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This easy-to-use inverter sizing calculator helps you find your perfect AC power ...

As you know, nowadays, batteries have become an essential part of our daily lives, as they store energy and provide it during outages, at night, or in remote areas where there is no grid supply. Remember, the batteries can only store DC energy, which can't power up our house or other appliances we usually use, like mobile devices, fans, refrigerators, and more. This is where the concept of power inverter arises.

An inverter is a dedicated device designed to convert DC energy into AC power. This AC power is then supplied to run most of our home appliances. The demand for home-based backup power solutions is increasing every other day. The reason behind this fact is the rising popularity of solar energy, remote living, and the increasing number of power outages in the US and around the world.

Different inverter sizes are available in the market. Don't buy one until you know the right size. To know more about how to find and select the right size power inverter for home, read this article carefully, as it covers everything you need to know about this subject.

The inverter size depends on the number of appliances or gadgets you want to run with it during outages or outdoor activities. If you want to power up more appliances, you will need a bigger inverter.

To calculate or determine what size inverter can meet your energy requirements, you need to calculate the total power of all the appliances you want to run with the inverter. Here is how you can do it.

Step 2: Look at the power consumption of all appliances and add them to get the total wattage. You can see the power consumption of different appliances (as shown in the image below) on their nameplates or user manuals provided by the manufacturer.

Note: Remember, the power of appliances with motors (like fans, refrigerators, air conditioners, and water pumps) is divided into two categories: starting wattage and running wattage. The starting wattage is the power consumed by any appliance while starting, whereas the running wattage is the power consumed continuously during routine operations. The starting wattage is usually three times greater than the running wattage.

Step 3: Once you know the power of each appliance, multiply the calculated power by the number of hours for which you want to run an appliance. It will give you the daily Wh (watt-hour) consumption of each appliance.

Step 4: Note the peak starting wattage of motor-powered devices, such as refrigerators and pumps. It is crucial to consider this power to calculate the right size of power inverter.

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Step 5: Once you calculate the total power of all appliances and the peak power of motor-based appliances, don't forget to add a margin of 20% to 25% power to the final answer. Doing this makes sure that the inverter can manage unplanned power needs or unexpected surges.

Now that you know the total power you need to run the whole house or the preferred devices. It is time to determine the number and type of batteries to support the inverter and run the desired appliances. The battery capacity refers to the amount of electric charge a battery can provide in one hour. Simply put, the amount of energy a battery can store is known as its capacity. The capacity is mostly measured in Ah (amp-hours).

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