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| <b>Brand</b> | <b>Voltage</b> | <b>Capacity</b> | <b>Batteries</b> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ryobi        | 40 V           | 6.0 A h         | 2                |
| EGO          | 56 V           | 7.5 A h         | 1                |
| Greenworks   | 60 V           | 4.0 A h         | 2                |
| Kobalt       | 80 V           | 6.0 A h         | 1                |

## Energy stored in battery packs

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The key here is to look at the units: Current is just charge/time, so

$$1 \text{ A h} = (1 \text{ C/s}) \times 3600 \text{ s} = 3600 \text{ C}.$$

Similarly,  $1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ J/C}$ , so

$$(1 \text{ V}) \times (1 \text{ A h}) = (1 \text{ J/C}) \times (3600 \text{ C}) = 3600 \text{ J}$$

Thus the energy stored in the 2 Ryobi batteries is

$$U = (40 \text{ V}) \times (6.0 \text{ A h}) \times 2$$
$$U = (40 \text{ J/C}) \times (6.0 \text{ A h}) \times \left( \frac{3600 \text{ C}}{1 \text{ A h}} \right) \times 2 = \boxed{1\,728\,000 \text{ J}}$$

Another way to express the result is in terms of power and time. Recall that power  $P = IV = \text{energy/time}$ , in Watts. Thus  $P * t$  gives energy. It is often convenient to express the time in hours and the power in kilowatts.

$$1 \text{ kW h} = (1000 \text{ J/s}) \times (3600 \text{ s}) = 3\,600\,000 \text{ J}$$

Thus you could also express the energy stored in the 2 Ryobi batteries as

$$U = (40 \text{ V}) \times (6.0 \text{ Ah}) \times 2 = (480 \text{ W}) \times (1.0 \text{ h}) = \boxed{0.480 \text{ kW h}}$$

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|------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Ryobi      | 40 V    | 6.0 A h  | 2         | 1 728 000 J | 0.480 kW h    |
| EGO        | 56 V    | 7.5 A h  | 1         | 1 512 000 J | 0.420 kW h    |
| Greenworks | 60 V    | 4.0 A h  | 2         | 1 728 000 J | 0.480 kW h    |
| Kobalt     | 80 V    | 6.0 A h  | 1         | 1 728 000 J | 0.480 kW h    |