

## Solar energy storage batteries

Home solar battery storage is becoming increasingly popular in Australia to reduce reliance on the grid, save money on electricity bills, and protect against power outages. As of 2023, about 180,000 home storage batteries are installed in Australia, which is expected to grow rapidly in the coming years.

In response to these dynamics, many Australian homeowners are embracing battery storage systems to optimise their energy consumption and reduce reliance on the grid. These systems enable households to store excess solar energy generated during the day and utilise it during peak demand hours or at night, thus enhancing energy self-sufficiency and potentially leading to substantial savings on electricity bills.

Moreover, government incentives, coupled with advancements in battery technology and decreasing installation costs, have fueled the rapid adoption of these systems. While challenges like the initial investment cost and system efficiency during extended cloudy periods remain, the trajectory of home battery storage in Australia points towards a more sustainable and resilient energy future.

Battery capacity is the amount of energy a battery can store. It is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). The battery capacity you need will depend on your household's energy needs, the size of your solar system, and your budget.

In Australia, the average battery capacity is between 10kWh and 14kWh. This is enough to store the energy generated by a 6.6kW to 10kW solar system on a sunny day. However, if you have a larger household or want to store energy for several days, you may need a larger battery.

Depth of discharge (DoD) is the percentage of a battery's capacity used before it is recharged. In Australia, the recommended DoD for deep-cycle batteries is 50-70%. This means that a 100 amp hour battery should only be discharged to 50-70 amp hours before it is recharged. If a battery is discharged to a lower DoD, it will have a shorter lifespan.

A few factors can affect the DoD that can be used in Australia, such as the type of battery, the climate, and how the battery is used. For example, lead-acid batteries are typically discharged to a lower DoD than lithium-ion batteries. Batteries used in hot climates will also need to be discharged to a lower DoD than those used in cold climates. And batteries used for short bursts of power, such as starting a car, can typically be discharged to a lower DoD than batteries used for a steady stream of power, such as powering a solar panel system.

The battery's capacity to produce electricity is expressed in kilowatts. The battery's maximum or peak power is its maximum output at any given time, but this power surge is typically only sustained for brief intervals. Continuous power is the quantity of power delivered when the battery is fully charged.

Cycles or years (typically an estimate based on the projected usual usage of the battery) are two ways to rate the battery's expected life (and its guarantee). The projected capacity level at death should also be included in the lifespan. This will typically be between 60 and 80 per cent of the original capacity for lithium batteries.

Unleash the potential of battery storage! Are you ready to transform the way you power your business or household? Say goodbye to rising electricity costs and unpredictable energy grids. The state-of-the-art battery systems empower you to maximise your energy efficiency, save money, and reduce your carbon footprint while enjoying an uninterrupted power supply.

Let us discuss and choose the best quote that suits your needs and budget, and we can connect you with our trusted local installers, who will provide up to 3 FREE quotes for your business solar and home solar battery system.

The best type of battery for you depends on your budget, needs, and location. A lead-acid battery may be a good choice if you are looking for an affordable and reliable option. A lithium-ion battery may be a better choice if you are looking for the most efficient and lightweight option. And if you are looking for a long-lasting and cost-effective option, a flow battery may be the best choice.

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