



# Solar battery run time calculator

How long does it take to recharge a solar panel?

Recharge time will be  $5000\text{Wh}/1400\text{W} = 3.5$  hours. Calculating battery recharge time is important when you are buying solar panels. It's a good idea to set up a solar array that can recharge your solar generator or battery bank in less than a day. That ensures that by evening, you have a full battery that you can use at night.

How to calculate battery runtime?

Enter total output load in watts: If your appliance has an output load mentioned in amps, convert it into watts by multiplying the amps by the given volts of appliance. Enter "Calculate Battery Runtime" button to get the result. Ready for calculation? Let's dive in!

How many hours can a solar generator run?

The usable capacity is actually  $400\text{Wh}$  (80% of  $500\text{Wh}$ ). Recalculating the solar generator run time ( $400\text{Wh}/50\text{Wh}$ ), we get 8 hours. Note: If we connect the mini fridge via the AC outlet, the runtime could be slightly lower than this because the inverter is not 100% efficient.

How long does a solar generator last?

To calculate how long the solar generator will last when the mini fridge is plugged in, we divide the battery capacity with the power consumption of the appliance -  $500\text{Wh}/50\text{Wh} = 10$  hours. We could power our fridge for 10 hours straight. Our solar generator has a lithium battery that discharges to 80%. So in reality, we don't have a  $500\text{Wh}$  capacity.

How long does it take to charge a solar generator?

If we want to charge our solar generator in less time, we can get an additional  $100\text{W}$  solar panel. With  $200\text{W}$  of total output now, recharge time reduces to 2.8 hours ( $400\text{Wh}/140\text{W}$ ). Remember the real life output of the two solar panels will probably be  $140\text{W}$  to  $160\text{W}$  (70-80%).

How long does it take to charge a solar array?

Going with the standard 50% depth of discharge of lead acid batteries, you'll need to add  $5\text{kWh}$  to the batteries to get them to 100%. If you set up a solar array that outputs  $2000\text{W}$  ( $2\text{kW}$ ), actual average output will be  $1400$ - $1600\text{W}$ . Let's go with  $1400\text{W}$ . Recharge time will be  $5000\text{Wh}/1400\text{W} = 3.5$  hours.



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