



# Can i get a solar panel battery later

Should you buy a solar battery now or later?

Perhaps the best case to make for buying a battery now instead of later is the federal investment tax credit (ITC). If you install a battery with your solar panel system today, you can claim up to 26 percent of those costs as a credit on your federal taxes, which means a credit of around \$4,000 for the average battery system.

Should I add a battery to my solar panel system?

By storing solar electricity onsite in a battery, you can avoid pulling expensive electricity from the grid when your solar panel system isn't generating enough power to meet your needs (like at night). Resiliency is another good reason to add a battery to your solar panel system.

How much does it cost to install solar panels and battery?

It is easier and cheaper to install the panels and battery at the same time. But if you've already installed solar panels and want to add storage, you can: The battery will cost anywhere from \$12,000 to \$22,000. Ask your solar installer if they can add a battery to your system.

Should I Retrofit batteries to my solar system?

Retrofitting batteries to an existing solar system isn't overly complicated, but it's a bit more hassle than getting it all set up at once. It might be worth considering it now to streamline the process and potentially save on overall costs. I was in a similar boat when I wanted to add batteries to my solar setup.

Should I add battery backup to my solar system?

Electricity prices are increasing, severe weather is becoming the norm and grid infrastructure is growing older as the demand for electricity escalates. Adding battery backup to an existing solar system can help you protect your home and your loved ones against events that are beyond your control.

Can you add a battery to a solar-plus-storage system?

Going back and adding a battery later isn't always an easy "plug and play" process - depending on the circumstance, upgrading to a solar-plus-storage system may involve swapping certain solar panel system components for new, battery-friendly alternatives. Plus, some batteries are much easier to retrofit onto a solar panel system than others.



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