The Rugged Romeo Power Saber Battery

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Recently founded battery maker Romeo Power announces a first product-- the Saber, a rugged battery pack offering 23000mAh (or 86 watt-hours) of power, allowing it to charge a laptop twice.

Formed by former Tesla, SpaceX, Amazon and Faraday Future engineers, Romeo Power says it wanted to create a "personal power pack designed to recharge any digital device at full speed," be it smartphones, laptops or drones. The Saber is around the size of a water bottle, weighs 1kg and offers x1 USB-C, x2 USB-A (one 2.1A/10.5W, the other 1A/5W) and a variable AC outlet with a universal port.

"Saber is like having a wall socket in your pocket," the company adds. "We created Saber to be the most advanced power pack available that gets you out the door faster than anyone else, and with a lifeproof design so consumers can have power wherever life takes them."

Fully charging the battery pack takes around 2 hours. Construction is ruggedised, and Romeo Power hopes to have it IP67-rated against dust and water. A final feature is connectivity with a companion smartphone app via Bluetooth, allowing users to check battery capacity in real-time,

The Saber should start shipping ahead of the 2017 holiday season.

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