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A solar battery costs \$8,000 to \$16,000 installed on average before tax credits. Solar battery prices are \$6,000 to \$13,000+ for the unit alone, depending on the capacity, type, and brand. A home solar battery storage system connects to solar panels to store energy and provide backup power in an outage.

Solar battery prices are \$6,000 to \$13,000 on average or \$600 to \$1,000 per kWh for the unit alone, depending on the capacity, type, and brand. Batteries with more than 25 kWh capacity for whole-house backup can exceed \$25,000, not including installation.

The following factors impact the cost of a solar battery:

**Energy capacity (kWh)** - Energy capacity is the amount of power the battery can store and is the biggest factor in the battery's price. Larger capacity batteries cost more but can power more appliances or provide backup power for a longer period of time.

**Peak power** is the amount of energy the battery can provide for a short time to handle the initial surge required by most large appliances.

**Continuous power** is the amount of energy the battery can steadily supply.

**Round-trip efficiency** -- Round-trip efficiency is the percentage of energy stored in the battery that may be retrieved later. The higher the battery's round-trip efficiency, the less energy is lost in the storage and transfer process.

**Depth of Discharge (DoD)** - The Depth of Discharge is the maximum percentage of the battery that can be discharged relative to its total capacity before recharging is recommended. Look for a battery with a maximum DoD of 90% or more.

**Battery chemistry** - The two most commonly used battery types for residential use are lithium iron phosphate and nickel manganese cobalt, both based on lithium-ion chemistry. Lead-acid batteries are a cheaper but less efficient alternative.

**Nickel manganese cobalt (NMC)** - NMC batteries have a lower upfront cost, can better withstand colder temperatures, and have a high energy density--the ability to store a large amount of energy while taking up less space. However, they have a shorter lifespan and aren't as safe as LFP batteries.

**Lead-acid** - Lead-acid batteries have been on the market the longest and are cheaper than LFP or NMC batteries but are less efficient, have a lower capacity and short lifespan, and require more frequent

maintenance.

Alternating current (AC) batteries cost more but can be used with any solar panel system, are easier to install when retrofitting an existing solar panel system, and can be charged from solar panels or the grid. However, AC systems are less efficient.

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