Power Banks

What those numbers mean, in plain words

mAh is the size of the tank: 10,000 mAh charges most phones about two full times, and 20,000 mAh gives about four.

W (watts) is the speed. For phones, 20–45W is plenty. Only laptop owners need 65W or more.

USB-C is the plug you want. A good bank has at least one USB-C port that both charges your device and refills the bank itself.

The top five

INIU 10,000 mAh 45W — best for most people. 45W fast charging, two USB-C ports plus a USB-A, and usually under $25.

Charmast 10,000 mAh slim — simplest to use. One of the thinnest banks made — about half an inch — with cables built right in.

Anker Nano 10,000 mAh 45W — best for travel. Compact with a retractable cable.

Anker MagGo 10,000 mAh — best for iPhone. Snaps magnetically onto the back of an iPhone (14 and newer) and charges wirelessly — no cable at all while it charges.

Anker Laptop Power Bank 25,000 mAh 165W — for laptops and tablets. The heavy-duty one: charges a laptop plus a phone at the same time.

Using one, in plain words

1. Charge the bank first. Plug it into a wall charger with a USB-C cable until its lights show full.
2. Plug your phone into the bank. Use the bank's built-in cable, or your own charging cable.
3. Recharge the bank when it runs low. A 10,000 mAh bank refills in a couple of hours.
4. One good cable is enough. If your bank has a built-in cable, you are set.

Flying with a power bank

Carry-on only — never checked luggage. Airlines allow up to 100Wh, and even the big 25,000 mAh laptop bank is under that.

Card note: stick with known brands — Anker, INIU, Charmast, Belkin, UGREEN. Cheap no-name banks wear out fast and can be unsafe.

When to call Sean instead

- Your phone charges slowly or not at all from a power bank.
- A bank that gets hot, swells, or smells strange — stop using it and call.

Call Sean at (813) 770-6082.