Rare earths at work

- Speakers
- Wind turbines
- Telescopes
- MRI screening
- Hybrid cars
- Magnets

DID YOU KNOW?

Modern rare earth separation processes used today were developed around the time of WWII. The Manhattan Project drove the development of the ion exchange method which made it possible to extract plutonium for atomic bombs.

Sources: Geoscience Australia; USGS

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Cerium

High-shine touchscreens

Cerium oxide gives smart phones and tablets, as well as some televisions and computer screens, their highly polished glass screen finish.