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Estimating Power Needs: Portable Generators

The more watts your portable generator produces, the more items you can power at the same time. The wattage reference chart at right contains examples of what you can power with a portable generator. Use the chart and the following steps to help you determine how powerful your portable generator should be.

- Select items from the chart that you would like to power at the same time. Fill in the RUNNING WATTS and ADDITIONAL STARTING WATTS requirements in the "Your Power Needs" Section.
- 2 Total the RUNNING WATTS of the items you wish to power at one time. Enter this number in the TOTAL RUNNING WATTS box.
- Identify the ONE INDIVIDUAL ITEM on your list with the highest number of additional starting watts. Enter this item's additional starting watts. Add it to the RUNNING WATTS of the other items listed, and enter that number in the TOTAL STARTING WATTS box.

Tool or Appliance			Additional Starting (Surge) Watte
1. Refrigerator/Freezer		700	2200
2. 1/2 HP Furnace Fan		800	2350
3. Deep Freezer		500	1500
4. Television		500	-
5. Lights (6 x 75 watts)		450	l –
With this example you need a generator that produces at least 2950 total running watts and 4500 total starting watts.	RUNNING WATTS HIGHEST ADDITIONAL STARTING WATTS +		2950
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	STARTIN	TOTAL IG WATTS =	4500

Your Power Needs

Tool or Appliance	Additional Starting (Surge) Watts
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TOTAL RUNNING WATTS	
HIGHEST ADDITIONAL STARTING WATTS +	
TOTAL STARTING WATTS =	

GENERAC* Needs:

Tool or Appliance		Additional Starting (Surge) Watts
HOME		4. 4. 4.5. 9
Essentials		-
Light Bulb - 60 Watt	60	0
Light Bulb – 75 Watt	75	0
Deep Freezer	500	1500
Sump Pump 1/3 HP	800	1300
Well Pump 1/2 HP	1000	2100
Electric Water Heater	4000	0
Heating / Cooling	1000	
Space Heater Humidifier – 13 Gal	1800 175	0
Furnace Fan Blower – 1/2 HP	800	2350
Furnace Fan Blower – 1/3 HP	700	1400
Window AC – 10,000 BTU	1200	3600
Window AC - 12,000 BTU	3250	9750
Central AC - 10,000 BTU	1500	4500
Central AC - 24,000 BTU	3800	11400
Heat Pump	4700	4500
Laundry Room		
ron	1200	0
Washing Machine	1150	2250
Clothes Dryer – Electric	5400	6750
Clothes Dryer – Gas	700	1800
Kitchen		
Refrigerator/Freezer	700	2200
Microwave Oven - 625 Watts	625	0
Microwave Oven - 1000 Watts	1000	0
Coffee Maker	1000	0
Electric Stove – 8 in. Element	2100	0
Dishwasher - Hot Dry	1500	1500
Food Processor Toaster Oven	400	0
	1200	0
Toaster Electric Can Opener	850 168	0
Family Room	100	0
VCR	100	0
Stereo Receiver	450	0
Color TV – 27 in.	500	0
Video Game System	40	0
Other		
Security System	500	0
1/2 HP Garage Door Opener	875	2350
Hair Dryer – 1250 Watts	1250	0
Curling Iron	1500	0
WORK		
DIY / Jobsite		·
Quartz Halogen Work Light	1000	0
Airless Sprayer – 1/3 HP	600	1200
Reciprocating Saw	960	0
Electric Drill - 3/8 in., 4 Amps	440	600
Electric Drill – 1/2 in., 5.4 Amps	600	900
Circular Saw – 7 1/4 in.	1400	2300
Belt Sander Air Compressor – 1/4 HP	1200	
Air Compressor – 1/4 HP Air Compressor – 1 HP	975 1600	1600 4500
Office Equipment	1 1000 .	4500
Computer w/17 in. Monitor	800	0
Fax Machine	65	0
Laser Printer	950	0
Copy Machine	1600	0
PLAY	, ,,,,,,	· • •
Tailgating / Camping		
Electric Grill	1650	0
AM/FM Radio	100	0
CD/DVD Player	100	0
Box Fan	200	0