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But making something this massive was about more than just scaling up. It's super strong, smarter, and lighter than others in its league, with a specially designed anti-lightning feature to withstand extreme weather.

SANY used such cutting-edge tech as high-performance design of the airfoil - that's the cross-sectional shape of the blade - optimized airfoil layout, and manufacturing processes that include robotics for precision fiberglass cutting and a unique technique for creating large composite blades.

The world's longest onshore wind turbine blade will be attached to the company's 15-megawatt (MW) wind turbine unit, which debuted at the China Wind Power 2023 exhibition in Beijing and was then the world's largest wind turbine.

The China Electricity Council said in its latest annual report that wind and solar would make up around 40% of the country's installed power generation capacity by the end of 2024 - up from 36% in 2023.

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Blades that will form part of the world's largest onshore wind turbines

The company said in a statement that the increased blade length meant greater demands for stiffness and strength as well as the need for protection from extreme weather events such as lightning.

"The blade has applied multiple advanced technological innovations including a high-performance airfoil with a thick blunt trailing edge, optimized airfoil layout, and overall increased thickness," it said.



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While wind turbine blades can continue to get larger, the logistics of transporting such massive blades make their use challenging, says Majewski. He also says that manufacturers and society must consider what will be done with these structures as they age.

Majewski has studied the issue of recycling wind turbine blades. In a 2022 study, he and his colleagues predicted that, by 2050, when existing turbines reach the end of their 20 to 30-year lifespan, there will be tens of thousands of tonnes of wind farm blades that may need to go to landfill.

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