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The best portable solar generators are used to provide power for construction sites, campers, events, or other settings where access to electricity is limited. Backup solar generators provide backup power for when an electrical grid fails, providing an efficient alternative for installing a complete system.

Our three top-rated models--the Eco Flow Delta Pro, the Anker Solix F3800, and the Jackery Solar Generator 2000 Pro--all earn top marks for recharging speed, and complete the refueling process ...

For thunderstorms, hurricanes, and other emergencies, a generator provides a home backup for power outages. However, purchasing a portable generator comes with a big price tag. High-end portable generators can cost between \$800-\$1,500, while smaller models can still set you back several hundred.

That's why it's essential to choose the portable generator that's best for your needs. To help you find the best option for you, we looked at over 100 portable generator models and analyzed hundreds of customer and professional reviews.

For most homeowners, our top pick is the Westinghouse Outdoor Power Equipment model, which provides a heavy-duty design with a high wattage level and the ability to charge multiple devices at once. Read our buying guide below for more of our top picks, and be sure to check out our guide to buying generators to learn important information on buying the right generator for your home.

Customers who liked this generator said it was well-designed, came with easy-to-understand instructions, and ran for hours. However, unhappy customers had difficulty getting the machine to move with the wheels, and others claimed the unit did not work with gas, only propane.

"I've had this Generator for six years now, and I have been very pleased with it. Use it for power outages in New Hampshire and it's always worked for me when needed. One fill-up lasts a long time, and powers most things in my house: fridges, freezer, forced hot air heat, lights, computer, Wi-Fi, and a bunch of misc things around the house. Easy to start." -- Sean via Amazon

"Works perfectly on propane! Added two gallons of ethanol-free gas, opened the valve, and the motor did not start. The choke actuates, but it just cranks. I see gas flowing past the filter, but it's either not getting to the carb or something else is not working. The engine fires and runs in gasoline mode with a shot of starting fluid, but it then dies, so it's a fuel problem. Opened a case with Westinghouse." -- jimf909 via Amazon

We found that customers who gave this product a positive review were impressed with its durable design and



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easy startup, noting that it started on the first or second pull. Several others also commented on how quiet the operation was, noting they could barely hear it running. While many were pleased with its performance, opinions were mixed on how loud it is, and some reviewers had difficulty with assembly.

"We use this generator at our cabin, and it works great for us. We are pleased with the low noise when it runs. It can run a long time on a tank of gas. Overall we are very pleased with this generator." -- James B. via Home Depot  
"The power is sufficient. Like most generators of this class, it's extremely noisy, muffler and all." -- HomeDepotCustomer via Home Depot

"Great quality portable generator. Very dependable brand. This generator is replacing a 28-year-old Generac generator that still runs great. The new generator is quieter than the older unit. It has a larger fuel tank. It starts on the first pull. I highly recommend Generac portable generators." -- John Morse via Amazon

"This generator was perfect for our needs. It kept everything on as if grid power was available. In each of those long run times, it sipped gas. It only used about 7-8 gallons fuel in about 22 hours run time. One item of note is the generator is loud. Let your neighbors know you'll be running it during the daytime hours. Be mindful of local noise ordinances." -- nick via Amazon

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