

Solar battery life time

How long do solar batteries last?

Solar batteries don't last as long as solar panels because they degrade more quickly. A solar panel's main components - aluminium, glass, plastic, and silicon - will all outlast the panel itself, and can be recycled once it's dismantled. A battery's components simply last for less time - though as we've covered above, the technology is improving.

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After all, with solar panels typically lasting 30-40 years, you'll want to know how many battery systems you'll have to buy to match your panels' lifespan. We'll run through the average lifespan of different types of solar batteries, the factors that contribute to these figures, and how you can extend your battery's lifespan.

What happens when a solar battery reaches its useful life?

A solar battery reaches its useful life when it fails to meet its nominated percentage of storage capacity eg. 60%. The battery will continue to degrade, and it may be able to function at lower percentages, but it is deemed to have reached its useful life. Solar batteries degrade far more, and faster, than solar panels do.

How long does a battery last?

The table shows that the battery will reach its energy throughput limit after 2,946 full cycles. If we assume the battery is cycled once per day, this equates to 8.07 years. Of course, you may not fully discharge your battery every time, and you may not cycle it once per day, you may cycle it less, or far more.

How often should you run a solar battery?

Running too few or too many cycles can be detrimental to your battery's lifespan. A single cycle per day is a normal rate for a household with solar panels, though if you're on one of the best export tariffs, check with your installer if it'd be more profitable to run two cycles.

Are solar panels better than batteries?

Batteries have a far shorter expected lifespan than solar panels. Solar panels are expected to last 25 years and may well last longer. If you buy a hybrid system, you may need to replace your battery storage unit two or three times before you consider replacing your solar panels.

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