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Can Korea compete with China's low-priced lithium iron phosphate batteries?

"Korea's battery sector,in particular,has had a tough timecompeting with China's low-priced lithium iron phosphate batteries,but they've found a way to produce high-quality yet price-competitive NCM batteries through joint ventures and localized production," said Rho Woo-ho,a battery sector analyst from Meritz Securities.

#### Where are Korean batteries made?

The southern part of the United States, which is referred to as the Sun Belt, has been the most popular choice for Korean battery makers as a location for their manufacturing factories due to geographical and economic reasons. With a warm and sunny climate, states in the Sun Belt usually have lower minimum salaries and taxes.

#### What percentage of the US EV battery market is Korea?

[SK On]"Korean companies had a 26.5 percentshare of the U.S. EV battery market in 2021, and that will increase to some 70 percent by the end of 2025, & quot; said Lee Anna, an analyst at Yuanta Securities.

#### Will Korea's battery market improve after 2025?

Analysts forecast that the situation will improve after 2025when the battery makers have manufacturing facilities producing in the North American region. "Korea's battery makers will likely control 69 percent of the U.S. market by the end of 2025," said Lee Anna,a researcher at Yuanta Securities.

### Are Korean EV makers doing better than battery makers?

Korean EV makers are doing betterthan the battery makers. Hyundai Motor and Kia delivered a total of 509,000 EVs in 2022,including plug-in hybrids,a 42 percent jump on year,according to data from SNE Research. They held 11.9 percent of the global EV market compared to 10.6 percent a year earlier.

## Where are EVs being charged in Korea?

EVs are being charged at a parking lot in Gangnam District, southern Seoul, on Oct. 31. [YONHAP]Korean battery makers are losing share to Chinese competitors. They now have less than a quarter of the market, though that could change as the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) kicks in.

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next-generation 4680-type cylindrical batteries, which are bigger than the conventional ones.

LG Energy Solution will invest 4 trillion won (\$3.1 billion) by the end of 2026 to expand capacity at its battery plant in Ochang, North Chungcheong, upping its bet on cylindrical-type EV batteries.

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Contemporary Amperex Technology's (CATL) battery supply nearly doubled to 191.6 gigawatt hours, for 37 percent of the market. LG Energy Solution supplied 70.4 gigawatt hours of batteries, up 18.5 percent.

Korea is moving rapidly to position itself as a leader in the global electric vehicle (EV) battery supply chain, with the three largest battery companies scrambling to pour billions into the North American region.

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