

# The Battle of the Home Standby Generator

Generac vs. Kohler vs. Briggs & Stratton

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## When it comes to choosing a home standby generator, you have a ton of options.

This type of permanently installed unit is designed to kick on automatically during an outage, and comes in various different brands and wattages—with their own special features.

We're taking a look at three of the top brands of home generators, comparing similar models side-by-side to help you find a partial or full-home generator for your needs.

Let's see how these three comparable Generac, Kohler and Briggs & Stratton standbys “stand-up” against one another.



## Medium-Sized Partial-House Standby Generators

These medium-sized generators often pack enough punch to power your essential circuits as well as a few comfort items.

For instance, they are typically used to power living room outlets, indoor lighting and your alarm system— if you have one— in addition to all the basics mentioned in the small-sized generator category.

### THE WINNER Brigg's & Stratton's 17 kW

**EXTRA WATTAGE.** Based on this size-range, Brigg's offers a standby generator with slightly higher juice, allowing you to power even more items for a similar price range.

**BUILD QUALITY.** Generac's G-Force Engine is pressure-lubricated and durable, often recognized as the most reliable and [requiring less routine maintenance than any competitive engine.](#)



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[16 kW](#)



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<b>Power Type</b>	Liquid Propane / Natural Gas	Liquid Propane / Natural Gas	Liquid Propane / Natural Gas
<b>Wattage*</b>	16,000 LP/15,000 NG	17,000 LP/14,400 NG	14,000 LP/12,000 NG
<b>Noise Level</b>	67 dBA	68 dBA	67 dBA
<b>Warranty</b>	5-Year	5-Year	5-Year
<b>Engine Type</b>	Generac's G-Force Engine	Vanguard™ Engine	Kohler Command PRO OHV engine
<b>Housing</b>	NEMA/UL 3R Aluminum Enclosure	Automotive-Grade Galvanneal Steel	Corrosion-Resistant Aluminum
<b>LCD Display</b>	✓	X	✓
<b>Remote Monitoring</b>	✓	X	✓
<b>Customer Support</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Overload Protection</b>	✓	✓	X

\*NG = Natural Gas, LP = Liquid Propane

## Explore Our Selection of Generators

Don't waste your time researching dozens of brands of generators. Some big names stand apart for their superior reviews and performance— such as our favorite manufacturers: Generac and Kohler.

These brands are our preferred providers for their years of reliability and praise, and we're ready to turn you into a believer.

**Here at Southwest Florida Electric, we're proud to be fully authorized Generac and Kohler service dealers.** Meaning, we not only sell these trusted brands, but we are certified to assist you with servicing them— from replacing an old part to a routine check-up.

You get a generator from us, we're going to make sure it's ready when you need the most. That's a promise.



**Explore our generators and discover what makes our team at SWFL Electric different than any other generator supplier or fixer-upper in the area.**

