How much generator POWER do you need?

To select a generator that has enough power output in watts, add the wattage for the items you want to simultaneously run. Tools and appliances with induction motors may require 3-7 times the listed wattage when starting. All data listed is approximate - check your tool/appliance for specific wattage requirements.

Household		
Appliance	Starting Watts	Running Watts
Dishwasher		
Cool Dry	1,400	700
Electric Range		
6-inch element	0	1,500
Microwave Oven		
(625 Watts)	800	625
Refrigerator		
or Freezer	2,200	700
Automatic Washer	2,300	1,150
Clothes Dryer	2,300	1,130
Gas	1,800	1,800
Electric	700	5,750
Garage Door	, , , ,	57.55
Opener		
1/4 HP	1,100	550
Furnace Fan,		
gas or fuel oil		
1/4 HP	1,000	600
Lights	0	As Indicated
Radio	0	50-200
Well Pump		
1/3 HP	1,400	750
Sump Pump	,	
1/3 HP	1,300	800
Central Air		
Conditional		
20,000 BTU	3,300	2,500

Farm Equipment		
Machine	Starting Watts	Running Watts
Portable Conveyor (1/2 HP)	3,400	1,000
Milker - Vacuum Pump(2 HP)	10,500	2,800
Farm Duty Motors (e.g. Conveyors, Feed Augers, Air Compressors, Etc.) 1-1/2 HP	8,200	2,200
Washer (2 gal/min) 550 PSI	4,500	1,400

Contractor Tools		
Tool	Starting	
1001	Watts	Watts
Handrill		
1/2 inch	350	350
Circular Saw		
8-1/4 inch	1,400	1,400
Table Saw		
10 inch	6,300	1,800
Band Saw		
14 inch	2,500	1,800
Air Compressor		
1-1/2 HP	8,200	2,200
Electric Chain Saw		
2 HP, 14 in.	1,100	1,100
Plasma Cutter		
27 amp, 230 volt, 3/8 in. cut	3,500	3,500
Millermatic® 210 MIG Welder		
30 - 210 amps, 230 volt		
1 /	6,500	6,500
Flood Lights		
Vapor	1,250	1,000
Submersible Pump		
(400 gph)	600	200
Centrifugal Pump		
(900 gph)	900	500
High Pressure		
Washer	6,100	1,600
1 HP	0,100	1,000
Wet Dry Vac		
(1.7 HP)	900	900

Industrial Motors		
Motor	Starting Watts	Running Watts
Split Phase 1/2 HP	3,175	875
Capacitor Start - Induction Run 1-1/2 HP	8,200	2,200
Capacitor Start - Capacitor Run 1-1/2 HP Fan 1/2 HP	8,100 3,500	2,000