

GENERATOR Purchase Decision Guide

RUNNING (Rated) Watts vs. SURGE (Starting) Watts

- **RUNNING** (rated) watts produced by a generator represents the amount of continuous power output
- **SURGE** (starting) watts produced by a generator represents the amount of temporary bursts of power output required by common tools and appliances for 2-3 seconds during start up.

Generator Energy Conversions

When calculating power requirements use the following:

- **Volts x Amps** = Watts
- Amps / Watts = Volts
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Generator Wattage Selection Guide

- Using the Generator Wattage Reference Chart, select the items you wish to power at the same time. Write the corresponding **RUNNING** (Rated) watts and **SURGE** (Starting) Watts in the designated wattage worksheet columns below.
- Add up the **RUNNING** Watts of the items you wish to power at the same time and enter the total in the **Total** Running Watts space (A).
- Select the individual tool or appliance with the highest number of **SURGE** (Starting) watts. Enter this number in the 8 Total SURGE Watt space (B). Add the numbers in Spaces (A) & (B). Write your Total Watts Required in space (C).

EXAMPLE ONLY						
TOOL OR APPLIANCE	RUNNING	SURGE				
TOOL OR APPLIANCE	WATTS	WATTS				
1. Refrigerator	200	1200				
2. Television	300	300				
3. Lights (7 x 75 watts)	525	525				
4. Furnace Fan 1/4HP	600	1000				
5. Microwave - 800 watt	1300	1400				
6. Radio	200	200				
7. Laptop Computer	250	250				
8						
9						
10						

(A) 3375 1400 Highest Total **SURGE WATT** RUNNING **WATTS** Item

(C)

(A) + (B) = Total Watts Required

4775

Using the example above, you should purchase a generator with a SURGE (Starting) Watts rating of 4775 Watts or

YOUR GENERATOR POWER NEEDS						
TOOL OR APPLIANCE	RUNNING	SURGE				
	WATTS	WATTS				
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9						
9						
10						
	(A)	(B)				
	-	+				
	Total	Highest				
	RUNNING	SURGE WATT				
	WATTS	Item				
		(C)				
(A) + (B) = Total Watts Re						

Complete the chart above using the **Wattage Selection Guide Instructions to** determine the Generator wattage requirements for your applications.



WATTAGE GUIDE

HOME	RUNNING (Rated) Watts	SURGE (Starting) Watts	FARM & SHOP	RUNNING (Rated) Watts	SURGE (Starting) Watts
HEATING & COOLING			Air Compressor 2HP	2000	3900
Air Conditioner-Window 10,000 BTU	1500	2200	Battery Charger - 15 Amp	380	380
Air Conditioner-Window 13,000 BTU	1800	2800	Battery Charger-60A +250A	1500/5800	1500/5800
Air Conditioner-Central 10,000 BTU	1500	3000	Battery Charger-100A +300A	2400/7800	2400/7800
Air Conditioner-Central 24,000 BTU	3800	5000	Cooler - Walk In	1100	1800
Air Conditioner-Central 40,000 BTU	6000	6700	Electric Fencing - 25 miles	250	250
Fan - Box Type - 20"	120	180	Milker - 2HP	1000	2300
Fan - Ceiling Type	800	1200	Space Heater(Gas)50,000 вти	400	600
Furnace Fan-(Gas or Fuel Oil)-1/4HP	600	1000	Space Heater(Gas)90,000 вти	500	750
Furnace Fan-(Gas or Fuel Oil)-1/2HP	875	2350	Space Heater(Gas)150,000 BTU	600	1000
Radiant Heater	1300	1300	Welder - 200 Amp AC	9000	9000
HOUSEHOLD - GENERAL			JOB SITE		
Cell Phone Charger	25	25	Air Compressor 1 HP	1600	4500
Gaming Systems - XBOX, Playstation	40	40	Belt Sander	1200	2400
DVD Player	350	350	Circular Saw 7-1/4 inch	1400	2300
Electric Blanket	150	150	Concrete Vibrator 2HP	1560	1560
Garage Door Opener	700	1400	Concrete Mixer - 1HP	1000	3000
Hair Dryer	1800	1900	Demolition Hammer	1260	1260
Hot Water Heater - Electric	4500	4500	Drain Cleaner	250	250
Incandescent Light -75 W	75	75	Drill 1/2 inch, 5.4 Amp	900	900
Radio	200	200	Miter Saw - 10 inch	1800	1800
Sump Pump 1/2HP	1050	2150	Paint Sprayer - Airless	600	1200
Satellite Receiver	250	250	Planer / Jointer - 6 inch	1800	1800
Security System	500	500	Rotary Hammer Drill	1200	3000
Television	300	300	Table Saw - 10 inch	1800	4500
VCR	100	100	Work Light - Halogen 1000W	1000	1000
KITCHEN & LAUNDRY			OFFICE		
Blender	400	850	Desktop Computer	800	800
Coffee Maker	600	600	Fax Machine	800	800
Deep Freezer	500	1500	Laptop Computer	250	250
Dryer Electric	5400	6750	Monitor - LCD	30	30
Dryer Natural Gas	700	2000	Printer	600	600
Dishwasher	250	550	RECREATIONAL		
Frying pan	1500	1500			
Microwave Oven 650 watt	1000	1200	CD/DVD Player	100	100
Microwave Oven 1000 watt	1500	1750	Cell Phone Charger	25	25
Refrigerator or Freezer	200	1200	Grill - Electric	1650	1650
Slow Cooker	200	200	Inflator Pump Rafts/Mattress		150
Toaster Oven	1200	1200	Lighting-Outdoor String Type	250	250
Washing Machine	1200	1200	TV Portable - 13 inch	150	150