

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# How much power does a ground 5G base station consume



## Overview

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Are 5G base stations causing more energy consumption?

However, Li says 5G base stations are carrying five times the traffic as when equipped with only 4G, pushing up power consumption. The carrier is seeking subsidies from the Chinese government to help with the increased energy usage.

How much power does a 5G base station consume?

That's almost a threefold increase compared to 4G (5). One 5G base station is estimated to consume about as much power as 73 households (6), and 3x as much as the previous generation of base stations (5), (7).

Does China Mobile have a 5G base station?

China Mobile has tried using lower cost deployments of MIMO antennas, specifically 32T32R and sometimes 8T8R rather than 64T64R, according to MTN. However, Li says 5G base stations are carrying five times the traffic as when equipped with only 4G, pushing up power consumption.

How much power does 5G power use?

The site's average load is 1.4 kW, with peak loads of 2.7 kW. However, the AC power limit is 1.6 kW. When 5G services were added in tests, peak loads exceeded the power limit. 5G Power's intelligent peak shaving technology leverages smart energy scheduling algorithms of software-defined power supply and intelligent energy storage.

How will 5G affect the energy consumption of mobile operators?

Edge compute facilities needed to support local processing and new internet of things (IoT) services will also add to overall network power usage. Exact estimates differ by source, but MTN says the industry consensus is that 5G will double to triple energy consumption for mobile operators, once networks scale.

How is 5G network construction different from 4G?

5G network construction differs significantly from 4G in terms of networking modes, product forms, and performance parameters. The power consumption of 5G hardware is between two and four times greater than 4G, posing unprecedented challenges for site infrastructure construction.

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