

# **Interior inspection of wind turbine blades**





## Overview

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What is a wind turbine blade inspection?

See further details here . Interior and exterior wind turbine blade inspections are necessary to extend the lifetime of wind turbine generators. The use of unmanned vehicles is an alternative to exterior wind turbine blade inspections performed by technicians that require the use of cranes and ropes.

Can unmanned vehicles be used to inspect wind turbine blades?

The use of unmanned vehicles is an alternative to exterior wind turbine blade inspections performed by technicians that require the use of cranes and ropes. Interior wind turbine blade inspections are even more challenging due to the confined spaces, lack of illumination, and the presence of potentially harmful internal structural components.

Can a UAV inspect a wind turbine?

In [ 82 ], an UAV for turbine inspection is proposed, which could be used to inspect the turbine from the outside, but the UAV could also enter the turbine from an access point and inspect the nacelle from inside. In [ 83 ], an UAV operating entirely inside the wind turbine, waiting in stand-by mode and remotely operated from outside, is proposed.

Can a drone perform a wind turbine inspection?

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones can perform wind turbine inspections more efficiently and effectively than rope-based inspections, which are costly, infrequent and unsafe . Research has shown that replacing rope access inspection with drones reduces costs by 70% and revenue lost due to downtime by 90% . .

How do I know if my wind turbine blades are good?

In-service wind turbines blades are subjected to high levels of stress. Consequently, the bonding between the blade's structural beams and shell



must be inspected during manufacturing to help ensure blade integrity. The blades should be clear of defects, such as delamination and wrinkles.

How long does it take a drone to inspect a wind turbine?

On wind farms, drones can be used to inspect a wind turbine in as little as 40 minutes for all three blades , . UAV use in the insurance sector is also expected to grow .



## Interior inspection of wind turbine blades

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### Wind Turbine Blade Inspection Based on Unmanned Aerial ...

It is known that blade failures can cause expensive repairs for long down time. Therefore, wind turbine blade inspection for wind turbines can decrease both cost and cost-uncertainty for wind ...

### Blade Runners: GE Vernova Is Deploying AI-Enabled Machines to ...

The risks have turned the manual inspection of wind turbine blades into one of the most meticulous jobs on the factory floor. "All blade suppliers have the same challenge -- ...



### Drone Wind Turbine Inspection Service , Fast, Accurate, Easy

Our wind turbine inspection capabilities extend beyond external assessments to the vital interiors of turbine blades, utilizing wind turbine inspection drones. We've adopted ELIOS drones for ...



### Blade Inspections , Autonomous Drones , Book in for 2024!

Innovair use autonomous drones to accurately and repeatably inspect 100% of wind turbine blades with best-in-class image quality. Our experienced inspection engineers deliver visibility ...



### Blade Internal Inspection

Due to the crawler's small size, we are capable to perform internal inspections on the majority of blades on active wind turbines - where it was previously impossible via manual approach. ...

### Wind turbine inspection: what you need to know

Wind turbine inspection, including wind turbine blade inspection, is a critical activity to ensure the integrity and performance of the wind turbine blades. Wind turbine blade inspection methods ...



### Addressing the Challenges of Wind Turbine Blade Inspection

Thu, 05 November, 2020 TWI is currently engaged in the ShearRIOS project, a Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme funded by the EU, to improve the efficiency and safety of ...



### Wind Turbine Blades Inspection Techniques

Wind turbine blades are complicated objects for inspection because they have an arbitrary curved surface, are multi-layered, have variable thickness and are made from anisotropic materials.



### **Non-Contact Inspection Methods for Wind Turbine Blade ...**

Wind energy has emerged as a critical source of renewable energy worldwide, and the performance of wind turbines relies heavily on the quality and design of their blades. ...



### Wind Turbine Blades Inspection Techniques

For instance, the timely detection and analysis of defects [3] in wind turbine blades increases system reliability and blade lifespan, which in turn, enables more efficient condition-based



### **(PDF) Internal Wind Turbine Blade Inspections Using ...**

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## Ultimate Guide to Blade Repair & Blade Inspection

We've created a helpful guide outlining everything that you need to know about blade repair and blade inspection. There's lots of opportunities when it comes to working offshore, and the manual inspection ...



## Internal Wind Turbine Blade Inspections Using

This paper analyses all aspects of the viability of using manually controlled or autonomous aerial vehicles for interior wind turbine blade inspections. We discuss why the size, weight, and flight ...

## Inspection of Composite Wind Turbine Blades with Advanced ...

Olympus offers a variety of ultrasonic phased array equipment for the inspection of composite wind blades. The portable single PA probe-compatible OmniScan®SX ultrasonic flaw detector ...



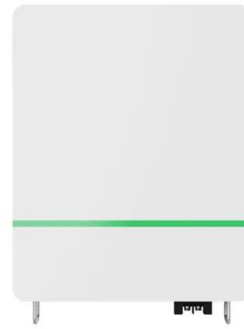
## [Checkblade , wtg blade inspections](#)

Checkblade is the trusted agent for companies that operate in the field of inspection and maintenance of wind turbine blades. Checkblade and its predecessor Bladebot have made it ...



### Example of a Blade Inspection Report

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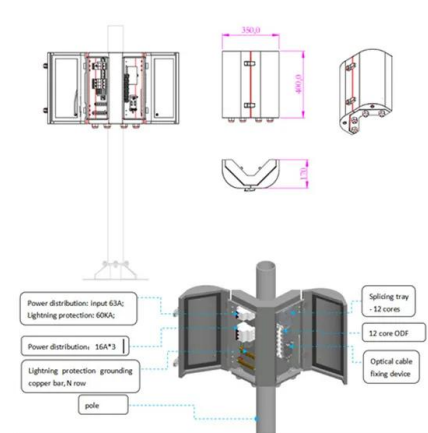


### **Qualiblade - Inspection and repair of wind turbine blades**

Qualiblade was a Eurostars®-funded project to enable the 'fast and efficient inspection and repair of wind turbine blades in-situ'. The project used a platform-mounted automated robotic system ...

### **Thermal Inspection of Subsurface Defects in Wind Turbine Blade ...**

This study explores the potential of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) thermography to inspect wind turbine blades using natural solar radiation. A comparative study of numerical analysis and ...



### **Wind Services**

With our experience from 115,000 autonomous blade inspections worldwide, we have developed Clobotics IBIS(TM) - the most advanced and cost-effective drone system for inspecting onshore and offshore wind turbine blades. IBIS(TM) ...



### Internal Wind Turbine Blade Inspection

Using our Elios 2 indoor drone equipped with protective cage, we can safely inspect the inside of a wind turbine and the blades for a more accurate and detailed visual inspection. Using our Elios 2 drone, we can collect visual data ...



### **Wind Turbine Inspections**

What makes Wind Turbine inspections essential to energy companies: Wind turbines are usually large equipment with highly sophisticated designs for optimum efficiency. Therefore, any ...

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### **(Open Access) Internal Wind Turbine Blade Inspections using UAVs**

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## Wind Turbine Blade Inspection, Repair & Maintenance Services

We understand the critical role that efficient and well-maintained blades play in the performance of the wind turbine. Our blade inspection services allow us to provide evidence-based advice to ...



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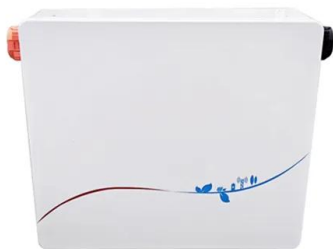
### Ultimate Guide to Wind Turbine Drone Inspections

In the past, the inspection process via drone was limited to exterior applications only. However, the Elios inspection drones from Flyability have revolutionized how a wind turbine inspection is ...



## LiDAR-based automated UAV inspection of wind turbine rotor blades

The global trend indicates that overall wind energy production, both onshore and offshore, will increase drastically in the next decade. Therefore, presently, much effort is ...



## Applications



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