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PORTABLE GENERATORS and what you need to know

Frequently asked questions

What is the difference between rated watts and maximum (surge) watts?

Rated watts describe the amount of power the portable generator can produce continuously. Maximum wattage is the power that the generator can produce for short periods of time. Motor starting is a good example of maximum wattage requirements.

What type of oil is recommended? How often should it be changed?

Above 40°F, use SAE 30. Below 40°F and down to 10°F, use 10W-30. Below 10°F, use synthetic 5W-30. Oil should be changed after the first 8 hours of operation and every 200 hours of run time thereafter.

What type of gasoline is recommended?

Use clean, fresh unleaded gasoline with a minimum 85 octane rating. Blue Ridge Security recommends using pure gasoline instead of gas-ethanol blend.

How often should I perform routine maintenance?

The maintenance schedule for your Generac portable generator is in the owner's manual.



Does the portable generator need to be grounded?

Yes. For safety, the generator must be properly grounded. If it's not grounded, you run the risk of electrocution. We strongly recommend that you check and adhere to all applicable federal, state and local regulations relating to grounding.

Should the fuel be drained when storing the portable generator for more than 30 days?

Yes. It is highly recommended that you drain the fuel from the tank and run the carburetor dry. OHVI engines meet EPA and CARB regulations and are less tolerant of stale fuel.

Can I vent the exhaust out of an enclosed area?

No. Never run the generator in the home or an enclosed area. Portable generators are designed to run outside where there is plenty of ventilation.

Can the generator be used during inclement weather?

Generators can be used during a wide variety of weather temperatures, but should be protected from the elements when not in use to prevent shorting and rusting. NEVER run a generator indoors.

Where can I purchase parts?

Parts can be purchased through Blue Ridge Security Systems.

Where do I go to have warranty repairs performed? Blue Ridge Security Systems is an authorized Generac dealer. Service can be performed at our office in Anderson, SC.



As colder weather and the threat of ice approaches, remember that Blue Ridge Security offers a complete line of permanent installed standby generators. Please visit our website for a complete list of our products and services.

SAFETY TIPS

Once you have purchased a generator, always read the Owner's Manual. Carefully follow all instructions and warnings in order to safely start and operate the generator. These tips are merely supplemental and are not intended to be a substitute for reading the Owner's Manual.

NEVER RUN A GENERATOR INDOORS or in partially enclosed areas such as garages. **ONLY** use outdoors and far from windows, doors, vents, crawl spaces and in an area where adequate ventilation is available and will not accumulate deadly exhaust gas.

Do not overfill the fuel tank. Always allow room for fuel expansion. Never add fuel while unit is running or hot.

Avoid coming into contact with a hot generator. Many generator parts are hot enough to burn you during operation and while the generator is cooling after turning off.

Do not connect your generator directly to your home's wiring or into a regular household outlet.

Do not overload the generator. Overloading your generator can seriously damage your valuable appliances and electronics. Do not operate more appliances and equipment than the output rating of the generator. Prioritize your needs. A portable electric generator should be used only when necessary, and only to power essential equipment.

Plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load. Overloaded cords can cause fires or equipment damage. Do not use extension cords with exposed wires or worn shielding.

The generator must be properly grounded. If the generator is not grounded, you run the risk of electrocution. We strongly recommend that you check and adhere to all applicable federal, state and local regulations relating to grounding.

Keep children away from portable generators at all times.

For further information, contact Blue Ridge Security Systems at 888-407-SAFE (7233)
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Do you know what the weakest link in any security system is? It's the standard phone line. Without that link, communication is lost between your home or business and the monitoring center. Blue Ridge Security Systems offers you a number of options so that your protection is assured; from detection and control to communication and response.

How It Works

BlueLink24 is a fast, reliable, highly dependable digital security network. The alarm signal reaches our monitoring center in five seconds or less. No other system comes close!

BlueLink24 provides communication through a number of options including radio, cellular and network.

BlueLink24's exclusive smart-routing technology is more like an electronic net. It provides many paths for your alarm signal to travel, ensuring that it gets through...every time!

Why BlueLink24

- It is your alarm communication link. The system links your alarm system directly to our local monitoring station without wires or telephone lines.
- It is a perfect fit for customers who have chosen to abandon traditional wired phones in favor of cellular communication. Plus, you can change your carrier without affecting your alarm system monitoring.
- It provides reliability. BlueLink24 is not affected by weather, accidents and natural disasters.

Blue Ridge Security Employees LIVE UNITED

Blue Ridge Security employees have something to be very proud of! The final results of the Anderson County United Way campaign are in, and for the fifth straight year Blue Ridge Security has 100% Fair Share giving committing \$21,979.04. These donations will be used to support local charities throughout the county. The company's own Leigh Snow is serving as Cabinet Chair for this year's Anderson County campaign. Employees



responded well to Leigh's leadership! This is just one avenue through which Blue Ridge employees continue to display their commitment and dedication to the community where they live and work.

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