



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **How big an inverter should I use for 85 volts**



## Overview

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Before we go any further, we highly recommend that you choose a pure sine wave inverter. This type of inverter delivers high-quality electricity, similar to your utility company. This way, none of your appliance.

### What size inverter do I Need?

Inverters come in different sizes starting from as little as 125 watts. The typical inverter sizes used for residential and commercial applications are between 1 and 10kW with 3 and 5kW sizes being the most common. With such an array of options, how do you find the right size for you?

An inverter works best when close to its capacity.

### What are the different solar inverter sizes?

Solar generators range in size from small generators for short camping trips to large off-grid power systems for a boat or house. Consequently, inverter sizes vary greatly. During our research, we discovered that most inverters range in size from 300 watts up to over 3000 watts. In this article, we guide you through the different inverter sizes.

### How to calculate inverter size?

Using the Inverter Size Calculator is quick and easy. You'll need three inputs: Total Wattage (W): This is the total power consumption of all the appliances or devices you plan to run through the inverter. Safety Factor: A multiplier to ensure some buffer above your actual power requirement. Typically ranges from 1.1 to 1.5.

### How much power does an inverter need?

For example, if your total running wattage is 2200W and your surge wattage adds another 400W, your total power requirement is 2600W. Inverters typically operate at an efficiency of around 85%-95%. To ensure your inverter can handle your total load, divide your total power consumption by the inverter's efficiency.

## How many Watts Does a solar inverter use?

Depending on where they fall in that band and the size of their solar array, they will likely use a 3, 5, or 10kW inverter. You also need to consider surge watts and voltage drop. Surge watts are the extra power required to start appliances that have motors, such as refrigerators and air conditioners.

## How to choose a power inverter?

Second, select an inverter. For this example, you will need a power inverter capable of handling 4500 watts. The continuous power requirement is actually 2250 but when sizing an inverter, you have to plan for the start up so the inverter can handle it. Third, you need to decide how long you want to run 2250 watts.

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