Section: BIOPOWER
Biomass Power Technology in Commercial/Demonstration Phase during 2000-2006

Technology Category	Biomass Conversion Technology	Primary Energy Form Produced	Primary Energy Conversion and RecoveryTechnology	Final Energy Products
Direct combustion	Stove/Furnace	Heat	Heat exchanger	Hot air, hot water
Direct combustion	Pile burners	Heat, steam	Steam turbine	Electricity
Direct combustion	Stoker grate boilers	Heat, steam	Steam turbine	Electricity
Direct combustion	Suspension boilers: Air spreader stoker or cyclonic	Heat, steam	Steam turbine	Electricity
Direct combustion	Fluidized-bed combustor FB – bubbling CFB-circulating	Heat, steam	Steam turbine	Electricity
Direct combustion	Co-firing in coal-fired boilers (several types)	Heat, steam	Steam turbine	Electricity
Gasification (atmospheric)	updraft, counter current fixed bed	Low Btu producer gas	Combustion boiler + steam generator and turbine	Process heat or heat plus electricity
Gasification (atmospheric)	Downdraft, moving bed	Low Btu producer gas	Spark engine (internal combustion)	Power, electricity
Gasification (atmospheric)	Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) dual vessel	medium Btu producer gas	Burn gas in boiler w/ Steam Turbine	Electricity
Gasification (atmospheric)	Co-fueling in CFB gasifiers	Low or medium Btu producer gas	Combustion turbine or boiler and steam turbine	Electricity
Slow pyrolysis	Kilns or retorts	Charcoal	Stoves and furnaces	Heat
Fast (flash) pyrolysis	Reactors	Pyrolysis oil (bio-oil), charcoal	Combustion turbines, boilers, diesel engines, furnaces, catalytic reactors	Heat, electricity, synthetic liquid fuels, (BTL)
Anerobic digestion	Digesters, landfills	Biogas (medium Btu gas)	Spark ignition engines, combustion turbines,	Heat, electricity

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Note: See Glossary for definitions of terms found under the "Technology Category" column.

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