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Rayovac Wilderness Cellphone Chargers (PS71 or PS72 \$8.99 MSRP)

Rayovac has been making batteries since 1906. At this year's CES they showed off some new battery chargers worthy of a CES innovation award. These new chargers could be the cheapest or most expensive charger you ever buy. It all depends on how you use them. You see the battery inside these chargers is a Rayovac Lithium CR123A non-rechargeable battery.

As an emergency charger their size and cost makes them the perfect item to add to your home or car emergency kit. They will give you up to 2 hours of emergency power when an electrical outlet, standard charger, or a rechargeable charger with a charge is not available. The replaceable battery inside them will keep its full charge for 10 years. So having these chargers on hand is good preparation for a future disaster that will hopefully never happen.

The wilderness term in the title of this review is not a term that Rayovac used to describe its product. To me it is the most succinct way of expressing why you would want to have these chargers available. When stuck in the wilderness, with a dead car battery, at an isolated location where you can't find a soul to ask for help these emergency chargers could save your life. You can check out all the new Rayovac products online at:

<http://www.rayovac.com/Products/Portable-Power-Chargers.aspx>.



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