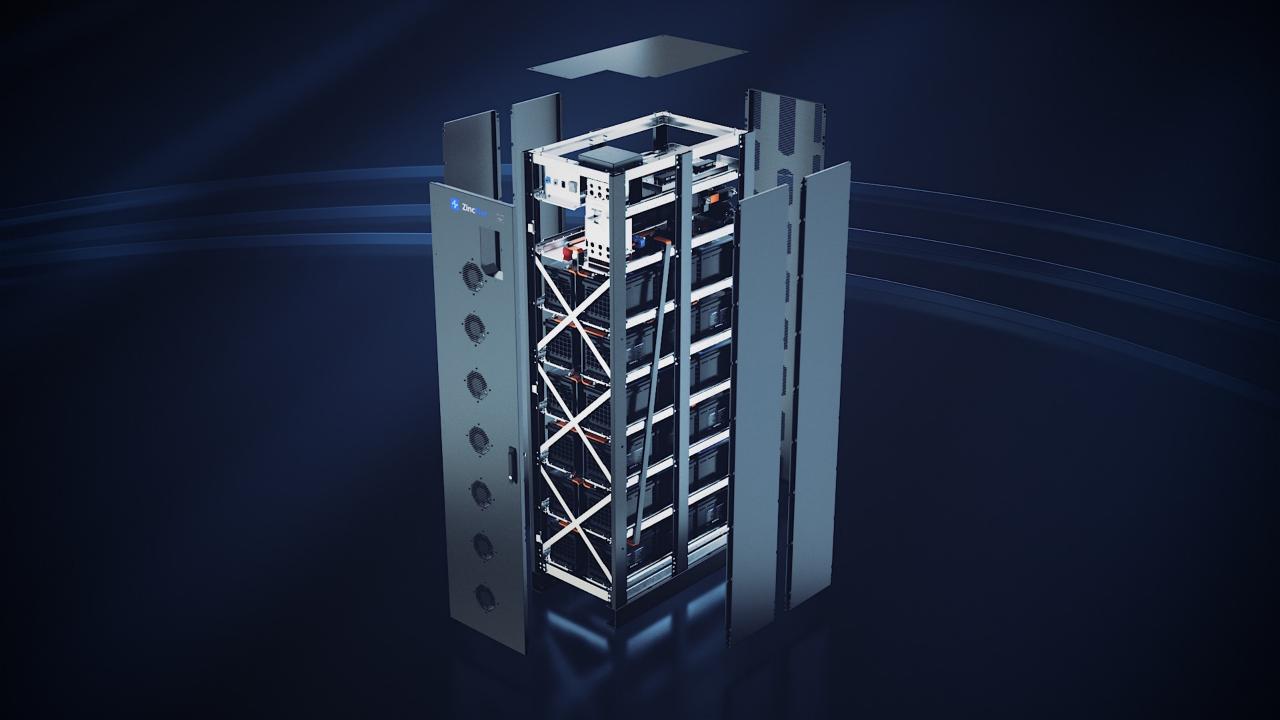
BC 2 Drawing Package



ZincFive BC 2 – 300X and 500 Comparison

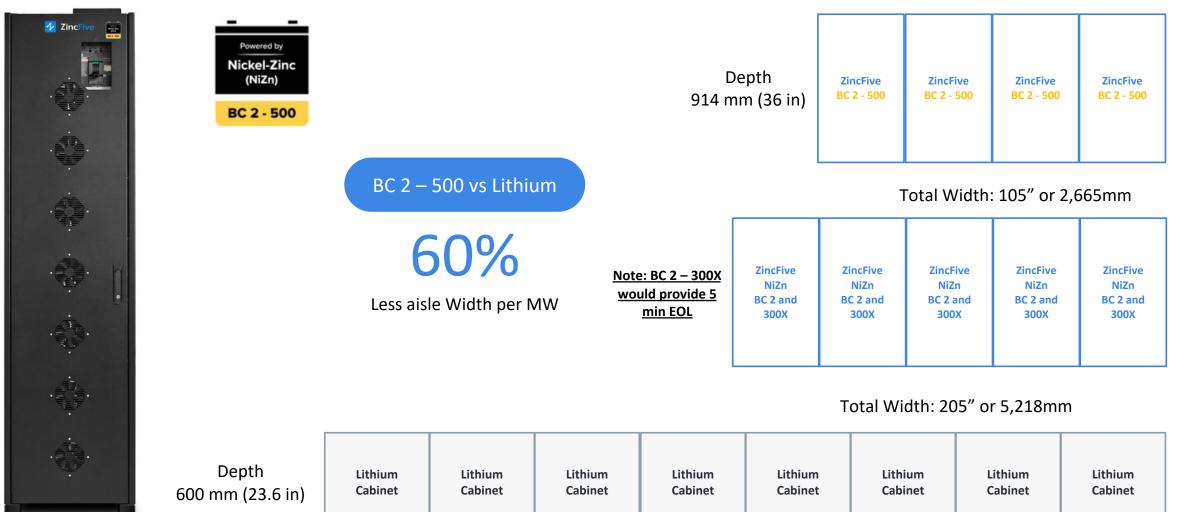


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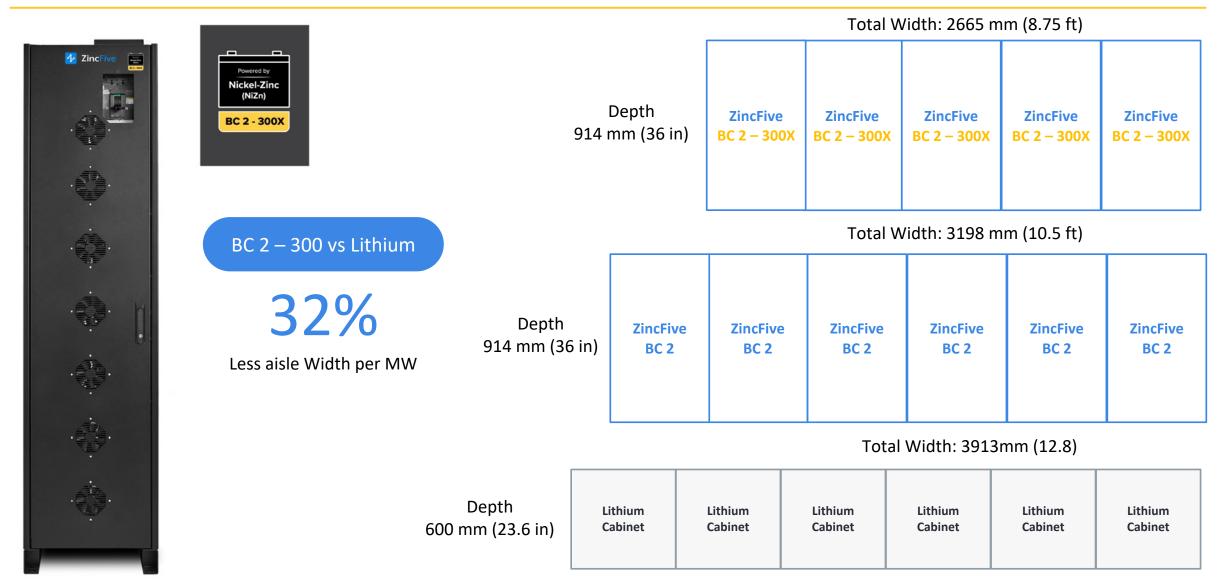


BC 2 Series 1.5MW 3 min EOL @ 10 yr. Comparison

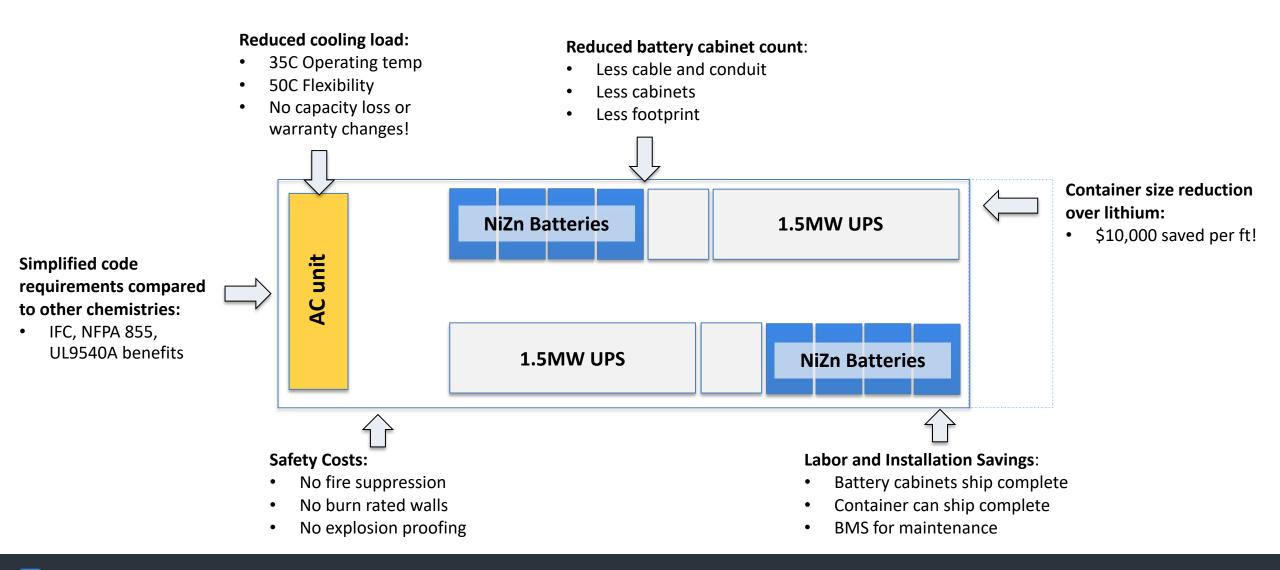
Total Width: 84" or 2,132mm



BC 2 Series 1MW 7 min @ 10 yr. Comparison



Modular Container Benefits – 1,500kWB @ Year 10 Solution



System Interfaces

Data Available

- All Errors/Faults
- State Transition into or out of Discharge or Charge
- Battery Module Voltage
- Battery String Voltage
- Breaker Voltage
- Battery Temperature
- Inverter Voltage
- Current
- Discharge/Charge log frequency
- Time stamp on each log event
- Log firmware uploads.
- Logging interval changes.

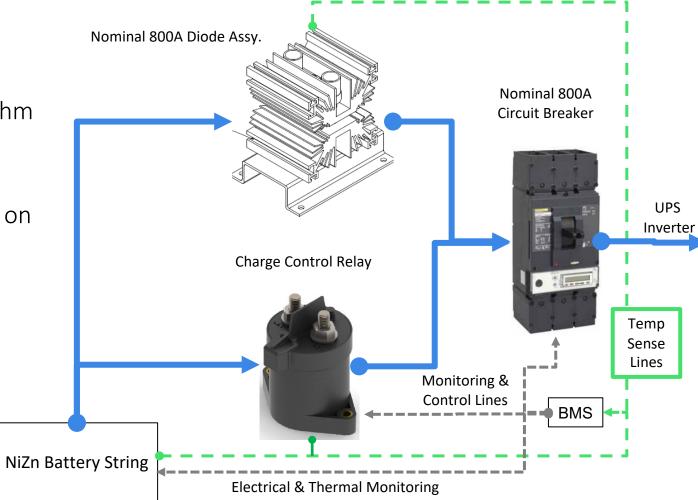
Communication, Real-Time, and Trending

- Ethernet
- USB
- WiFi
- CSV
- Modbus



Intelligent Charging/Monitoring System

- Enables NiZn battery string to act as drop-in replacement for lead-acid strings
- Adapts existing UPS lead Acid charging algorithm to NiZn charging profile and performs cabinet monitoring
- Total Recharge time 2 to 5 hours depending on variables
 - Temperature is at or below 40°C.
 - Charge current: 20 A min/160 A max.



Nickel-Zinc Overview

No Compromises



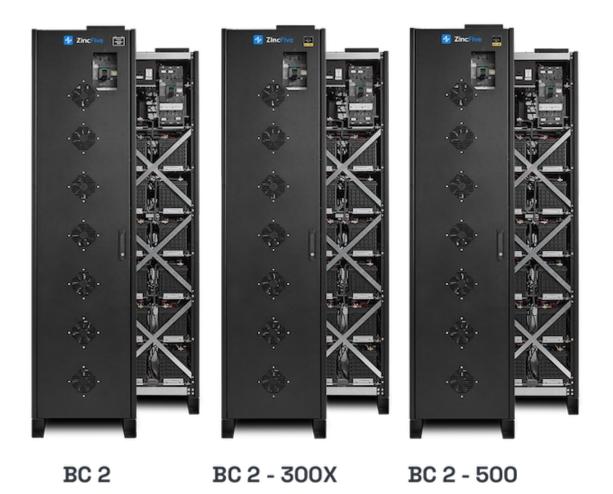
>90% Recyclable using existing equipment and processes, using less energy than VRLA, no toxic chemicals, and a larger credit!



No transportation restrictions. Can easily ship fully populated and assembled cabinets by highway, overseas, or by air!



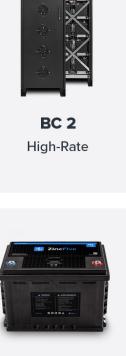
Manufactured using four and five times more abundant materials than lithium, while using less water and energy for extraction!



Summary

- Orop-In Replacement for Lead-Acid Cabinets
- Small footprint, high power
- SAFE No Thermal Runaway
- Sustainable, Powerful, Recyclable, and Reliable!
- Higher Operating Temperature
- Low Maintenance
- I0 Year Warranty/ 15 Year Design Life
- Low Total Cost of Ownership!

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80Ah High-Rate



BC 2 - 300X High-Rate Extended Runtime



90Ah Ultra-High-Rate





BC 2 - 500 Ultra-High-Rate

BC 2 – 21" x 36" x 82.5" (w/o top box, 83.5" with)



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