Wind Turbine Power Curves

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This working paper collates data on the power curves for 16 recent and forthcoming models of wind turbine from four major manufacturers: Siemens, Vestas, REpower and Nordex. The models chosen including 9 of the 10 most commonly used turbines in the UK, covering 70% of the installed capacity to date (4.7 GW of 6.6 GW).

These power curves were collected from manufacturer's data sheets, and are first presented in their native form: measured against wind speeds in m/s. For convenience, the power curves are also given against speeds in other units: km/h, mph and knots. These curves were translated to integer speed values – for example 22 mph instead of 22.369 mph (= 10 m/s) – using cubic spline interpolation, so as to minimise conversion errors.

If power curves were given for different air densities, 1.2 kg/m³ was chosen, based on 1.225 kg/m³ at sealevel and 15°C, reduced by a factor of 2.5% for 200 m elevation (typical land height in the UK plus 75 m for the hub).

Table 1: Summary statistics for the sixteen turbine models, indicating their suitability for on- and off-shore use. Ranking is based on the total installed capacity in the UK as of 2012, based on BWEA data [1].

Manufacturer	Model	Power (MW)	Diameter (m)	UK Rank	Capacity (MW)	On- shore	Off- shore	Data Source
Siemens	SWT 2.3	2.3	82	1	1 240	Χ	Χ	[2]
Siemens	SWT 2.3	2.3	93	1	1,349	Χ	Χ	[2]
Siemens	SWT 3.6	3.6	107	3	562	Х		[2]
Vestas	V34	0.4	34	6	366	Χ		[2]
Vestas	V80	2.0	80	11	148	Χ		[3]
Vestas	V90	3.0	90	2	833	Χ	Χ	[4]
Vestas	V112	3.0	112	~		Χ	Χ	[5]
Vestas	V164	7.0	164	~		Χ	Χ	[6]
REpower	MM82	2.0	82	5	385	Х		[7]
REpower	MM92	2.0	92	8	238	Χ		[8]
REpower	5M	5.0		~		Χ	Χ	[9]
REpower	6M	6.0		~		Χ	Χ	[9]
Nordex	N60	1.3	60	10	183	Χ		[10]
Nordex	N80	2.5	80	9	238	Χ		[11]
Nordex	N90	2.3	90	7	257	Χ	Χ	[11]
Nordex	N100	2.5	100	~		Χ	Χ	[12]

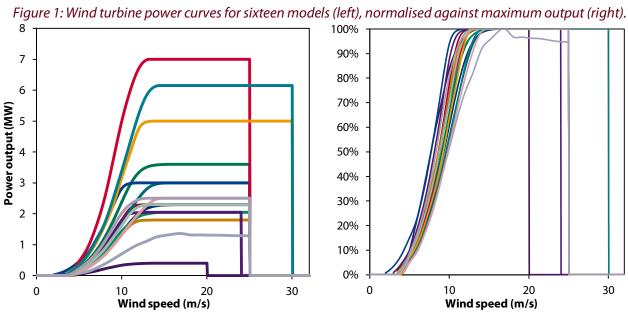


Table 2: Wind turbine power curves – wind turbine power output against wind speed in metres per second.

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Speed (m/s)	Siemens SWT-2.3 82	Siemens SWT-2.3 93	Siemens SWT-3.6 107	Vestas V34	Vestas V80	Vestas V90	Vestas V112	Vestas V164	Repower MM82	Repower MM92	Repower 5M	Repower 6M	Nordex N60	Nordex N80	Nordex N90	Nordex N100
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Table 3: Wind turbine power curves – wind turbine power output against wind speed in kilometres per hour.

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Table 4: Wind turbine power curves – wind turbine power output against wind speed in miles per hour.

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22	1335	1706	2278	327	1275	1616	2750	4795	1387		3021	3238	676	1261	1557	1955
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24 25	1649 1793	2084 2203	2807 3032	361 372	1558 1665	2003 2191	2963 2987	5743 6136	1634 1742		3761 4134	4071 4495	827 899	1580 1736	1917 2065	2242 2340
26	1922	2262	3214	381	1736	2372	3000	6474	1843	2034	4502	4908	967	1885	2170	2414
27 28	2030 2115	2287 2296	3353 3449	388 393	1776 1793	2539 2688	3000 3000	6732	1922 1970		4783 4924	5287 5608	1024 1072	2025 2155	2239 2280	2464
20 29	2113	2300	3 44 9 3511	393 397	1793	2809	3000	6896 6980	1970		4924 4976	5856	1120	2133	2300	2490 2500
30	2223	2300	3550	399	1799	2893	3000	6995	2020	2050	4994	6020	1177	2372	2300	2500
31 32	2253 2272	2300 2300	3572 3585	400 400	1802 1802	2946 2976	3000 3000	6995 6995	2036 2046		5000 5000	6111 6150	1233 1270	2446 2486	2300 2300	2500 2500
33	2284	2300	3592	400	1802	2990	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1292	2500	2300	2500
34	2291	2300	3595	400	1802	2996	3000	6995	2050		5000	6150	1309	2500	2300	2500
35 36	2295 2297	2300 2300	3600 3600	400 400	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1329 1348	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
37	2300	2300	3600	400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1364	2500	2300	2500
38 39	2300 2300	2300 2300	3600 3600	400 400	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1364 1348	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
40	2300	2300	3600	400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050		5000	6150	1326	2500	2300	2500
41	2300	2300	3600	400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050		5000	6150	1317	2500	2300	2500
42 43	2300 2300	2300 2300	3600 3600	400 400	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1318 1319	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
44	2300	2300	3600	400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1316	2500	2300	2500
45 46	2300 2300	2300 2300	3600 3600	0	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1313 1313	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
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49 50	2300 2300	2300 2300	3600 3600	0	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1308 1304	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
51	2300	2300	3600	0	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1301	2500	2300	2500
52 53	2300 2300	2300 2300	3600 3600	0	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995	2050 2050		5000 5000	6150 6150	1297 1295	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
54		2300	3600	0	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050		5000	6150	1293	2500	2300	2500
55	2300	2300	3600	0	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	0	5000	6150	1293	2500	2300	2500
56 57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5000 5000	6150 6150	0	0	0	0 0
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60 61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			5000 5000	6150 6150	0	0	0	0 0
62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
63 64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	_	5000 5000	6150 6150	0	0	0	0
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			5000	6150	0	0 0	0	0
66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
67 68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5000 0	6150 0	0	0	0	0 0
69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
70		0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5: Wind turbine power curves – wind turbine power output against wind speed in knots.

Speed (knots)	SWT 2.3	SWT 2.3	SWT 3.6	V34	V80	V90	V112	V164	MM82	MM92	5M	6M	N60	N80	N90	N100
0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 2	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0		0	0	0	27	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0		0	0	0	63	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	-	0	0	0	114	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	19	52		0	0	38	179	33	33	59	72	57	14	0	10	17
8	50	111		6	8	87	265	131	73	105	162	141	34	23	46	64
9 10	96 153	166 230		23 47	51 117	141 207	371 482	311 519	119 178	157 227	262 378	251 382	56 80	75 139	115 199	149 249
11	223	312		74	196	286	603	733	255	319	522	540	107	203	288	354
12	305	411	524	102	286	382	775	1002		430	701	739	146	278	387	474
13	403	528		131	388	496	1008	1353	445	557	918	979	202	371	503	620
14	517	663		164	509	628	1261	1760		707	1170	1237	267	476	633	789
15	648	819		200	648	781	1516	2222		878	1450	1516	335	594	779	983
16	795	997		235	789	957	1797	2773	837	1065	1754	1860	411	732	950	1206
17 18	958 1132	1201 1432		265 295	930 1085	1153 1366	2108 2433	3408 4074	1007 1189	1267 1491	2096 2507	2276 2724	494 579	891 1061	1140 1335	1451 1700
19	1314	1678		324	1254	1589	2 4 33 2722	4722		1712	2967	3183	666	1239	1533	1930
20	1497	1914		347	1425	1814	2900	5306		1880	3407	3657	753	1422	1742	2118
21	1674	2108		363	1578	2035	2969	5811	1653	1977	3822	4141	839	1606	1945	2260
22	1836	2227	3094	375	1691	2250	2991	6251	1776	2023	4255	4628	921	1784	2103	2366
23	1976	2276		384	1759	2452	3000	6606		2038	4650	5091	995	1952	2206	2441
24	2086	2294		391	1789	2634	3000	6844		2044	4884	5493	1054	2107	2267	2482
25	2166	2300		396	1796	2784	3000	6967	1993	2050	4969	5806	1108	2247	2296	2500
26 27	2220 2255	2300 2300		399 400	1799 1802	2888 2949	3000 3000	6995 6995	2018 2037	2050 2050	4993 5000	6010 6116	1172 1236	2365 2450	2300 2300	2500 2500
28	2275	2300		400	1802	2949	3000	6995	2037	2050	5000	6150	1276	2491	2300	2500
29	2287	2300		400	1802	2993	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1298	2500	2300	2500
30	2293	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1319	2500	2300	2500
31	2297	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1342	2500	2300	2500
32	2300	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995		2050	5000	6150	1361	2500	2300	2500
33	2300	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1364	2500	2300	2500
34	2300	2300		400	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000	6995 6995	2050 2050	2050 2050	5000	6150	1345 1322	2500	2300	2500 2500
35 36	2300 2300	2300 2300		400 400	1802	3000	3000 3000	6995	2050	2050	5000 5000	6150 6150	1317	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500
37	2300	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	2050	5000	6150	1319	2500	2300	2500
38	2300	2300		400	1802	3000	3000	6995		2050	5000	6150	1317	2500	2300	2500
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42	2300	2300		0	1802	3000	3000	6995		2050	5000	6150	1310	2500	2300	2500
43 44	2300 2300	2300 2300		0	1802 1802	3000 3000	3000 3000	6995 6995		2050 2050	5000 5000	6150 6150	1306 1302	2500 2500	2300 2300	2500 2500
45	2300	2300		0	1802	3000	3000	6995		2050	5000	6150	1298	2500	2300	2500
46	2300	2300		0	1802	3000	3000	6995		2050	5000	6150	1295	2500	2300	2500
47	2300	2300		0	1802	3000	3000	6995		0	5000	6150	1293	2500	2300	2500
48	2300	2300	3600	0	1802	3000	3000	6995	2050	0	5000	6150	1292	2500	2300	2500
49	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
50	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
51 52	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
52 53	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0 0	5000 5000	6150 6150	0	0	0	0 0
54	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
55	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
56	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
58	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	5000	6150	0	0	0	0
59	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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