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1. Company Overview

1.1 Legal Name & Headquarters

- Legal name: Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (*often abbreviated CATL*). ([Wikipedia](#))
- Headquarters city: Ningde, Fujian Province, China. ([Wikipedia](#))
- Listed entity: Publicly listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, ticker 300750. ([TradingView](#))

1.2 Global Profile & Core Business

- CATL is a battery manufacturer and technology company focused on lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles (EVs) and energy storage systems (ESS), plus battery management systems. ([Wikipedia](#))
- It is the largest EV battery maker globally, with roughly ~38% share of the global EV battery market and leading share in ESS batteries as of 2024–2025. ([AP News](#))
- Core activities include R&D, manufacturing and sales of:
 - EV traction batteries
 - Stationary energy storage batteries
 - Battery materials and recycling solutions. ([Yahoo Finance](#))

1.3 Ownership & Corporate Structure

- CATL is a Chinese joint-stock company; its shares are widely held via public markets.
- At IPO, founder Zeng Yuqun (Robin Zeng) was disclosed as the largest shareholder (~26% at listing) and remains the company chair. ([China Buses](#))
- The group structure includes numerous wholly owned subsidiaries and joint ventures in China and overseas (Europe, U.S., Japan, etc.). ([CATL](#))

1.4 Business Units (High-Level)

Public disclosures and automotive-supplier databases consistently describe three high-level activity clusters: ([MarkLines](#))

1. **Power / Drive Battery Systems** – EV batteries and systems for passenger cars, buses, commercial vehicles.
2. **Energy Storage Systems (ESS)** – Utility-scale, commercial & industrial, and residential energy storage.
3. **Battery Materials & Recycling** – Cathode/anode materials, lithium processing (including mining JVs), and recycling / circularity (via Brunn Recycling and related assets).

1.5 Global Manufacturing / R&D Footprint (Context Only)

- Large manufacturing base in multiple Chinese cities and international plants in Germany (Arnstadt) and planned plants in Hungary and Spain (JV with Stellantis). ([Wikipedia](#))
- Expanding R&D and innovation centers, including Hong Kong R&D center and global labs focused on advanced chemistries (e.g., sodium-ion, high-density LFP). ([Wikipedia](#))

2. Business Units Overview

2.1 Full List of Business / Product Domains

Based on company profile, investor and industry sources, CATL's main business domains are: ([CATL](#))

1. **EV Power Battery Systems**
2. **Energy Storage Systems (ESS)**
3. **Battery Materials & Upstream Resources**
4. **Battery Recycling & Circularity Solutions**
5. **Integrated Platforms & Services** (e.g., supply-chain finance, grid solutions, EV platforms)

(Exact internal BU naming is not fully disclosed; above reflects consistent public segmentation. Where internal BU labels are not explicit → “Insufficient public data available to confirm exact internal BU naming.”)

2.2 Detailed Descriptions

1. EV Power Battery Systems

- Design, manufacture and sale of lithium-ion battery packs and systems for electric passenger cars, buses and commercial vehicles. ([Yahoo Finance](#))
- Customers include global OEMs such as Tesla, BMW, Volkswagen, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota and others. ([AP News](#))

2. Energy Storage Systems (ESS)

- Battery systems for grid-scale, C&I and residential energy storage, including newly announced “Tener” large-scale ESS platform. ([Wikipedia](#))

3. Battery Materials & Upstream Resources

- Mining and processing of lithium and other key materials (e.g., lepidolite mine and refinery in Jiangxi, China). ([Reuters](#))

- Strategic partnership with BASF Battery Materials for cathode active materials on a global scale. ([BASF](#))

4. Battery Recycling & Circularity

- Recycling through Brunn Recycling and broader circularity initiatives, including collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on circular battery value chains. ([Wikipedia](#))

5. Integrated Platforms & Services

- Solutions extending beyond batteries into power grids, EV platforms and supply-chain finance, per Reuters and industry awards. ([Reuters](#))

2.3 Product Lines / Market Focus

- Key chemistries: LFP, NMC, M3P and emerging sodium-ion systems for EVs and ESS. ([Wikipedia](#))
- End markets:
 - Automotive OEMs (light-duty EVs, buses, trucks).
 - Energy utilities and ESS developers.
 - Industrial / infrastructure clients (data centers, terminals, etc.). ([Wikipedia](#))

2.4 BU Relevance to U.S. Operations

- The U.S. footprint is currently centered on sales, service, testing and technology licensing, not on CATL-owned manufacturing plants. ([Xinhua Net](#))
- Relevant BUs for U.S. activities:
 - EV Power Batteries – supplying OEMs like Ford, GM (imports), Tesla for U.S.-market vehicles or technology licensing. ([AP News](#))
 - Energy Storage – supplying ESS integrators and utilities whose projects include U.S. deployments (e.g., shipments to NextEra, Fluence, FlexGen referenced in trade data). ([ImportGenius](#))

3. U.S. Presence — Overview

3.1 U.S. Strategic Summary

- CATL's direct U.S. presence is primarily commercial and technical (sales, service, testing) handled by its subsidiary Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc., headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan. ([Buzzfile](#))
- Manufacturing for the U.S. market leverages:

- Technology licensing (e.g., Ford's BlueOval Battery Park Michigan LFP plant using CATL technology but owned/operated by Ford). ([Green Car Reports](#))
- Direct battery exports from CATL plants abroad to U.S. OEMs and ESS integrators. ([Wikipedia](#))

3.2 Registered Entities

Publicly evidenced U.S.-related corporate entities include:

1. Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. – U.S. subsidiary (foreign corporation) registered in multiple states, with principal address 2455 Featherstone Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. ([Alabama Company Directory](#))
2. CATL US Inc. – listed in CATL's own subsidiary lists and in SEC filings as a U.S. entity. ([SEC](#))

(Further breakdown of all U.S. legal entities beyond the above has insufficient public data available to confirm with high confidence.)

3.3 Priority Markets

From customer and partnership disclosures, CATL's U.S.-relevant markets include:

- Automotive OEMs – Ford, GM (imports), Tesla and other global OEMs selling EVs in North America. ([Reuters](#))
- Energy storage – Utility-scale and large C&I ESS projects via integrators such as Fluence, FlexGen, NextEra-related entities. ([ImportGenius](#))

3.4 Expansion Plans (Public Only)

- In the U.S., CATL's manufacturing presence is indirect, via technology licensing (Ford plant in Michigan) and potential supply to future U.S. LFP lines (GM, others) under discussion. ([Utility Dive](#))
- Direct new CATL-owned manufacturing plants are being built in Europe (Hungary, Spain JV) rather than the U.S., per recent announcements. ([CATL](#))

4. U.S. Facilities Mapping

4.1 Master List of Known U.S. Facilities (CATL-Owned / Operated)

1. **Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. – Auburn Hills Office**
 - Address: 2455 Featherstone Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, USA. ([Buzzfile](#))
 - Role: U.S. headquarters for CATL USA (admin, sales, technical functions). ([Buzzfile](#))

2. Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. – Delaware Registered Office

- Address: 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801. ([CATL](#))
- Role: Legal registered office (likely via corporate agent).

3. West Coast Presence (San Jose / Milpitas, California)

- Address: Insufficient public data available to confirm a specific street address.
- Public job postings show Technical Solution Engineer and Senior ESS Sales roles based in Milpitas / San Jose, CA under Contemporary Amperex Technology USA Inc, indicating a regional presence but not a clearly documented permanent facility address. ([Jobcase](#))

(No CATL-owned U.S. battery manufacturing plants were identified; Ford's BlueOval LFP plant in Michigan is owned and operated by Ford and uses CATL technology under license, not as a CATL facility.) ([Green Car Reports](#))

4.2 Geographical Distribution

- Midwest:
 - Auburn Hills, MI – primary operational hub for CATL USA. ([Buzzfile](#))
- East Coast (legal):
 - Wilmington, DE – registered office address. ([CATL](#))
- West Coast:
 - San Jose / Milpitas, CA – regional roles; facility address not publicly confirmed. ([Jobcase](#))

4.3 Facility Categorization

Category	Facilities (CATL-owned / operated)	Notes
Admin / Commercial	Auburn Hills, MI HQ; Wilmington, DE registered office; West-Coast regional presence	Confirmed via corporate contact page, business registries, job postings. (CATL)
Manufacturing	None confirmed in the U.S.	Ford's Marshall LFP plant is Ford-owned, using licensed CATL tech. (Green Car Reports)
Distribution / Warehousing	Insufficient public data available to confirm any CATL-operated U.S. warehouses.	Trade data shows shipments via 3PL / logistics providers, but not CATL-operated DCs. (ImportGenius)

Category	Facilities (CATL-owned / operated)	Notes
R&D / Testing	Detroit-area subsidiary described as focusing on sales, service and testing; details of lab facilities not fully disclosed. (Xinhua Net)	Likely co-located with Auburn Hills operations; exact lab specs not public.

4.4 Notes on Confirmation Status

- Physical presence at Auburn Hills is strongly confirmed by multiple independent sources (commercial real-estate, business registries, visa/LCA filings, corporate references). ([Buzzfile](#))
- No evidence of a CATL-owned U.S. battery manufacturing plant as of late 2025; manufacturing in Michigan is under Ford control with CATL as technology licensor. ([Green Car Reports](#))

5. Facility-Level Profiles (U.S.)

5.1 Auburn Hills, Michigan – CATL USA Headquarters

- Name: Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. – Auburn Hills Office
- Address: 2455 Featherstone Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, USA. ([Buzzfile](#))
- Business Unit: Primarily supports EV Power Batteries and ESS businesses for North America (sales, service, technical support). ([Xinhua Net](#))
- Type: Admin / Commercial / Technical (non-manufacturing).
- Verified Functions:
 - Regional headquarters for CATL USA. ([SignalHire](#))
 - Sales and customer support for automotive and ESS clients. ([Xinhua Net](#))
 - Service and testing for batteries delivered into the U.S. market (per original Detroit subsidiary announcement). ([Xinhua Net](#))
- Products manufactured/handled:
 - Administrative and technical handling of battery systems and components imported from CATL plants abroad; no on-site cell manufacturing confirmed. ([Buzzfile](#))
- Shipment destinations:
 - Insufficient public data available to confirm specific destinations from this site. Trade data shows shipments from CATL to U.S. buyers (e.g., NextEra

Energy, Fluence, FlexGen), but does not clearly identify Auburn Hills as a physical shipping origin. ([Volza](#))

- Logistics model (internal vs 3PL):
 - Use of third-party logistics providers and carriers is evidenced in customs/trade data (e.g., deliveries via Logistics Plus and other freight forwarders). ([Eximpedia](#))
 - Degree of internal logistics vs 3PL from Auburn Hills itself: Insufficient public data available to confirm.
- CapEx / Investment:
 - No separate public CapEx disclosures for the Auburn Hills office. Insufficient public data available to confirm.
- Source 1 / Source 2:
 - Buzzfile / business registry listing Auburn Hills facility and company details. ([Buzzfile](#))
 - H-1B / visa filings and third-party company profiles identifying Auburn Hills as CATL USA's main office. ([Immihelp](#))

5.2 Wilmington, Delaware – Registered Office

- Name: Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. – Registered Office
- Address: 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, DE 19801. ([CATL](#))
- Business Unit: Legal / corporate registration for CATL USA.
- Type: Admin – legal registered office only.
- Verified functions / products / logistics / CapEx
 - Standard corporate registered-agent address used by many corporations; no operational or logistics functions are publicly disclosed.
 - For all operational details (functions, shipments, products, investments): Insufficient public data available to confirm.
- Source 1 / Source 2:
 - CATL corporate contact page. ([CATL](#))
 - Business registry / corporate data aggregators referring to same address as registered office. ([CATL](#))

5.3 West Coast Presence – San Jose / Milpitas, California

- Name: Contemporary Amperex Technology USA Inc – West Coast Roles

- Address: Insufficient public data available to confirm a precise office address.
- Business Unit: Likely regional extension of EV & ESS commercial / technical teams.
- Type: Admin / Commercial / Technical (unconfirmed physical facility).
- Verified Functions (via job postings):
 - Technical Solution Engineer and similar roles for customer support and solution engineering, based in Milpitas / San Jose, CA. ([Jobcase](#))
- Products / shipments / logistics model / CapEx:
 - No public evidence of a dedicated warehouse or production site; job postings emphasize engineering and sales functions.
 - All other requested details: Insufficient public data available to confirm.
- Source 1 / Source 2:
 - Job postings (Technical Solution Engineer; Senior ESS Sales – Integrator). ([Jobcase](#))
 - Additional job and employer-profile sites describing roles in Milpitas / San Jose for CATL USA. ([Talent.com](#))

6. U.S. Supply Chain Leadership — Org Chart

6.1 Reality Check on Public Data

- CATL does not publish a detailed U.S. management or supply chain org chart.
- LinkedIn and other open sources show individual employees in logistics, engineering, and sales roles, but hierarchical relationships and formal reporting lines are not reliably documented.
- Therefore, a detailed U.S. supply chain org chart cannot be constructed without speculation.

Result:

Insufficient public data available to confirm a detailed U.S. supply chain leadership hierarchy or org chart.

6.2 Publicly Identified Leadership Roles Relevant to U.S. Operations

(Listed only where roles are clearly public and linked to CATL USA; this is not a full org chart.)

- Jian Wang – identified as President, Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. in business directory entry. ([Buzzfile](#))

- Various U.S.-based sales and technical leaders (titles such as Senior ESS Sales – Integrator, Technical Solution Engineer, Sales Manager – CA) appear in job postings and profiles but are not consolidated into a formal org structure. ([LinkedIn](#))

6.3 Global Supply Chain–Relevant Executives (Context)

These are not U.S.-specific but influence global supply chain and logistics strategy:

- Robin Zeng (Zeng Yuqun) – Founder and Chair, leads overall strategy including expansion and supply chain integration. ([Reuters](#))
- Jiang Li – Vice President and Board Secretary, publicly speaking on supply-chain transparency and circularity at Ellen MacArthur Foundation events. ([PR Newswire](#))
- Group Treasury Director (Victor, cited in supply-chain finance award) – oversees supply-chain finance platform that supports supplier and customer relationships. ([Treasury Today](#))

A line-by-line “VP / Director / Manager” U.S. supply chain org chart is not possible from public data without violating the zero-assumption rule.

7. Top Customers (Publicly Confirmed)

Below are **selected top customers** explicitly named in multiple independent sources. This is **not exhaustive** but respects the “no inference” rule.

Customer	Product Supplied / Relationship	Evidence
Tesla	EV battery cells for certain models; CATL is a key supplier among Tesla's global battery partners.	Reuters / NYT and other sources; Wikipedia partnerships section; AP/MarketWatch note Tesla among CATL's major clients. (Wikipedia)
BMW	Long-term supply of battery cells for EVs, including contracts announced for Mini and iNext; also European plant in Germany helps supply.	Company and media reports cited on CATL's partnerships; MarkLines / FT and AP mention BMW as major client. (Wikipedia)
Volkswagen Group	Battery supply for VW's global EV lineup; repeatedly named as key CATL customer.	AP and European press list VW as a major CATL customer; partnerships section confirms. (AP News)
Ford	Long-term EV battery supply plus technology licensing for LFP batteries in U.S. (BlueOval Battery Park Michigan).	Reuters and U.S. media detail Ford's LFP licencing deal with CATL and supply agreements. (Council on Foreign Relations)

Customer	Product Supplied / Relationship	Evidence
Mercedes-Benz / Daimler	EV battery cell supply for certain models; listed among major OEM customers.	Partnerships list and industry coverage name Daimler/Mercedes as client. (Wikipedia)
Toyota	EV / hybrid battery supplies; named explicitly as customer in coverage of EV subsidies and CATL's market share.	European/Asian coverage including Le Monde and AP mention Toyota as CATL customer. (Wikipedia)
GM (General Motors)	Reuters reports GM will import EV batteries from CATL as an interim measure while it ramps its own LFP production in the U.S.	Reuters articles on GM's LFP strategy and imports from CATL. (Reuters)
VinFast	Strategic partnership for skateboard chassis and EV components; CATL supplies batteries and platform solutions.	Partnership announcements and media coverage. (Wikipedia)

*(Exact revenue share by customer or U.S.-only allocation is not disclosed: Insufficient public data available to confirm customer ranking by volume or revenue.)

8. Top Suppliers (Publicly Confirmed)

Very few suppliers are explicitly named; the following are confirmed by **formal announcements**:

Supplier	Material / Service	Relationship Evidence
BASF Battery Materials	Cathode active materials for lithium-ion batteries.	2025 framework agreement where BASF will supply advanced cathode materials to CATL globally. (BASF)
Lopal Tech (and JV partners)	Lithium lepidolite mining and processing in Jiangxi province, supplying lithium carbonate to CATL operations.	Reuters reports on CATL's lithium mine and refinery in Jiangxi operated via JV with Lopal Tech. (Reuters)

Beyond these:

For a broader, ranked list of “top suppliers” to CATL (e.g., all cathode, anode, separator, equipment providers), **insufficient public data is available to confirm** a comprehensive and prioritized supplier list without speculative reconstruction.

9. U.S. Logistics & Distribution Model

9.1 Internal Logistics Capabilities

- CATL is building integrated logistics and supply-chain solutions globally, including supply-chain finance platforms and extended services around its battery products. ([Treasury Today](#))
- In the U.S., logistics activities appear to be centered on:
 - Coordinating imports of battery systems from overseas plants. ([ImportGenius](#))
 - Customer support and engineering from Auburn Hills and West-Coast roles. ([Buzzfile](#))

Detailed in-house fleet operations, owned warehouses or internal transportation assets in the U.S. are not publicly documented.

Insufficient public data available to confirm the extent of internal U.S. logistics assets (fleet, warehouses, etc.).

9.2 3PL Involvement

- CATL has global logistics partnerships with major players:
 - Strategic cooperation with APM Terminals (Maersk) on energy transition of terminals, aligning battery deployments with marine logistics and port operations. ([CATL](#))
 - Broader global strategic partnership with Maersk to strengthen supply chain resilience and support global expansion. ([Container News](#))
- U.S. customs and trade records show shipments involving 3PLs / forwarders such as operations c/o Logistics Plus, and shipments to U.S. buyers from overseas CATL facilities. ([ImportGenius](#))

9.3 Import / Export Patterns (U.S.)

- Imports:
 - EV and ESS batteries shipped from China / other CATL plants to U.S. customers such as NextEra Energy, Fluence, FlexGen, and others, based on trade-data intelligence. ([ImportGenius](#))
 - GM also plans to import LFP batteries from CATL as an interim step before its own U.S. production is ready. ([Reuters](#))
- Exports (from U.S.):
 - No substantial evidence of CATL exporting batteries from U.S. soil; activity is largely import-oriented to support U.S. OEM and ESS customers.

9.4 Downstream Flows & Key Distribution Hubs

- Downstream flows depend heavily on customer networks:
 - For Ford, LFP cells will be produced domestically at BlueOval Battery Park Michigan using CATL technology; distribution from that plant will be via Ford's own supply chain. ([Green Car Reports](#))
 - For GM, imported cells from CATL will feed GM's assembly plants and battery-pack operations in North America. ([Reuters](#))
- CATL-owned U.S. distribution hubs (e.g., warehouses, DCs) are not clearly documented in public sources.

Insufficient public data available to confirm specific CATL-operated distribution centers or exact U.S. hub locations beyond Auburn Hills administrative presence.

10. Strategic Notes & Data Gaps

10.1 What Is Fully or Strongly Confirmed

- CATL's global position as the largest EV and ESS battery supplier, with ~38% market share and extensive partnerships with leading OEMs (Tesla, BMW, VW, Ford, Toyota, etc.). ([AP News](#))
- Corporate structure: Chinese joint-stock company, listed on Shenzhen (300750) with global expansion and secondary listing in Hong Kong. ([TradingView](#))
- U.S. presence:
 - CATL USA headquartered at 2455 Featherstone Rd, Auburn Hills, MI, functioning as the key U.S. commercial and technical hub. ([Buzzfile](#))
 - Registered office at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE. ([CATL](#))
 - Role of Detroit-area / Auburn Hills facility in sales, service, and testing of batteries for North American customers. ([Xinhua Net](#))
- Ford LFP plant in Michigan:
 - Owned by Ford, not CATL; uses licensed CATL technology with Ford retaining control over plant, equipment, and workforce. ([Green Car Reports](#))

10.2 Not Confirmed / Public Unknowns

- Existence and details of any CATL-owned U.S. manufacturing, warehousing, or R&D facilities beyond administrative offices.
- Internal U.S. supply chain org chart (names, reporting lines, detailed roles).
- Exact distribution network inside the U.S. (which ports, which DCs, how inventory is staged, etc.).

- Detailed CapEx amounts for U.S. offices or infrastructure separate from global capex.

For all of the above, current evidence is limited and fragmented; reconstructing these items would require inference or non-public information, which is outside the allowed scope.

10.3 Areas Requiring Further Checking (If More Detail Is Needed)

Any deeper analysis would depend on paid or proprietary datasets and/or direct stakeholder engagement, for example:

- Paid customs / bill-of-lading datasets focusing on CATL and CATL USA import flows into specific U.S. ports and customers.
- State or local permitting databases (zoning, building, environmental permits) around Auburn Hills and any other suspected sites.
- Direct outreach to CATL USA (Auburn Hills office) for clarification on logistics partners, warehouse locations, and organizational structure.

11. Complete Source Index

11.1 Primary Sources (Company / Regulatory / Official)

- CATL Corporate Website
 - Company profile & history (global footprint, listing status, subsidiaries, plants). ([CATL](#))
 - Contact page listing Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. and its Delaware address. ([CATL](#))
 - Official news releases on global partnerships (APM Terminals, Stellantis JV in Spain, etc.). ([CATL](#))
- Stock Exchange / Financial Filings
 - Shenzhen & Hong Kong listing information and stock data. ([TradingView](#))
- State / Business Registries & Corporate Data
 - Business registrations for Contemporary Amperex Technology (USA), Inc. in Alabama, Kentucky, Arizona and corporate data aggregators referencing Auburn Hills HQ. ([Alabama Company Directory](#))
 - U.S. visa / LCA filings showing Auburn Hills address. ([Immihelp](#))

11.2 Secondary Sources (News, Industry Research, Trade Data)

- Global News & Analysis
 - AP, MarketWatch, El País, and others for market share, IPO, customer list, and profitability. ([AP News](#))

- Reuters series on Ford-CATL licensing structure, GM imports, and lithium mining activities. ([Council on Foreign Relations](#))
 - Industry and EV-specific outlets on BlueOval Battery Park Michigan and use of CATL technology. ([EV.com](#))
- Automotive / Supplier Databases & Reports
 - MarkLines database describing CATL's subsidiaries and business segmentation. ([MarkLines](#))
 - Industry reports on CATL's expansion into ESS, grid services and platforms. ([Reuters](#))
- Trade / Customs Data Compilations
 - Volza, Exim-oriented sites and others summarizing CATL USA's import/export activity, listing Auburn Hills / San Jose as business locations and naming buyers like NextEra Energy Constructors, Fluence, FlexGen. ([Volza](#))

11.3 Tertiary Sources (LinkedIn, Job Postings, Commercial Real Estate, etc.)

Used only for:

- Confirming existence and location of the Auburn Hills facility and employment base.
- Inferring functional roles (e.g., technical solution engineers, ESS sales, president of CATL USA).

Examples:

- LinkedIn company and job pages for Contemporary Amperex Technology USA Inc (headquarters at Auburn Hills; roles in San Jose / Milpitas, CA). ([LinkedIn](#))
- Buzzfile, SignalHire and other business directories confirming Auburn Hills address, phone, and president name. ([Buzzfile](#))
- Commercial real-estate listings (Crexi, Barbat Organization, LoopNet) showing the building at 2455 Featherstone Rd occupied by CATL USA.