

# Smelting battery technology

What is smelting a battery?

In the smelting process, the battery material is heated above its melting point to facilitate the separation of the metals in the liquid phase by reduction and subsequent formation of immiscible molten layers. The process allows the recycling of various end-of-life (EOL) LIBs based on different chemistries.

What are pyrometallurgical options for recycling spent lithium-ion batteries?

The main pyrometallurgical options for recycling spent lithium-ion batteries are pyrolysis, incineration, roasting, and smelting. Continuous research and development (R & D) in pyrometallurgical recycling will enable battery recycling companies to cope with the inevitable increase in spent LIBs.

What is a direct smelting process?

In the direct smelting process, energy storage systems are first disassembled to battery module level or battery cell level (Abdelbaky et al., 2021; Tytgat, 2013). Afterwards, mechanically untreated battery modules or cells, reducing agents, and slag additives are fed into a shaft furnace.

What is the difference between pyrometallurgical recycling and smelting?

In the two pyrometallurgical recycling processes presented, the difference lies in the optional upstream connection of a pre-processing stage before the actual smelting process.

How can pyrometallurgical recycling help a battery recycling company?

Continuous research and development (R & D) in pyrometallurgical recycling will enable battery recycling companies to cope with the inevitable increase in spent LIBs. Ongoing R & D will foster the effective implementation of an economically more feasible circular economy value chain for the batteries.

What is INMETCO battery recycling process?

INMETCO battery recycling process The International Metals Reclamation Company (INMETCO) operates an industrial scale pyrometallurgical facility for recycling spent LIBs. The LIBs are fed as secondary feedstock in the High-Temperature Melting Recovery (HTMR) process.

Smelting, a typical high-temperature roasting method for pyrometallurgical recovery of LIBs, involves directly placing untreated waste battery materials into the roaster at ...

This paper reviews the latest development of the recovery technology of waste lithium ion batteries, including the development of recovery process and products. In addition, the challenges and future economic and ...

This comprehensive review critically examines the existing landscape of battery recycling methodologies, including pyrometallurgical, hydrometallurgical, and direct ...

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Because of the advantages of low raw material requirements and little waste liquid production, pyrometallurgical technology is suitable for recycling SLIBs in large-scale industrial ...

The present work focusses on pyrometallurgical industrial LIB recycling processes, as smelting of spent batteries is yet more established due to higher throughput ...

dealing with furnace technology for ferro-nickel smelting, it was indicated that with the evolution of technologies for furnace design, including furnace thermal issues, wall cooling, ...

Smelting is another effective pyrometallurgical option for recovering high ...

Umicore, 15+ years of battery recycling expertise, is in a unique position to meet the needs of automotive manufacturers and the wider EV supply chain. ... In the pyro-metallurgy stage, our ...

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In reductive roasting (smelting), the battery materials (after pretreatment) are heated under vacuum or inert atmosphere to convert the metal oxides to a mixed metal alloy ...

A unique Lead Acid Battery (LAB) recycling technology to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 89%, reduce waste by 81%, and transform the battery recycling industry ... It has ...

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High-temperature smelting technology for LIB recycling was first introduced in the Umicore battery recycling process . Instead of mechanically preprocessing individual batteries, this process utilizes specialized ultra-high temperature ...

