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If you're a homeowner or landlord, and are looking to make the most out of your solar PV panels, our domestic battery storage systems can help you maximise your panel's capacity. Using stored energy in non-producing conditions (at night or raining), can dramatically reduce your electricity bills and costs, giving your home greater energy independence. Here at Solar Voltaics, we're able to install solar battery storage as a standalone service, or what we'd recommend, as a total package including solar panels and inverters to those on the south coast.

We offer two of the most advanced battery systems on the market – Tesla Powerwall 2, Givenergy and a SolaX option for homes that have a three-phase supply to manage surplus solar power. Not only do they have excellent storage capacity and warranties, but they are designed to integrate with smart energy tariffs such as Octopus Agile and Octopus Go. By pairing these batteries with a 'time of use' tariff, you can significantly cut down on your energy costs.

With a number of storage systems on the market, we have selected the Tesla Powerwall 2 and Givenergy as our advanced battery system choices – these systems are renowned for their extensive storage capacity and durable warranties, and are compatible with smart energy plans such as Octopus Agile and Octopus Go.

Powerwall's lithium ion battery inherits Tesla's proven automotive battery technology to power your home safely and economically. An integrated inverter reduces external components, which simplifies and lowers installation costs. Powerwall is a completely automated system that requires no maintenance. The Tesla Powerwall 2 AC is a fully integrated AC battery system for residential or light commercial use. Its rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack provides energy storage for solar self-consumption, load shifting and backup power.

Hybrid inverters are ideal when installing solar and battery storage at the same time. The hybrid inverter converts DC power from the solar panels into AC mains power, but also manages when to charge and discharge the battery. Because all this happens in one unit it reduces the overall cost of the system whilst maintaining high efficiencies.

AC Coupled inverters are ideal where a solar PV system is already installed with an existing inverter. The addition of the AC coupled coupled inverter is purely for managing the battery charge and discharge.

The solar PV system on your roof will generate electricity during the day that you can use in your home. Without a means of storing that solar electricity, any surplus energy that you don"t use is "exported" to the local grid. During times when the panels are no longer generating (or not generating enough for your needs),

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you need to buy electricity back from your electricity supplier.

If you have a medium to high consumption of energy, it is likely that a battery alongside your solar will be beneficial. We use our software to calculate how much of the battery you will use with your property"s consumption and can compare what your usage would be with and without a battery. You can then decide which system will work best for you and your energy consumption.

Most batteries that we install are rated as IP65, meaning they can be installed outdoors. However they should have a canopy over them to protect them from the elements. They can also be installed inside your property on a wall. They ideally need 300mm clearance around them for ventilation and cooling as well as access for any future maintenance. Dimensions of the batteries can be found on the datasheets.

Despite expectations, some storage systems will not provide power during a power-cut. Some solar battery storage systems however do have an "off-grid" functionality, providing a limited amount of power to your home, or to essential equipment (such as your fridge-freezer, lighting etc). But a battery may run out of power before the power cut ends - or have already run out of power if it"s been discharging all evening and the power outage starts late at night or early in the morning. If you require your battery storage system to provide power during power-cuts it is important to talk this through with us from the outset as the system will need to be carefully designed and set-up to your specific requirements.

A battery"s efficient lifetime depends on the technology and the way the battery is used - significantly on the number of "cycles" (complete full battery charge and discharge) that they undergo. Manufacturers generally give an expected lifetime in years and / or in "charge-discharge cycles".

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