

Comparison of Lithium battery vs Edison's battery

	Powerwall 2	NiFe 150	NiFe 200	NiFe 250	NiFe 400	NiFe 500	NiFe 1,200																																																
Volts per battery	?	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2																																																
Number of batteries	1	40	40	40	40	40	40																																																
Voltage of bank	?	48	48	48	48	48	48																																																
Ah of battery	?	150	200	250	400	500	1,200																																																
Watts of battery bank	14,000	7,200	9,600	12,000	19,200	24,000	57,600																																																
Watts available	13,500	7,200	9,600	12,000	19,200	24,000	57,600																																																
Required capacity in watts	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000																																																
Depth of discharge	52%	97%	73%	58%	36%	29%	12%																																																
Bank sizing based on depth of discharge	13,500	7,200	9,600	12,000	19,200	24,000	57,600																																																
Unused capacity in watts	6,500	200	2,600	5,000	12,200	17,000	50,600																																																
Efficiency in storing energy	95%	85%	85%	85%	80%	80%	70%																																																
Additional energy required due to poor efficiency in watts	675	1,080	1,440	1,800	3,840	4,800	17,280																																																
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"> <p>2.2 long cycle life ni-fe battery has a long cycle life even when the charge/discharge cycle involves 100% depth of discharge</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Typical cycle life versus DOD(20°C)</p> </div> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Repeat purchases</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total number of purchase cycles</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost per battery</td> <td>\$8,510</td> <td>\$120</td> <td>\$110</td> <td>\$113</td> <td>\$160</td> <td>\$200</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Initial cost</td> <td>\$8,510</td> <td>\$4,800</td> <td>\$4,400</td> <td>\$4,520</td> <td>\$6,400</td> <td>\$8,000</td> <td>\$16,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expected cycles per purchase</td> <td>3,200</td> <td>1,095</td> <td>1,278</td> <td>2,555</td> <td>5,475</td> <td>6,023</td> <td>9,855</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expected cycles for all purchases</td> <td>9,600</td> <td>1,095</td> <td>1,278</td> <td>2,555</td> <td>5,475</td> <td>6,023</td> <td>9,855</td> </tr> </table> </div>								Repeat purchases	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Total number of purchase cycles	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	Cost per battery	\$8,510	\$120	\$110	\$113	\$160	\$200	\$400	Initial cost	\$8,510	\$4,800	\$4,400	\$4,520	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$16,000	Expected cycles per purchase	3,200	1,095	1,278	2,555	5,475	6,023	9,855	Expected cycles for all purchases	9,600	1,095	1,278	2,555	5,475	6,023	9,855
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Cost per kWh of solar energy	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03																																																
Assumes 4.5-peak sun hours, 25-years of operation, 10-kW size, 25% losses, total cost \$1 / watt																																																							
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Additional energy required due to battery inefficiencies per cycle kWh	0.675	1.08	1.44	1.8	3.84	4.8	17.28																																																
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kWh purchased	14	7.2	9.6	12	19.2	24	57.6																																																
Cost of all purchases	\$25,530	\$4,800	\$4,400	\$4,520	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$16,000																																																
Cost per kWh purchased	\$1,824	\$667	\$458	\$377	\$333	\$333	\$278																																																
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Cost of all purchases + unused energy + inefficiencies	\$27,767	\$4,846	\$4,568	\$5,084	\$9,252	\$12,263	\$37,722																																																
Cost per kWh purchased including unused energy & inefficiencies	\$1,983	\$673	\$476	\$424	\$482	\$511	\$655																																																
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Cost per cycle including purchase, unused energy, & inefficiencies	\$2.89	\$4.43	\$3.58	\$1.99	\$1.69	\$2.04	\$3.83																																																
Cost of all purchases + unused energy + inefficiencies	\$27,767	\$4,846	\$4,568	\$5,084	\$9,252	\$12,263	\$37,722																																																
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Cost per kWh stored including unused energy & inefficiencies	\$0.214	\$0.615	\$0.372	\$0.166	\$0.088	\$0.085	\$0.066																																																

Prices for NiFe battery cells were obtained here:

hengmingbattery.en.made-in-china.com

Please notice that some prices make no sense per NiFe battery; however, I do not doubt that some of them are approximately correct.

Furthermore, these prices are still missing shipping costs, shipping insurance costs, import taxes, sales taxes, and installation costs.

Battery with retail shops that will import NiFe batteries will be higher.

I have tried to adjust the table based on the NiFe charts for cycles and efficiency.

Tesla Powerwall 2 prices were obtained from Tesla's US website. This includes a Federal tax credit of almost \$3,000, and it includes installation expenses of the Powerwall 2 and a Gateway. Without the tax credit the total cost would be \$11,500. In reality, I doubt a buyer of the Powerwall would buy it without a Gateway or the installation for both devices.