

B&D; Battery Backup Kit for Garage Door Openers — Complete Guide

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When the power goes out, your garage door opener stops working. For many Australian homes where the garage is the primary entry point, this means you're either locked out or locked in. Power outages from storms, grid failures, planned maintenance, or bushfire-related shutdowns can leave you stranded at the worst possible time.

The **B&D; Battery Backup Kit** solves this problem by providing seamless backup power to your B&D; garage door opener. When mains power fails, the battery backup automatically takes over, allowing you to continue opening and closing your garage door as normal — using your remote, keypad, wall button, or smartphone.

When a Battery Backup Matters Most

- **Storm season** — Severe weather knocks out power across Australia regularly, especially during summer thunderstorms and cyclone season in northern regions - **Bushfire zones** — Planned power shutdowns in high-risk areas can last hours or days. A battery backup ensures you can evacuate or access your home via the garage - **Medical emergencies** — If someone in your household needs to leave urgently, a locked garage door during a power outage is a dangerous obstacle - **Working from home** — Power outages can trap your car in the garage, preventing you from getting to meetings or appointments - **Evening arrivals** — Coming home in the dark to find your garage door won't open is frustrating at best, unsafe at worst - **Security** — A garage door that can't close during a power outage is an invitation to thieves

B&D; Battery Backup Kit Range

B&D; offers two battery backup kits to suit different opener generations:

Battery Backup Kit (Gen2)

The **B&D; Battery Backup Kit (Gen2)** is designed for compatible B&D; residential garage door openers.

Key specifications: - Rechargeable sealed lead-acid (SLA) battery - Automatic switchover — seamlessly transitions from mains to battery power - Automatic recharging when mains power returns - LED status indicator showing charge level and backup status - Designed for B&D; residential openers - Compact mounting (attaches near or on the opener unit)

Compatible B&D; Doors

Because the battery backup powers the opener (not the door itself), it works with any B&D; door that the compatible opener supports:

****Sectional doors:**** Panelift, Panelift Icon, BAL-Maze, Storm-Shield ****Roller doors:**** Roll-A-Door, Roll-A-Door Neo (R1N), Rollmasta, Flex-A-Door, Wind-Rated Roll-A-Door ****Tilt doors:**** B&D; Tilt Doors (when used with a compatible opener)

Compatible Accessories

When running on battery backup, all your B&D; accessories continue to work:

- ****Tri-Tran+ Remote Controls**** — Premium Remote, 2 Button, 4 Button, 4 Channel Transmitter - ****B&D; Wall Mounted Remote**** — Continues operating on battery power - ****B&D; Entry Keypad**** — PIN entry works as normal - ****B&D; Auto-Lock Kits**** — GDL-100 V3, GDL-200 V2, R1D, R1N auto-locks remain functional - ****B&D; Safety Beam Kit**** — Safety beams (PE-4v1 / WPE-3v1) continue protecting during battery operation - ****B&D; Smart Phone Control Kit (HUB100)**** — WiFi control continues if your router also has backup power

****Important note on WiFi:**** The Smart Phone Control Kit (HUB100) requires both the opener AND your home WiFi router to have power. If the router loses power during an outage, smartphone control won't work — but your physical remotes and keypad will still operate via the battery-backed opener.

Installation Guide

What's in the Box

- Battery backup unit with integrated rechargeable battery - Power cable/adaptor - Mounting bracket and hardware - Installation instructions

Installation Steps

****Difficulty:**** Easy to moderate (DIY-capable for most homeowners) ****Time:**** 20-40 minutes ****Tools needed:**** Screwdriver, drill (for mounting bracket)

1. ****Turn off power**** to the garage door opener at the wall socket
2. ****Mount the battery backup unit**** - Position the unit near the opener (typically on the ceiling or wall nearby) - Use the supplied mounting bracket and screws - Ensure the unit is secure and won't vibrate loose during opener operation
3. ****Connect the power cables**** - Disconnect the opener's existing power cable from the wall socket - Connect the opener's power cable to the battery backup unit's "OPENER" output - Connect the battery backup unit's input cable to the wall socket
4. ****Restore power**** - Turn on the wall socket - The battery backup LED should illuminate, indicating mains power and charging - Allow 12-24 hours for the initial full charge before relying on backup
5. ****Test the system**** - With the garage door closed, turn off the wall socket (simulating a power outage) - The LED should switch to battery backup indication - Test the garage door with your remote — it should open and close normally - Turn the wall socket back on — the LED should return to mains/charging mode

Professional Installation

If you prefer professional installation, contact a B&D; authorised dealer: - ****Phone:**** 1300 133 944 - ****Online:**** bnd.com.au/find-a-dealer

Professional installation is recommended if: - You're uncomfortable working with electrical connections - Your opener is ceiling-mounted and difficult to access - You want the installation included in your warranty documentation

Battery Maintenance & Replacement

Maintaining Your Battery Backup

The B&D; Battery Backup Kit is designed to be low-maintenance, but a few simple practices will maximize battery life:

1. ****Keep it plugged in**** — The unit should remain connected to mains power at all times. The intelligent charger maintains the battery at optimal charge without overcharging.
2. ****Check the LED regularly**** — A quick visual check of the status LED confirms the system is healthy: - Solid green: Fully charged, mains power - Flashing: Charging - Red/amber: Battery low or fault — check connections or replace battery
3. ****Test quarterly**** — Every 3 months, simulate a power outage (turn off the wall socket) and verify the opener works on battery. This also exercises the battery, which helps maintain capacity.
4. ****Keep it cool**** — Batteries last longer in moderate temperatures. Avoid mounting the unit in direct sunlight or next to heat sources in your garage.

Battery Replacement

Rechargeable batteries have a finite lifespan. Plan to replace the battery every 2-3 years (or sooner if you experience frequent long power outages that deeply discharge the battery).

****Signs the battery needs replacement:**** - Backup duration has noticeably decreased - LED shows fault/low battery more frequently - Battery won't hold charge even after extended mains connection - Battery is visibly swollen or leaking (replace immediately)

****Replacement process:**** 1. Turn off power to the unit 2. Open the battery compartment (consult your model's manual) 3. Disconnect the old battery 4. Connect the new battery (observe correct polarity) 5. Close the compartment 6. Restore power and allow 12-24 hours for full charge

Replacement batteries are available from B&D; authorised dealers or by calling ****1300 133 944****.

Battery Backup vs Emergency Manual Release — Which Do You Need?

Both systems address the same problem (garage access during power outages) but in different ways:

B&D; Battery Backup Kit - ****How it works:**** Provides electrical power to the opener during outages

- ****Operation:**** Fully automatic — your remote, keypad, and smart controls work as normal -

****Duration:**** Multiple cycles (depends on battery charge and door size) - ****Best for:**** Frequent outages, convenience, households with multiple daily garage uses, security-conscious homeowners

B&D; Sectional Door Emergency Key Release / Rolling Door Combo Access Device - ****How it works:**** Mechanical release that disconnects the door from the opener for manual operation -

****Operation:**** Manual — you physically lift the door yourself - ****Duration:**** Unlimited (no battery to deplete) - ****Best for:**** Occasional outages, areas with rare but extended blackouts, as a secondary backup

****B&D;'s recommendation:**** Install both. The battery backup handles routine outages automatically, while the manual release provides a failsafe for extended blackouts when the battery eventually depletes.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many times can I open my garage door during a power outage?

This depends on your door size, weight, opener model, and battery charge level. A fully charged backup typically provides 20-50 open/close cycles for a standard residential door. Heavier doors and older batteries will be at the lower end.

Will the battery backup work immediately when power goes out?

Yes. The switchover is automatic and virtually instantaneous. You won't notice any delay or interruption.

Can I use a solar panel to charge the battery backup?

B&D; offers solar panel accessories that can complement the battery backup system. Contact B&D; on ****1300 133 944**** for details on solar options for your specific setup.

What happens if the battery runs out during a long outage?

If the battery fully depletes during an extended outage, the opener will stop working. At this point, you'll need to use the Emergency Key Release (sectional doors) or Rolling Door Combo Access Device (roller doors) for manual operation. This is why B&D; recommends having both systems installed.

Do I need the Gen2 or the Next Gen kit?

This depends on your opener model. The Next Gen kit is designed for current-generation openers and offers improved performance. Contact B&D; on ****1300 133 944**** to confirm which kit is right for your specific opener.

Will the battery backup void my opener's warranty?

No. B&D; Battery Backup Kits are genuine B&D; accessories designed for use with B&D; openers. Using a genuine B&D; battery backup will not void your opener warranty. However, using third-party battery solutions may void warranty — always use genuine B&D; parts.

How do I know if my battery is fully charged?

Check the LED status indicator on the battery backup unit. A solid green light typically indicates full charge. Refer to your specific model's instructions for the exact LED patterns.

Is installation complicated?

For most homeowners, installation is straightforward — it's essentially plugging the backup unit between the wall socket and the opener. If you're comfortable with basic DIY tasks, you can install it yourself in under an hour. Otherwise, a B&D; dealer can install it for you.

Where to Buy

B&D; Battery Backup Kits are available from: - ****B&D; authorised dealers**** — bnd.com.au/find-a-dealer - ****Hardware stores**** — Bunnings and independent retailers - ****Online**** — bnd.com.au - ****Phone orders:**** 1300 133 944

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- ****Phone:**** 1300 133 944 - ****Website:**** bnd.com.au - ****Find a dealer:**** bnd.com.au/find-a-dealer - ****Manufacturer:**** Automatic Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd (ABN 11 007 125 368), 6-8 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough, VIC 3173

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