

# Modded Minecraft Energy Research

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## Preface

Herein, I shall record all the data I've gathered about various forms of Minecraft energy, especially noting any cross-mod interactions that might yield useful fruits. The main purpose of this research, as well as this document as a whole, is to provide readers with as thorough grounding as possible in the various energy mechanics and interactions available in mods, as well as in such mod packs as the Feed the Beast family of mod packs.

## Misc. Notes

- According to Direwolf20, Alumentum from Thaumcraft has roughly quadruple the energy of vanilla coal; both in terms of its use as a fuel for furnaces, and most especially for the purposes of Railcraft boiler fuel.
- Alumentum can, with the requisite research, be made renewable with the combination of a charcoal farm and cobblestone generators, using the crucible automation machines available in said mod, and siphoning off (and storing) the extra Essentia Saxum accumulated during the process.
- One automated Alumentum setup is enough, according to S6E50 of Direwolf20's Let's Play series, to power a 36HP boiler at max temperature with leftovers to run the automation setup.
- 1 RF = 2.5 Mekanism Joules; 1 EU = 10 Mekanism Joules.
- **IMPORTANT:** Unless otherwise stated, the values used here are those found in the mods' **DEFAULT** configuration.

## RotaryCraft Converted Engine Outputs

RotaryCraft is a mod whose power transmission is quite different from what most users are likely comfortable with. However, the mod does come with its own set of conversion machines, turning shaft power into Redstone Flux (from Thermal Expansion) and steam (from Railcraft), amongst others. Below is

a table of conversion ratios for various power generation devices in RotaryCraft when converted using a Rotational Dynamo and Mekanism ultimate universal cables, being put into a Mekanism ultimate energy cube. NOTE: The DC Electric Engine does not generate significant enough shaft power to operate a Rotational Dynamo, no matter how many are used. This means that, no, one can't simply spam a massive amount of DC Electric Engines for a trickle of cheap power at the cost of a constant redstone signal.

| Engine       | Converted Output | Notes  |
|--------------|------------------|--|
| Steam Engine | Approx. 2.8 RF/t | Requires lit netherrack underneath and a constant supply of water. Two EnderIO reservoirs can easily keep up with the demands of 16 Steam Engines.   |
| Microturbine | 372 RF/t         | Requires jet fuel. Has a massive internal buffer, at least the size of an Extra Utilities liquid drum. Once full, it has enough fuel to last 90 minutes of operation. Fuel is inserted thru the BOTTOM of the engine. Requires 2.225 mB/t* of jet fuel.  |
| Gas Turbine  | 11,924 RF/t      | Requires jet fuel. The suction effect can be easily, and stylishly, mitigated with iron bars placed at the front of the engine. Place the iron bars BEFORE allowing fuel to flow into the engine, for safety. Has a massive internal buffer, at least as large as an Extra Utilities fluid drum. Once full, the engine can last 45 minutes of operation. Fuel is inserted thru the BOTTOM of the engine. Requires 4.45 mB/t of jet fuel. |

\* - This value is currently untested and based on the assumption that the microturbine consumes fuel half as fast as a gas turbine, since an equal amount of fuel in the former lasts twice as long as it does in the latter.

## Mekanism Power Sources

Mekanism has some of the best passive power generation abilities of any mod across which I've come. While not quite as

powerful as more involved mods like Big Reactors, RotaryCraft, or Thermal Expansion, they have the advantage of being “set and forget,” more times than not. I’m converting their outputs here to Redstone Flux (RF), in addition to listing their Mekanism Joule (J) output to give readers a better idea of what kind of power they’re dealing with when given a given Mekanism generator with which to work.

| Generator            | Output  | Notes  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Solar Panel          | 50 J/t, 20 RF/t   | Only operational during the day.   |
| Advanced Solar Panel | 400 J/t, 160 RF/t   | Only operational during the day.   |
| Heat Generator       | 150 J/t, 60 RF/t (passive)<br>360 J/t, 144 RF/t (active)* | Passively generates power if lava source blocks are nearby. Actively generates power when given solid fuel, such as coal.            |
| Bio-Fuel Generator   | 250 J/t, 100 RF/t   | Bio-Fuel produced by crushing various forms of organic matter, such as saplings and apples.  |
| Hydrogen Generator   | 400 J/t, 160 RF/t   | Requires hydrogen from an Electrolytic Separator.  |
| Wind Generator       | 100 J/t, 40 RF/t  | Output depends on height of generator above bedrock. Each Y level above Y = 0 translates to 1 J/t, maxing out at 100 J/t at Y = 100. |
| Redstone             | 10,000 J/item, 4,000 RF/item                              | Redstone can be placed into the energy slot of any machine or Mekanism energy storage device for immediate gains.                    |

\* - Needs testing.

## Mekanism Cable Transfer Rates

As of 20 March 2014 (perhaps earlier), Mekanism has ditched the “one cable to rule them all” approach to its universal cables. Instead, we have 4 tiers of cable, each with a better transfer rate than the last, and each being more expensive than the last.

| Cable                    | Throughput            | Notes  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Basic Universal Cable    | 500 J/t, 200 RF/t     | Uses the old universal cable recipe. (8 cables/crafting) |
| Advanced Universal Cable | 2,000 J/t, 800 RF/t   | Basic cable + 2 enriched alloy (1 cable/crafting)        |
| Elite Universal Cable    | 8,000 J/t, 3,200 RF/t | Basic cable + 2 circuits (1 cable/crafting)              |

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| Ultimate Universal Cable | 32,000 J/t, 12,800 RF/t | Basic cable + 2 atomic cores (1 cable/crafting) |
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