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Are thermal energy storage systems insulated?

Today, thermal energy storage systems are typically insulated using conventional materials such as mineral wools due to their reliability, ease of installation, and low cost. The main drawback of these materials is their relatively high thermal conductivity, which results in a large insulation thickness.

What is thermal insulation?

Thermal insulation is an aspect in the optimization of thermal energy storage (TES) systems integrated inside buildings. Properties, characteristics, and reference costs are presented for insulation materials suitable for TES up to 90°C.

How do insulation systems affect the thermal efficiency of a storage system?

The selection and specification of the insulation system (material/method and thermal resistance) not only determines the associated investment costs, but more importantly, it largely governs the thermal efficiency of the storage system over its lifetime.

Why do small-scale storage systems need thermal insulation?

The economic hurdle of small-scale systems highlights the importance of developing cost-effective thermal insulation solutions that allow the storage structure to be built of low-cost materials and, more importantly, to reduce the space required by large storage systems incorporated inside buildings. 3. Thermal insulation methods and materials

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