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The best campervan leisure battery will allow you to enjoy one of the joys of van life – being able to pitch up without electric hook-up. This means you can stay at some of the standout locations across the UK and Continental Europe without being tied to a campsite.

That's because a leisure battery for a campervan allows you to use 12-volt powered accessories, such as lighting, your water pump, your fridge and a television no matter where you are on the road. As a result, your milk will be kept cool while you're driving, so you can enjoy a cup of tea when you've stopped in a picturesque layby on a long journey, whether you're heading to one of the best campervan sites UK or are going off-grid.

Campervan leisure batteries are usually recharged via your vehicle's alternator when you're driving, so it's easy to top up their power. It should also charge when you're using electric hook-up, or via a trickle charger, solar panel or other add-on system – so it's easy to keep the battery topped up when the vehicle is parked up for the winter.

They may cost more as an initial outlay, but lithium batteries are ideal for those who want additional power for a longer duration. If you're on a budget and happy with less power, a lead-acid battery is likely to be sufficient. You should always make sure that a battery you're considering fits into its dedicated, secure space in your campervan.

Don't forget too, if you're after more power when you're on the road, picking one of the best portable power stations for van life could make a big difference.

In this guide to the best campervan leisure batteries, we're sharing our favourite picks on the market, three of which are lead-acid, and three of which are lithium examples.

Fibreglass mats absorb the lead acid in this battery from well-known brand Yuasa; it features an AGM (absorbed glass mat) design, which means that it's well protected against damage and spillage during hard use because the acid isn't free to move around within the unit.

It's ideal for those who have high-consumption systems in their campervan, such as auto-levelling, because it is a deep-cycle unit offering up to 1140 watt/hours. Regular charging and discharging will allow for optimal output.

As with the Yuasa L36 AGM, this Halfords own-brand battery – which offers up to 1200 Watt/hour and 100Ah - has a two-year warranty. Its output means that it's a good option for those campervanners who require more power when they're out and about on the road, perhaps for auto-levelling or other high-powered



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