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The LG RESU Prime is a DC-coupled system that requires the installation of a separate hybrid inverter and is best for new solar installations.

When installed with a new solar system, the RESU Prime will add between \$7,000 and \$9,000 to the cost of the installation.

The LG Home 8 battery is a newer AC-coupled battery that is best for adding to existing solar installations.

The Home 8 comes in one size, with 14.4 kWh of storage and 7.5 kW maximum continuous output.

The LG Home 8 system, fully installed and including an inverter and smart panel, will cost around \$18,500.

Both the LG ESS RESU batteries and the LG Home 8 are good batteries from a well-known brand. If your installer is offering them exclusively and you feel that the price is right, they are fine choices.

That being said, we don't think that either of these batteries is among the best solar batteries on the market. Our top picks include the Enphase IQ 5P, the Tesla Powerwall 3, and the Panasonic Evervolt.

Many American consumers know LG for its home appliances. The brand now offers two lines of home solar batteries: the RESU Prime and Home 8.

The RESU Prime line of batteries is older and offered by LG Energy Solution, a subsidiary of LG Chem, which also makes battery cells for carmakers like Toyota, GM, Ford, and Volkswagen. RESU Prime batteries are very affordable and best for a new solar+storage installation because they have to be connected to a hybrid inverter to work.

The LG Home 8 battery is newer and offered directly by LG Electronics, the same company that makes consumer electronics and appliances. Because it is connected to a home's AC power system, the Home 8 is better for people who already have solar panels but want to add battery storage. However, the Home 8 is much more expensive than the RESU Prime line.

The RESU Prime and LG Home 8 are designed to meet different needs. Here is a quick look at the most important features of each LG solar battery:

Approximate retail cost (pre-installation)

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