



Training – Riga Feb 2020

# Topics for today

Software possibilities / Bluetooth / Monitoring

New products

MultiPlus / Quattro inverterchargers advanced

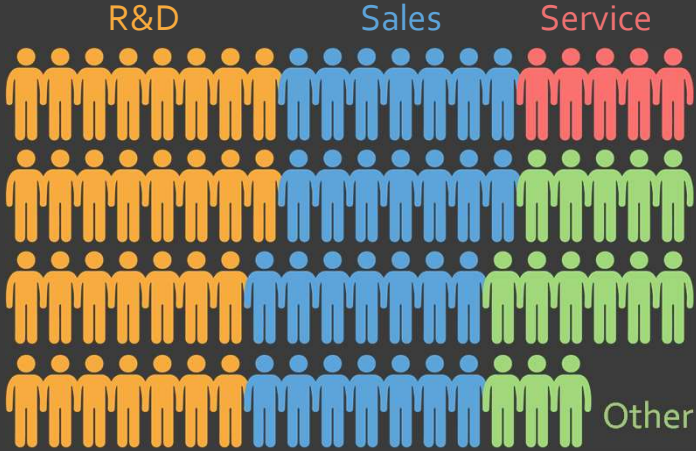
Lithium systems

Design of systems

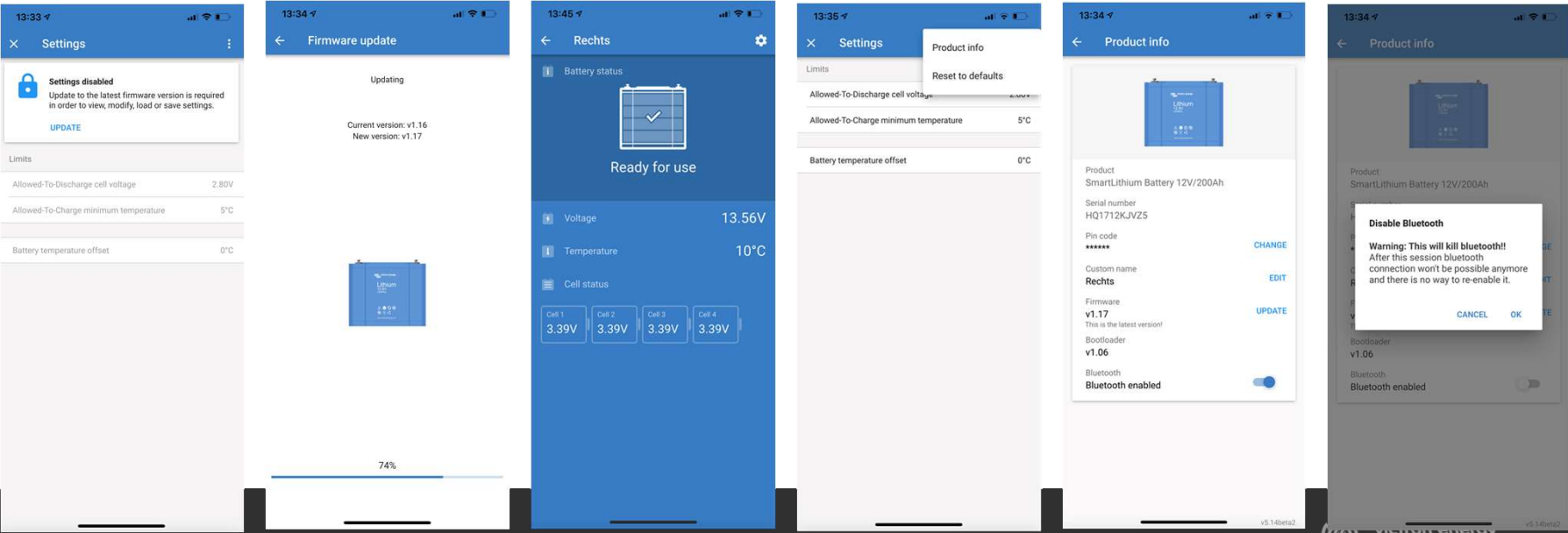
# Victron today



Directors Reinout Vader and Matthijs Vader  
Together with a team of 102 experts:

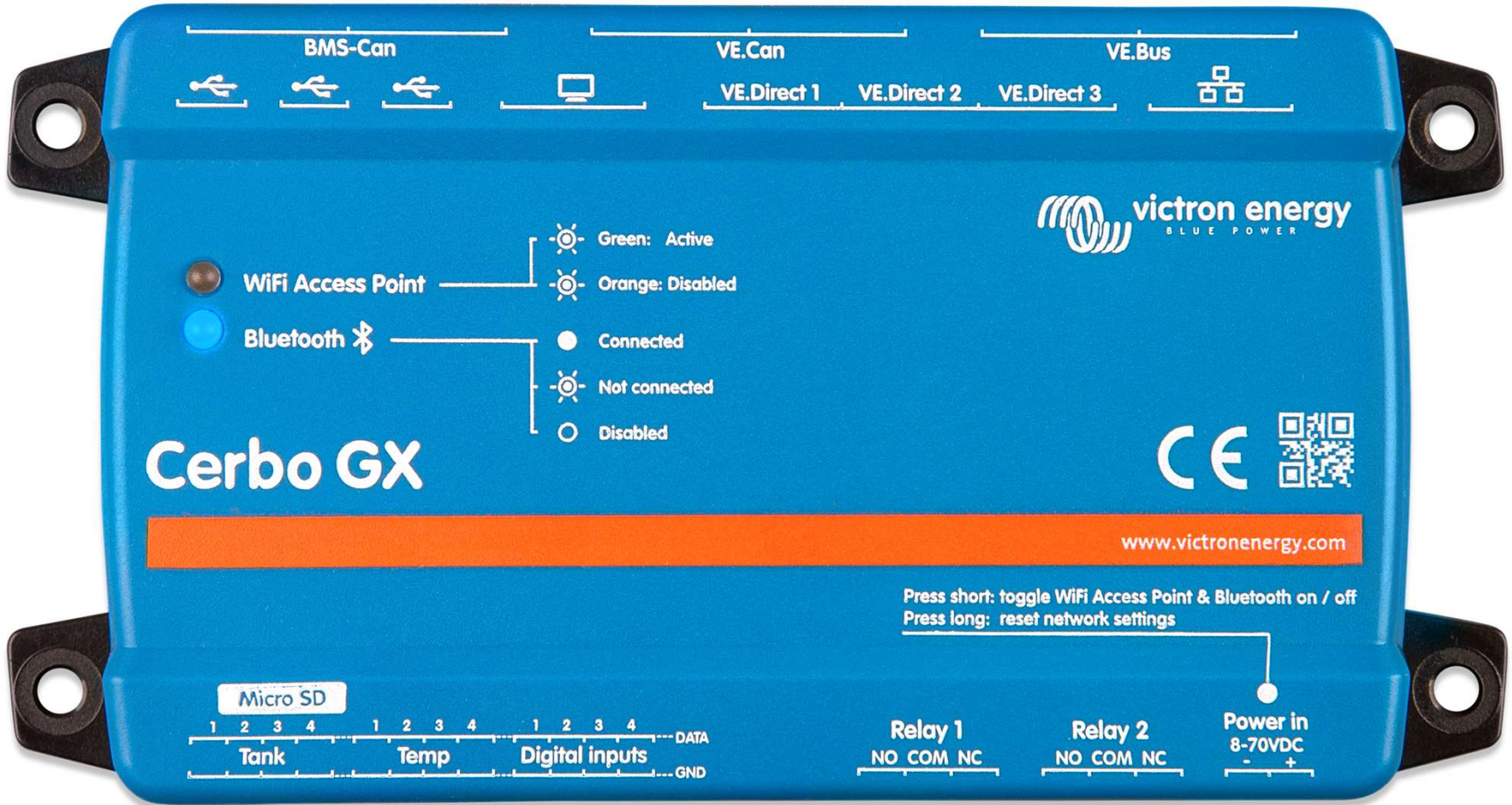


# How to disable Bluetooth



# Cerbo GX & GX Touch 50

redefining smart energy



BMS-Can

VE.Can

VE.Bus



VE.Direct 1

VE.Direct 2

VE.Direct 3



 **victron energy**  
BLUE POWER

 WiFi Access Point

 Green: Active

 Orange: Disabled

 Bluetooth 

 Connected

 Not connected

 Disabled

# Cerbo GX



[www.victronenergy.com](http://www.victronenergy.com)

Press short: toggle WiFi Access Point & Bluetooth on / off  
Press long: reset network settings

Micro SD

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 DATA  
Tank Temp Digital inputs GND

Relay 1  
NO COM NC

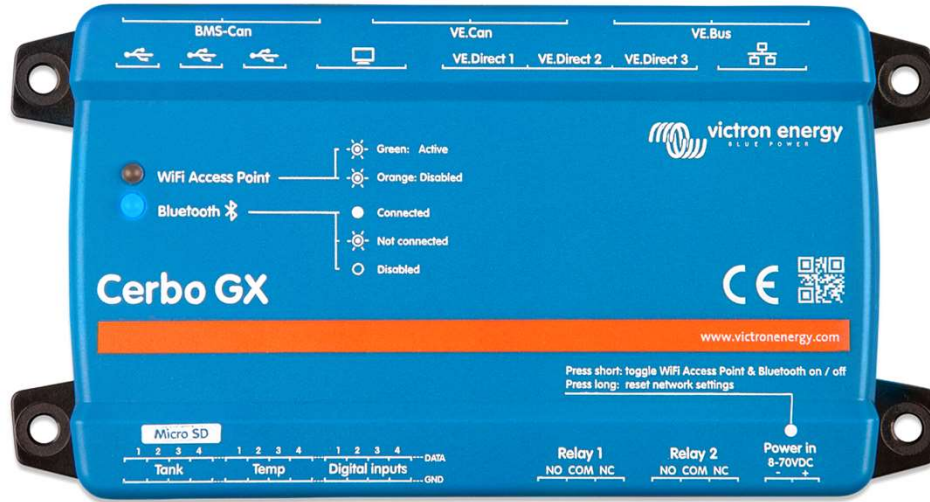
Relay 2  
NO COM NC

Power in  
8-70VDC  
- +









# Bluetooth – for VictronConnect

## Easier access & configuration

- Configure WiFi & LAN
- Open it on VRM
- Open Remote Console

## Cerbo GX specifics

- DIN Rail mountable (requires a mounting kit accessory)
- Dual core CPU  
faster than CCGX & Venus GX; but not as fast as the Maxi GX.

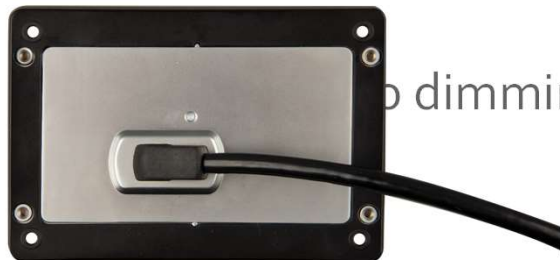
Expected availability is by February, latest

# GX Touch 50

Easy to mount

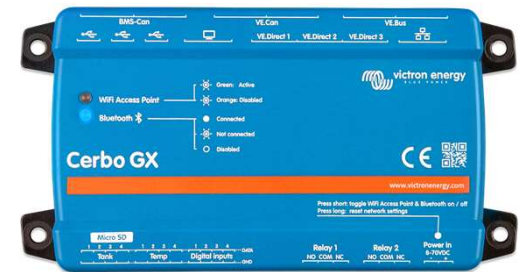
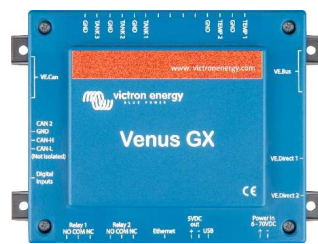
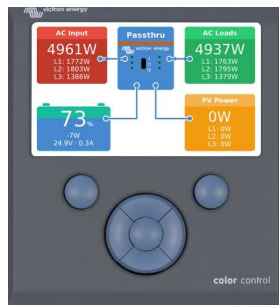


Waterproof



to dimming

# VENUS OS



# Venus OS V2.40

- Adds NMEA-2000 out function - finally.
- Auto configuring for Managed Batteries (BYD, Pylon, and more) (DVCC enabled; SVS off; etc). → less support
- Add IMT Solar Irradiation meter
- And many, many more new features.

See beta changelog on Community -> Modifications

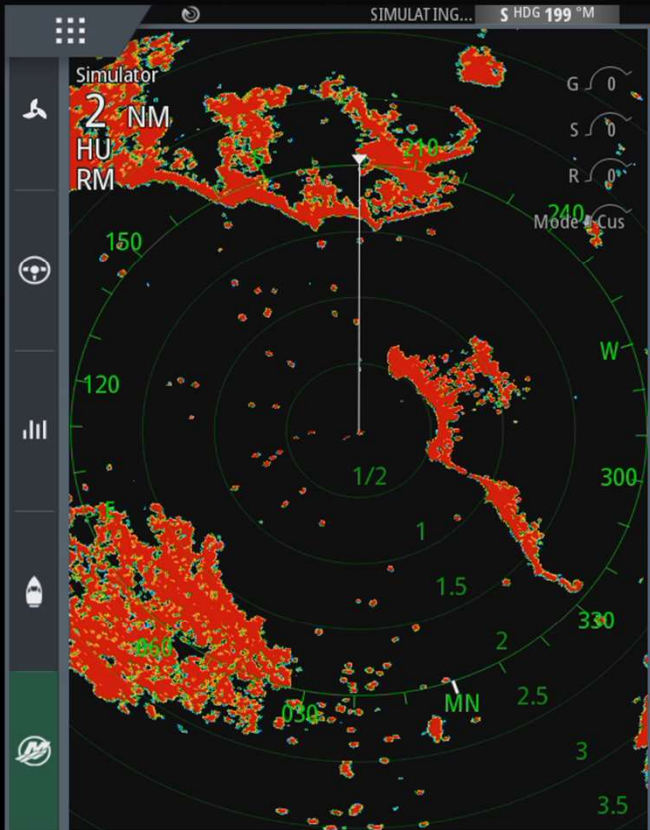
Planned for release in December this year.

# Marine MFD Integration

# SIMRAD

SIMULATING... HDG 199 °M

11:15:06 20.8m



## victron energy Connected

**BATTERY**  
55.1V -0.4A -20W  
95% Idle

**SHORE POWER**  
233V 3.6A 812W

Select shore input limit: **25A**

**INVERTER/CHARGER**  
Absorption charging

On  Off  Charger only

**AC LOADS**  
233V 0.9A 231W

**DC LOADS**  
0.1A 5W

SOG kn

**7.0**

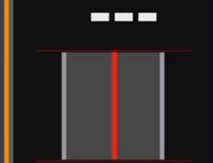
DEPTH m

**20.8**

COG °M

**199**

STEER



ECOGPS NM/L

**0.2378**

TTD hrs

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ON/OFF



# MFD App

A strong USP for Marine OEMs (and shops)

Use it, learn it, train it. -> sell more

# Marine MFD Integration

- New: product page on our website  
<https://www.victronenergy.com/panel-systems-remote-monitoring/marine-mfd-gx-integration>
- Various small improvements coming: fixing layout issues on a few screen-sizes.

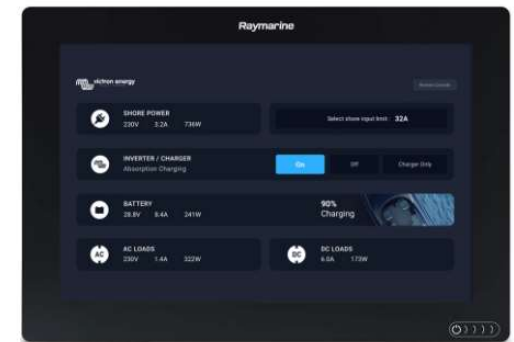
Raymarine

GARMIN

SIMRAD

B&G

LOWRANCE



# NMEA2000 on Venus



# NMEA2000 on Venus

## Information available on NMEA2000

- VE.Bus Inverters, Multis & Quattros
- BMV, Lynx BMS, Lynx Shunt, and-so-forth

## Later

- Solar Chargers
- And more

## Availability

Now



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## MFD App vs NMEA2000 integration

### MFD Victron App

- No configuration
- Good looking overview
- Adapts to the type of system

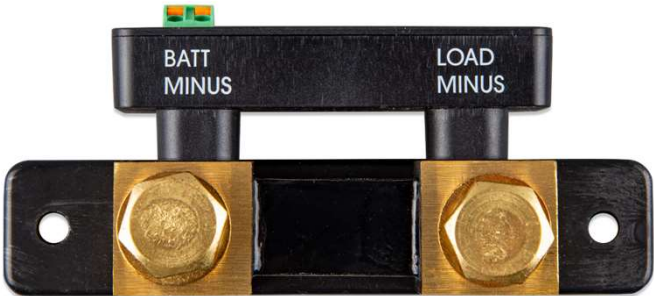


### NMEA2000

- More flexibility
- Decide what parameter to show where
- Requires configuration and more specific compatibility.

More new products

# SmartShunt series



# SmartShunt series

- VE.Direct cable to GX Device
- Monitoring & setup with VictronConnect
- 500A, 1000A and 2000A model





# MultiPlus-II 24/3000

- Lower cost, Easier to install
- Less feed through current, 35A instead of 50A
- Slightly less peak power
- Steel instead of aluminium enclosure

Already in stock

More models coming



# SmartSolar MPPT VE.Can Series

- In large parallel systems
- Replaces the old 150/70 & 150/85 VE.Can chargers
- Daisy-chain wiring: less clutter
- Use in large systems

In regards to the “old” VE.Can MPPT:

- It will not synchronise with the old ones
- Improved: each charger will be displayed individually
- Improved: supports ESS and Intelligent (Canbus) batteries, just like today's VE.Direct models.

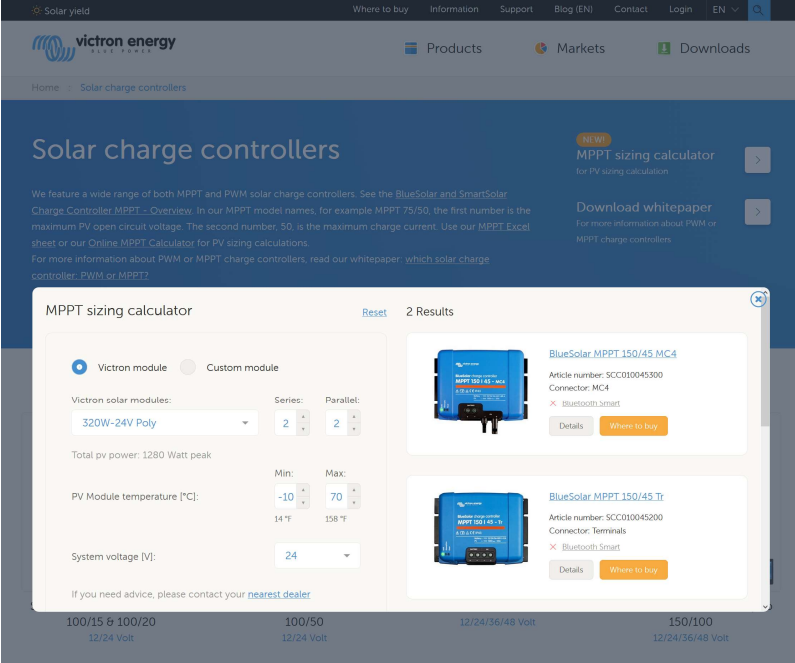

150 V	250V
70 A	70 A
100 A	100 A



# MPPT sizing calculator

Can be found on the Solar charge controller product page  
For Victron panels or custom panels

**NEW!**  
MPPT sizing calculator  
for PV sizing calculation



The screenshot shows the Victron Energy website's MPPT sizing calculator. The calculator is set to "Victron module" and "320W-24V Poly" with 2 modules in series and 2 in parallel. The total PV power is 1280 Watt peak. The system voltage is set to 24V. The calculator has found two results: a BlueSolar MPPT 150/45 MC4 and a BlueSolar MPPT 150/45 Tr. The website header includes navigation links for Products, Markets, and Downloads, and a search bar.

**MPPT sizing calculator** 2 Results

Victron module  Custom module

Victron solar modules: 320W-24V Poly Series: 2 Parallel: 2

Total pv power: 1280 Watt peak

PV Module temperature [°C]: Min: -10 Max: 70  
14 °F 158 °F

System voltage [V]: 24

If you need advice, please contact your [nearest dealer](#)

**BlueSolar MPPT 150/45 MC4**  
Article number: SCC010045800  
Connector: MC4  
Bluetooth Smart  
Details Where to buy

**BlueSolar MPPT 150/45 Tr**  
Article number: SCC010045200  
Connector: Terminals  
Bluetooth Smart  
Details Where to buy

100/15 & 100/20 100/50 12/24/36/48 Volt 150/100 12/24/36/48 Volt

# VRM Portal developments

- New Advanced page
- Increased SOC retention time from 6 months to four years
- Added various graphs & widgets
- Introduced the Economic report

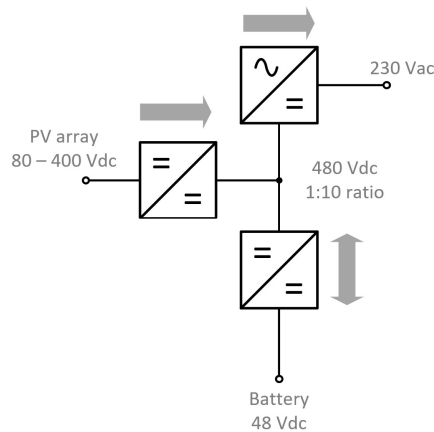


Training – Inverters and inverter/chargers

# Inverter RS Smart - HF inverter 48V/ 6000

Soon

- 48V 6kVA Inverter with 450V 4kWp PV input
- Small display, VE.Can and VE.Direct
- Supports AC-Coupled PV frequency shift without assistant
- Similar efficiency but lower standby power



# Inverter overview



Inverters VE.Direct											
12 V	250	375	500	800	1200	1600		2000		3000	
24 V	250	375	500	800	1200	1600		2000		3000	
48 V	250	375	500	800	1200	1600		2000		3000	







Inverters VE.Bus										
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24 V					1200	1600	2000	3000	5000	
48 V								3000	5000	



Inverters RS Smart										
48 V										6000

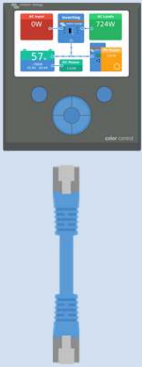




# VE Direct inverter accessories

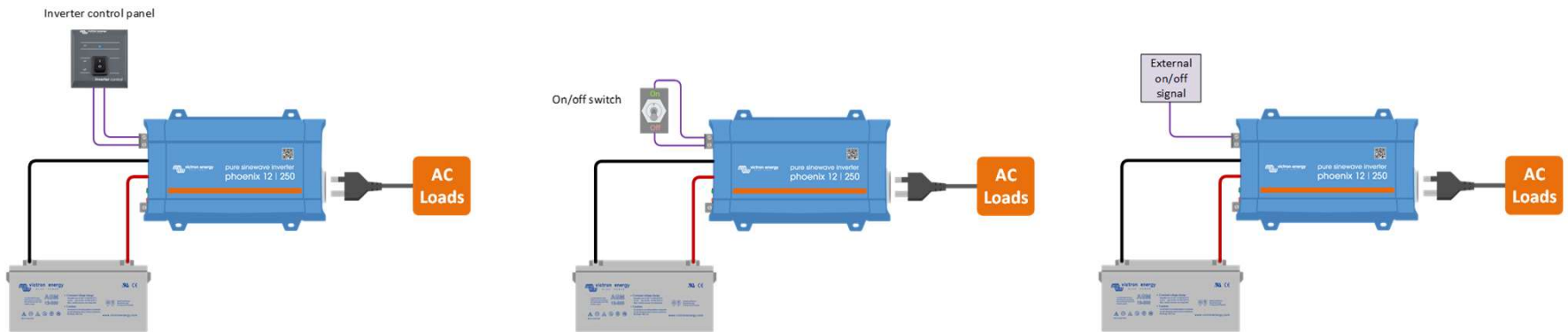
VictronConnect Bluetooth smart dogle	VictronConnect Bluetooth USB interface	VE.Direct cables 0.3 - 10 meter	Inverter control panel
 A smartphone displaying the VictronConnect app interface next to a black Bluetooth smart dogle. The dogle has a blue Bluetooth icon and a screen showing 'VE Direct Bluetooth Smart Dogle' and 'victron energy'.	 A laptop displaying the VictronConnect app interface next to a black USB interface cable. The cable has a blue label that says 'VE Direct to USB'.	 A digital display showing various power and voltage readings (e.g., 0W, 57V, 724W) connected to a black VE.Direct cable.	 A black rectangular inverter control panel with a blue indicator light, a toggle switch, and the text 'inverter control' and 'victron energy'.



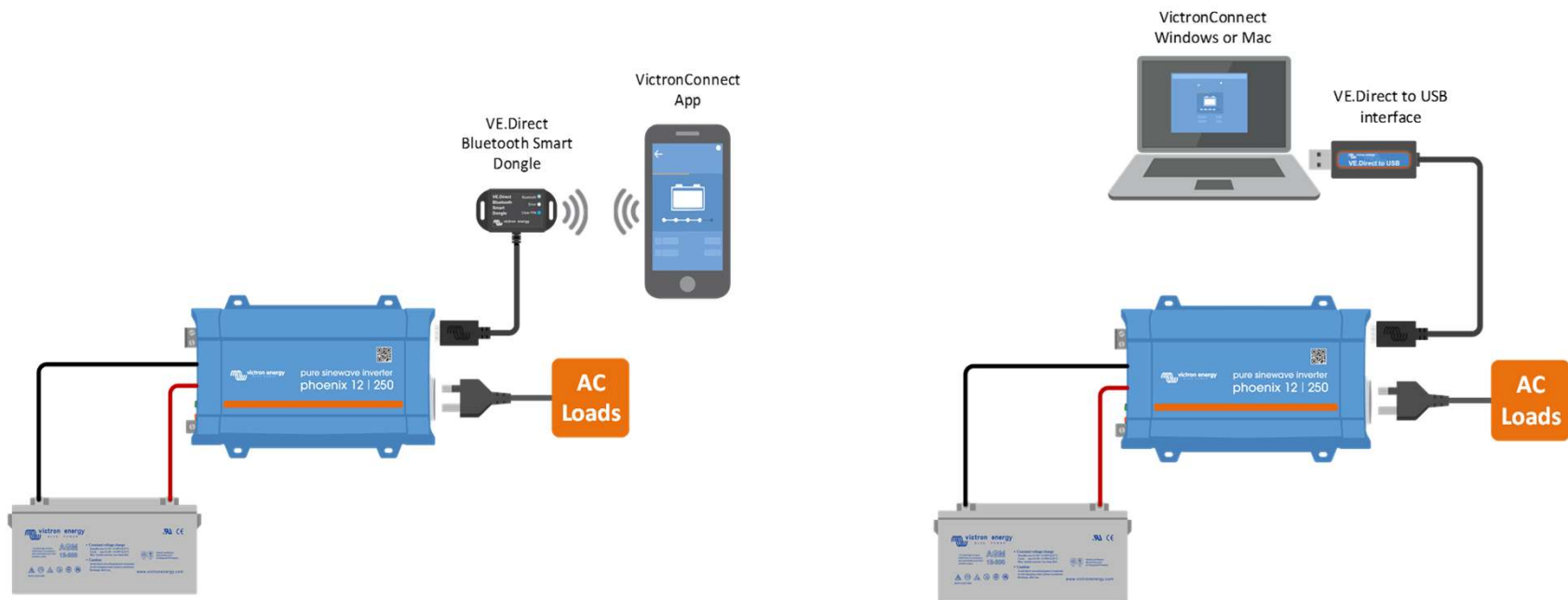
# VE.Bus inverter accessories

RJ45 cable 0.3 - 30 meter	Inverter control panel	MK3 - USB interface
 A blue Ethernet cable with RJ45 connectors on both ends, shown vertically.	 A black rectangular control panel with a digital display showing 'PHOENIX CONTROL' and various status indicators like 'Inverter on', 'Overload', 'Low battery', and 'Temperature'. It has a blue RJ45 cable connector at the bottom.	 A black USB interface device with a blue RJ45 cable connector on one end and a USB-A connector on the other. It is shown next to a laptop displaying a software interface.

# System examples using remote on/off



# VE.Direct monitoring and setup via VictronConnect



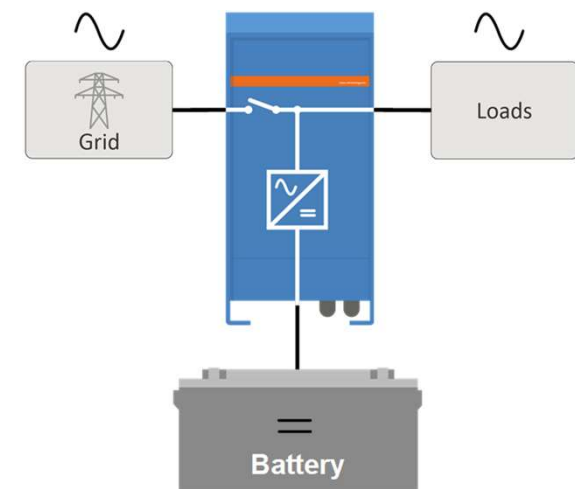
# Inverter/charger

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- An inverter/charger has the functionality of an inverter, a charger and an AC transfer switch.
- The inverter and charger are combined into a bidirectional converter

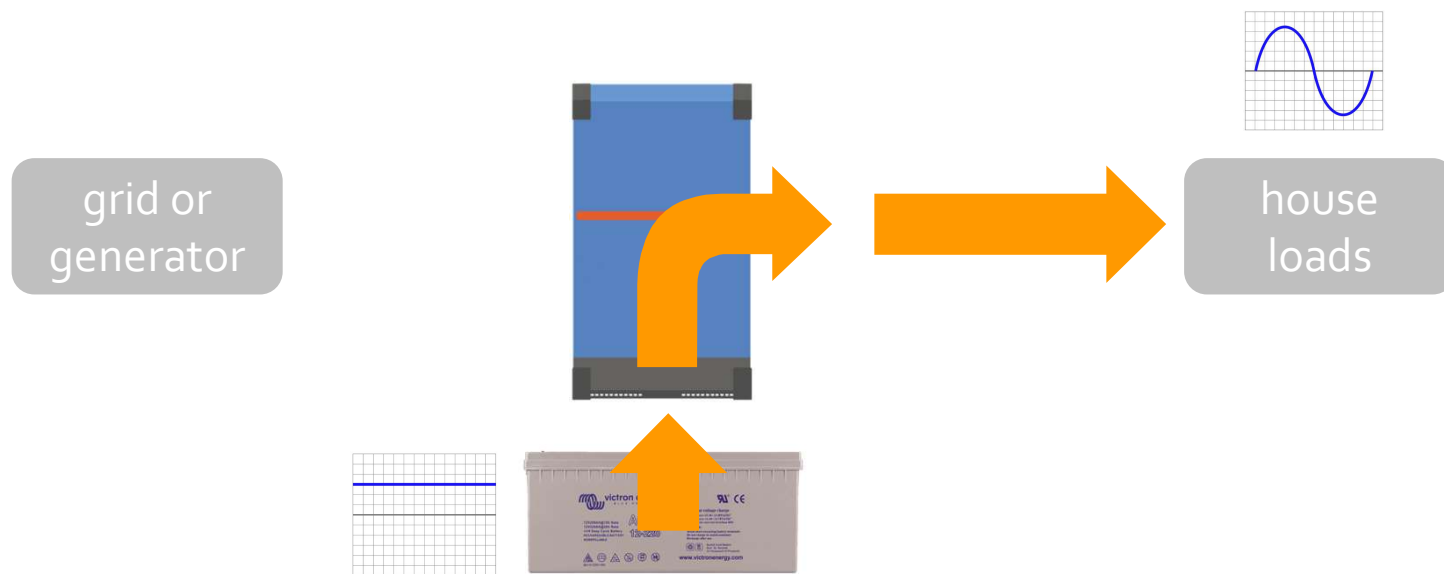
## Main features:

- Unique PowerControl and PowerAssist feature
- Uninterrupted AC power, UPS functionality
- Multiple units can operate in parallel and/or in 3 phase
- Fully computer configurable
- Intelligent and able to communicate with networks
- Available in 230Vac and limited models also in 110Vac



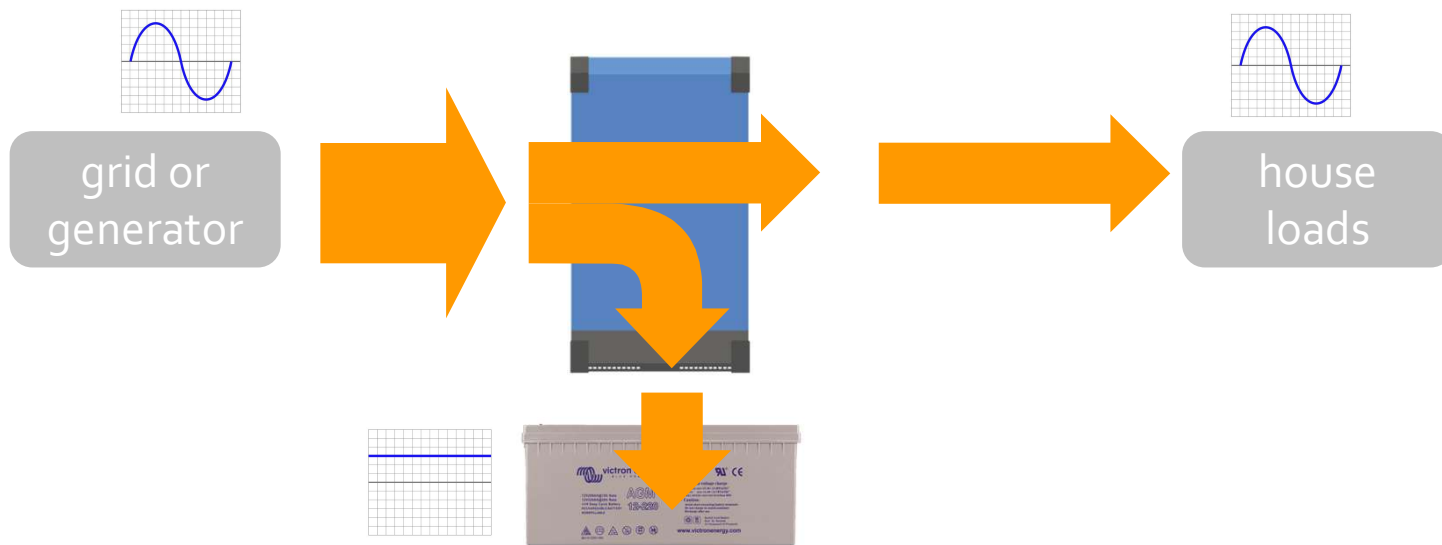
# Inverting - changing DC into AC

When no grid or generator is connected the Multi is in inverter mode  
It will supply the AC loads from the battery



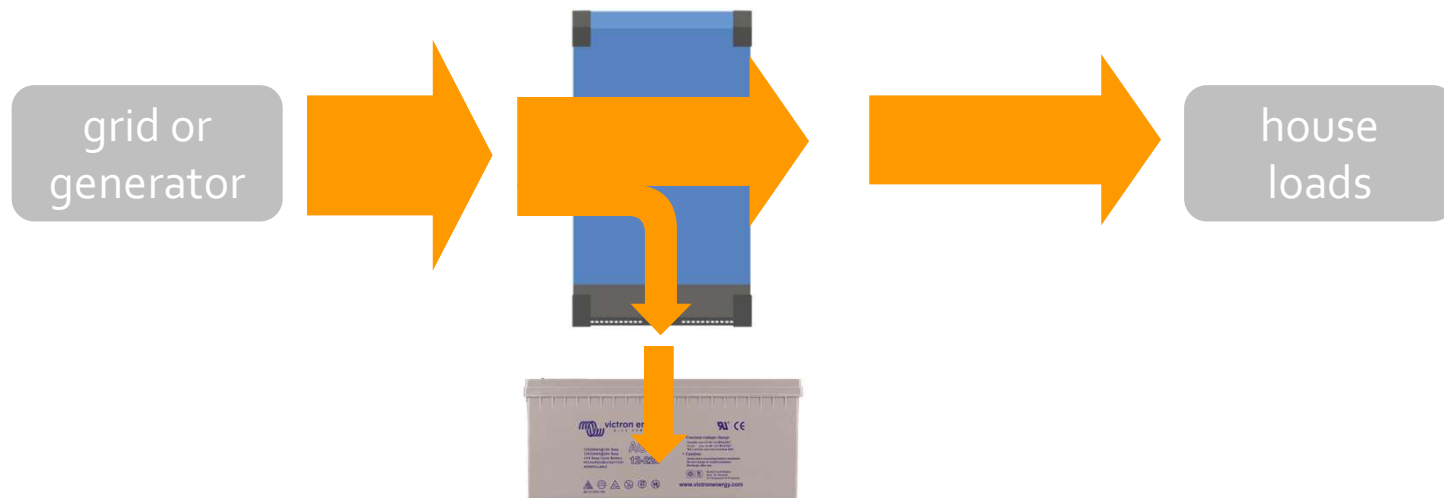
# Charging - changing AC into DC

When connected to an AC supply the Multi will phase match to this supply  
Once matched, the AC supply will supply the AC loads and will charge the battery



# PowerControl

If the loads increase the battery charge current will eventually reduce  
The loads always have first priority and the Multi will not overload the incoming AC supply

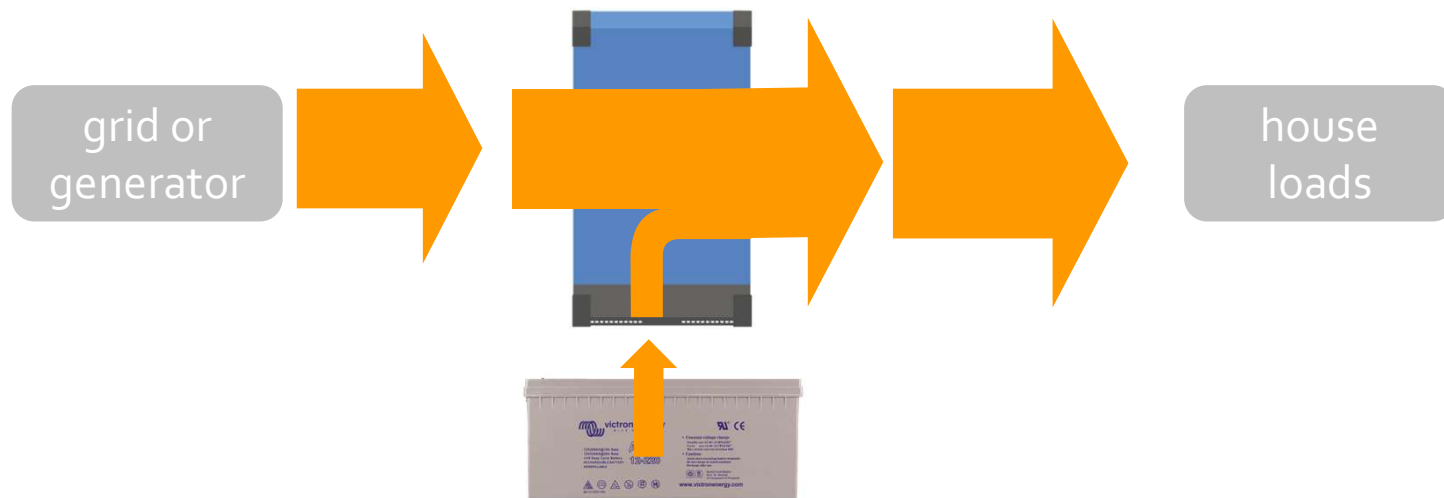




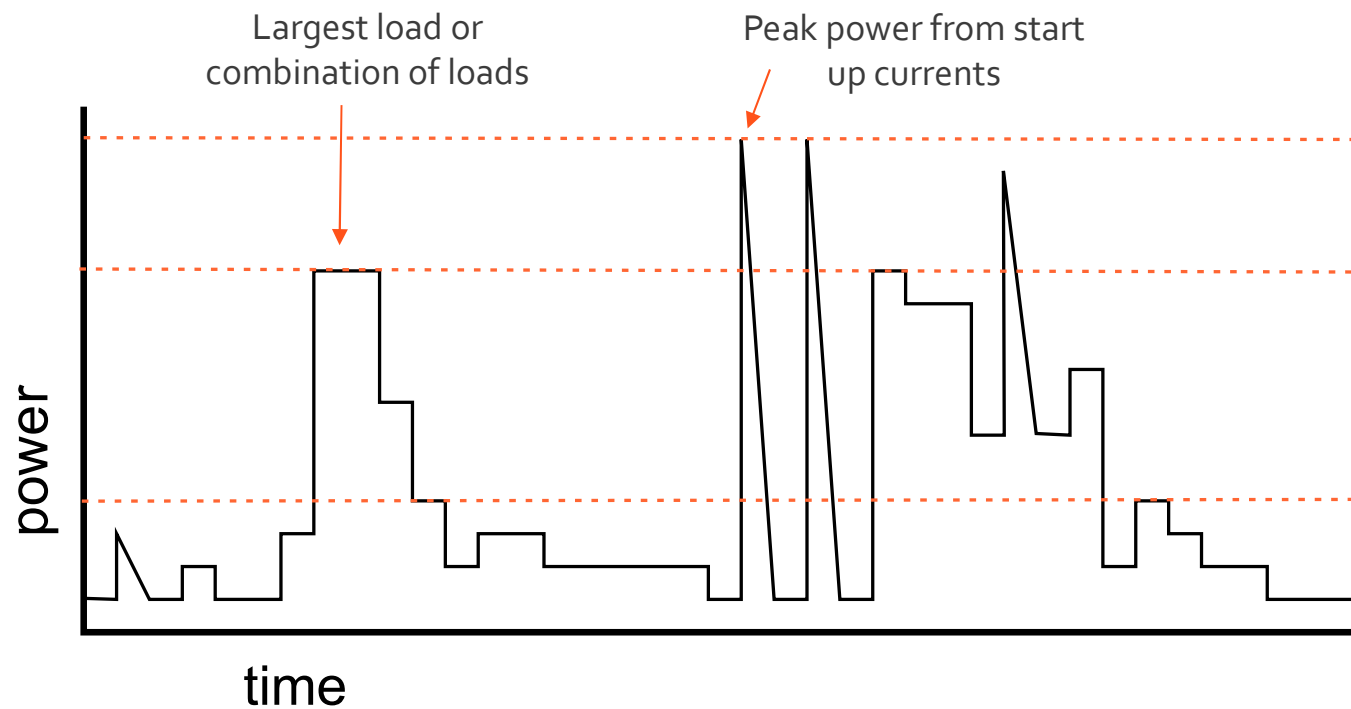
# PowerAssist

If the load increases further battery charging will stop

And if the load is further increased, the battery will also provide power to the load



# Average load of a system

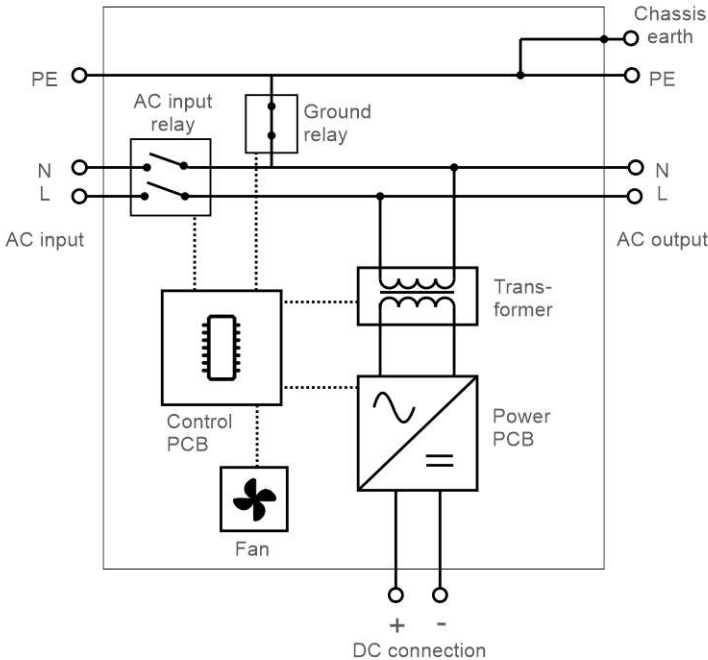


**Peak load:** This has to match the peak load capability of the Multi

**Largest load:** This determines the Multi size

**Average load:**  
This determines the generator size in relation to its running hours

# Internal wiring diagram basic inverter/charger

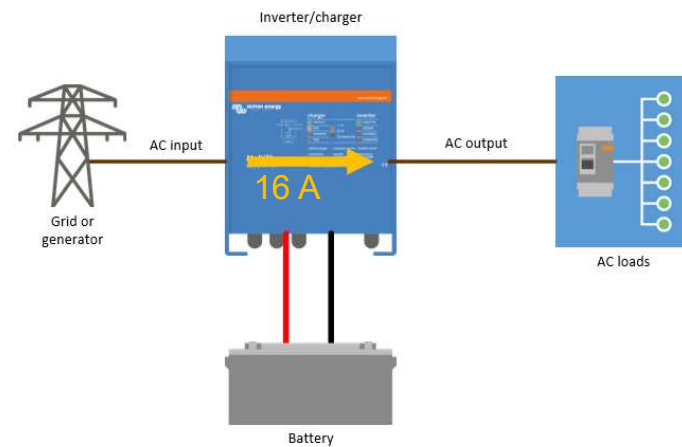


# What's in a name?

Example:

PMP483020001 - MultiPlus 48/3000/35-16 - 230V VE.Bus Inverter/Charger

- 48 Volt battery
- 3000 VA continuous power rating
- 35 Amp charger
- 16 Amp AC pass through
- 230Vac model



# Inverter/charger models

# The widest range in the industry



Inverter/chargers										
12 V	500	800	1200	1600	2000	3000	5000			
24 V	500	800	1200	1600	2000	3000	5000	8000	10.000	
48 V	500	800	1200			3000	5000	8000	10.000	15.000



MultiPlus



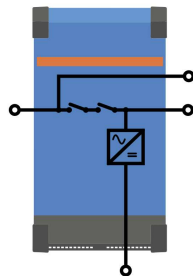
MultiPlus-II



# MultiPlus II

- Proven full bridge + toroidal transformer technology
- VE.Bus port for programming via MK3 interface or for connection to a GX device
- PowerAssist and PowerControl, Parallel and 3-phase operational
- IEC 62109-2 and 4777.2 certification
- Internal and optional external current sensor
- LED diagnostics
- Compact enclosure

24 Volt	48 Volt
3000VA - 70A	3000VA - 35 A
	5000VA - 70A



# MultiPlus II GX



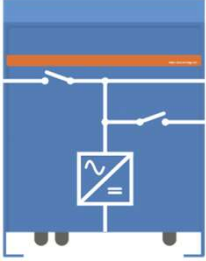
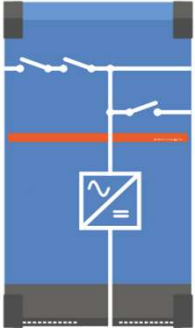

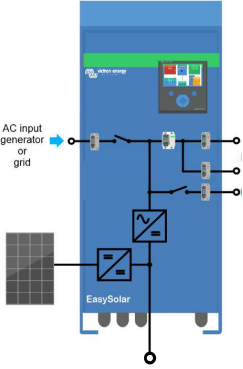
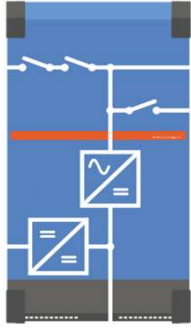
- Ethernet & Wi-Fi inside
- All GX device functionalities included
- VE.Can port (for managed batteries or MPPTs)

48 Volt
3000 VA
5000 VA





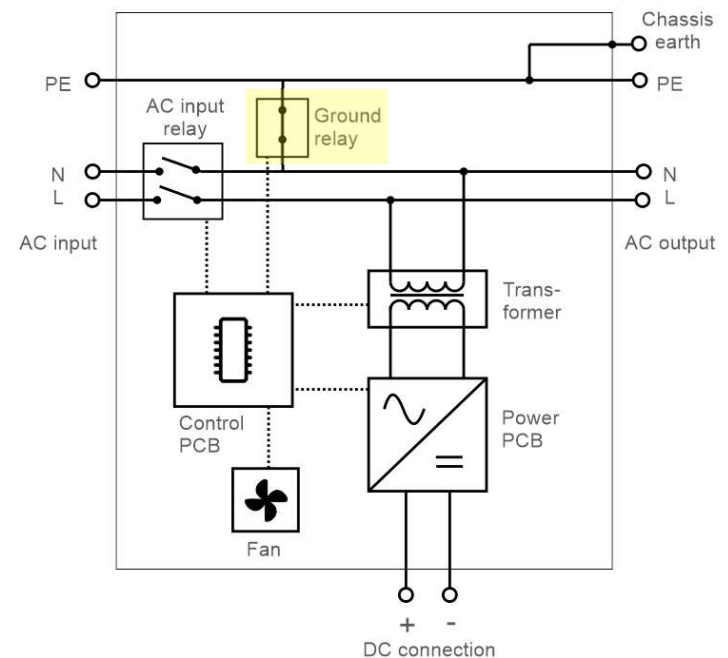
# Inverter/charger models

Multi	MultiCompact	MultiPlus	MultiPlus-II	Quattro	EasySolar	EasySolar-II
500-1200	800-2000	3000 – 5000	3000 – 5000	3000 – 15000	1600 - 5000	3000
						

# Internal ground relay

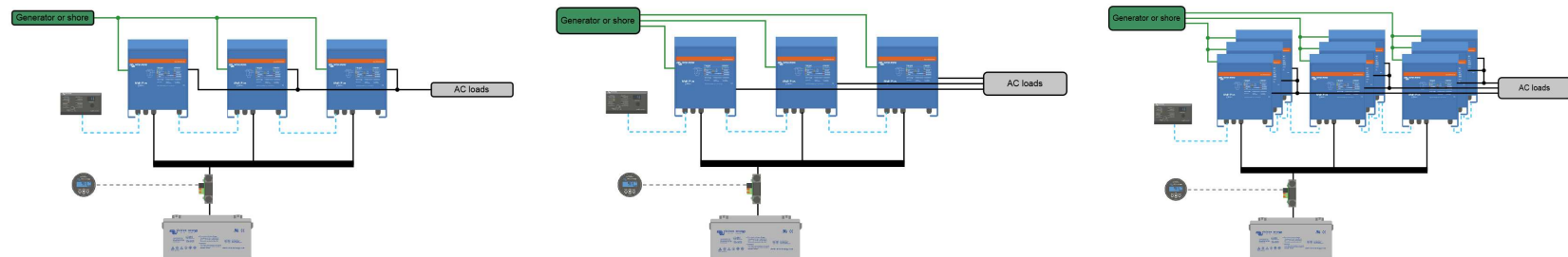
- The ground relay is closed when the back-feed relay is open - Inverting
- The ground relay is open when the back-feed relay is closed - Charging
- This is an essential feature for an RCD connected to the output to function
- The ground relay can be disabled if undesirable. Use in VE.Configure

Ground relay



# Parallel and/or 3 phase systems

- MultiCompact, MultiPlus, Quattros and large Phoenix inverters can be connected in parallel and/or 3 phase and 2 phase
- The maximum in a parallel string is 5 units up to 10 kVA or 4 units 15 kVA
- All units need to be the same model and be the same age and have the same firmware



# What is Lithium?

# LFP Features and benefits and comparison to Lead-Acid batteries

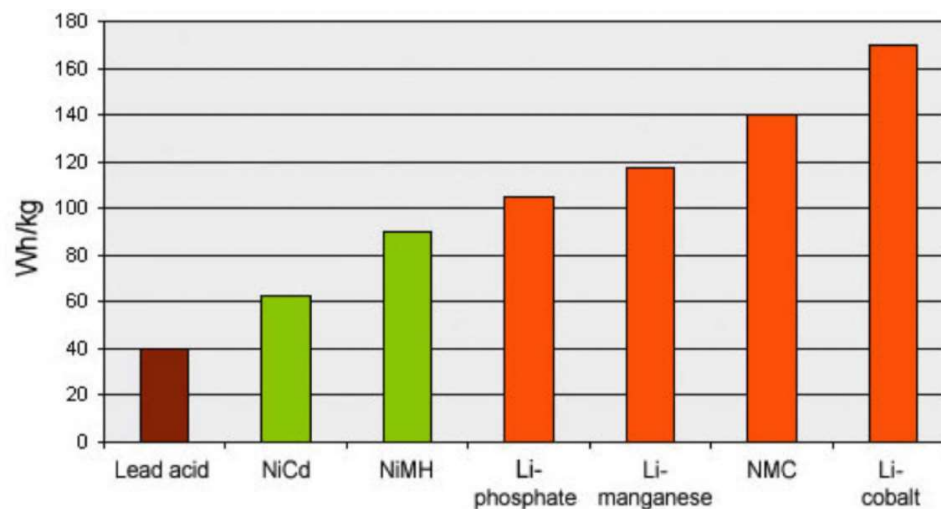
# Capacity versus weight ratio

## High energy density

- more energy with less weight
- double that of lead

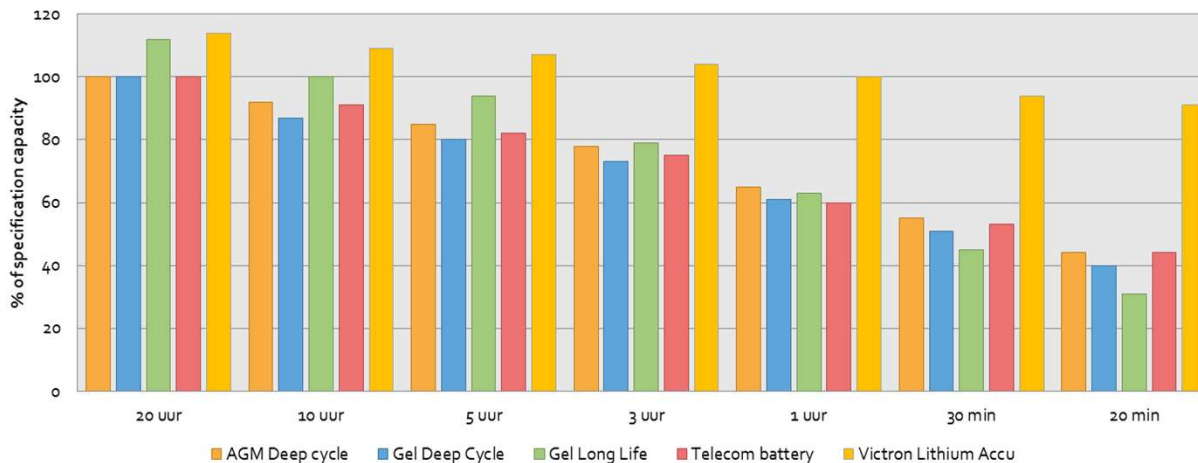
## Power to weight

- Lead acid            42 W/h per Kg
- Lithium                105 W/h per Kg



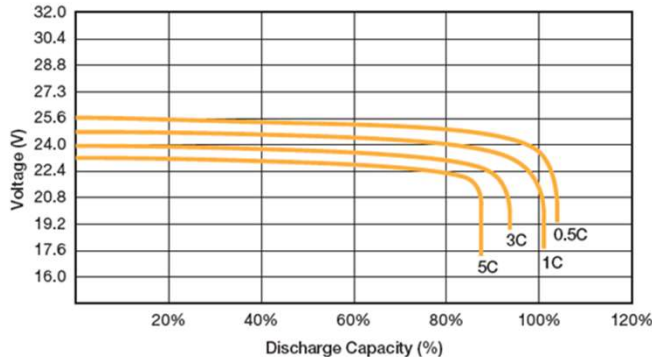
# High charge and discharge currents

- Lithium batteries allow for high charge and recharge currents. High current loads can be run from relatively small batteries and recharge can be fast
- The charge and discharge rate can be C1 or C2. This means a total charge or discharge within 1 to 2 hours. Without capacity loss.

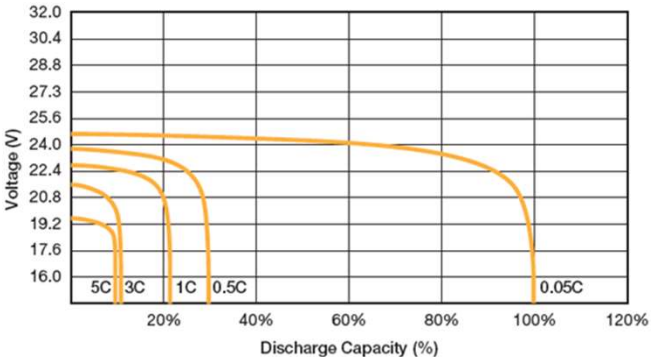


# Steady battery voltage and capacity

### Lithium



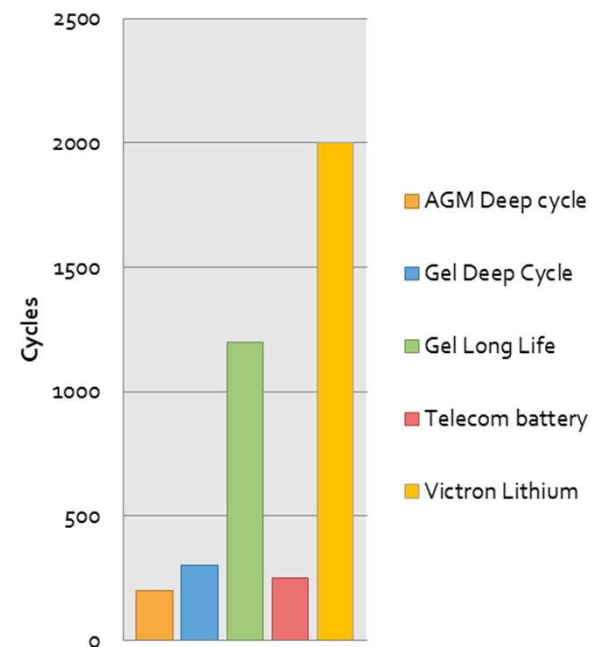
### Lead Acid





# Long cycle life and high charge efficiency

- Up to six times the battery life of a conventional battery at 50 % discharge
- High charge efficiency, and very little energy loss due to heat development
  - Lead acid 80 %
  - Lithium 92 %



# Temperatures

Lithium has better lifetime at higher temperatures

Lithium 12.8V 200Ah	AGM 12V 220Ah
	+20° C: 7-10 years
-20 to +50 °C	+30° C: 4 years
	+40° C: 2 years

But, lithium cannot be charged below zero degrees while lead acid can

# Cycles versus price comparison

- Lithium has a high initial cost, but a cycle costs less

Lithium 12.8V 200Ah Smart	Versus	AGM 12V 220Ah
Cycles	DoD	Cycles
2500	80 %	400
5000	50 %	600
\$ 3594	RPP ex GST	\$ 829
0.72 \$/cycle	@50 % DoD	1.38 \$/cycle

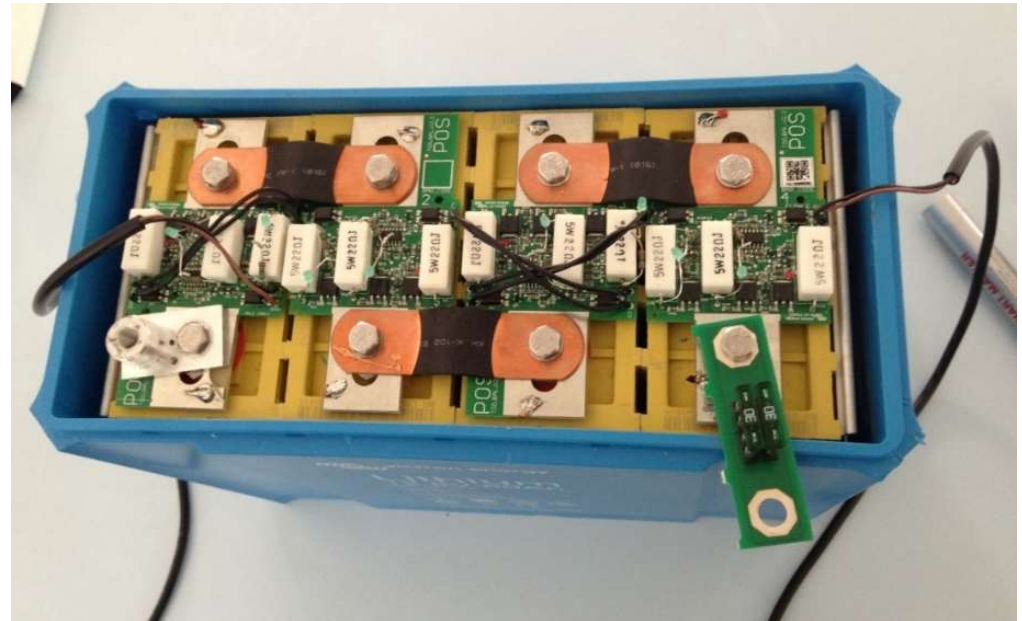
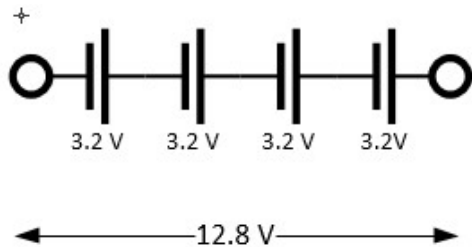
# No gassing

- Lithium batteries do not create gas when charging
- Lithium batteries can be placed in the same enclosure as electric equipment
- No air extraction is needed for lithium battery compartment
- No corrosive fumes



# A battery is made up of several cells

- The nominal voltage of each cell is 3.2 V
- To create a 12.8 V battery 4 cells are connected in series:  $4 \times 3.2 = 12.8 \text{ V}$

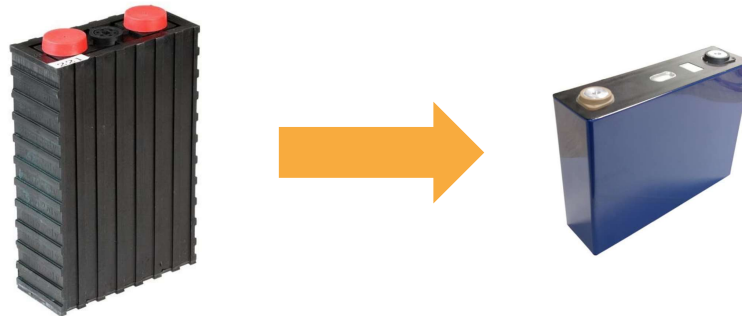


# Update LFP batteries



## Size and weight

	LFP 12,8/200 'old'	LFP 12/200-a 'new'	
Weight	42 kg	22 kg	
Specific energy	61 Wh/kg	116 Wh/kg	x 1,9
Energy density	73 Wh/L	220 Wh/L	x 3



# Factors to watch out for when using Lithium

## Cell balancing

- Lithium cells can easily become unbalanced.

## Protection against under voltage

- Very deep discharge will cause unrecoverable damage.

## Protection against over voltage

- Charging with a too high voltage will cause fire.

## High temperature protection

- Charging when temperatures are too high can cause fire.

## Low temperature charge prevention

- Charging below zero will damage the battery.





# Cell balancing

The cells of a LFP battery do not auto-balance at the end of the charge cycle.

They need to be balanced during charging.

**There are two types of balancing, active or passive:**

- Passive balancing - removes energy from the most charged cell and this energy is wasted in heat.
- Active balancing - moves energy from the most charged cell to the least charged cell.



# Under and over voltage

## Low voltage

- A LFP cell will fail if the voltage over the cell falls to less than 2.5 V.
- This can cause unrecoverable damage to the cell.
- Loads will need to be turned off, or disconnected, in case of low voltage.

## High voltage

- A LFP cell will fail if the voltage over the cell increases to more than 4.2 V.
- The battery will catch fire if the voltage is very high.
- Charge sources will need to be turned off, or disconnected, in case of high voltage

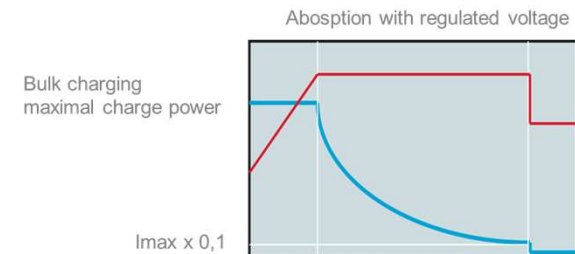
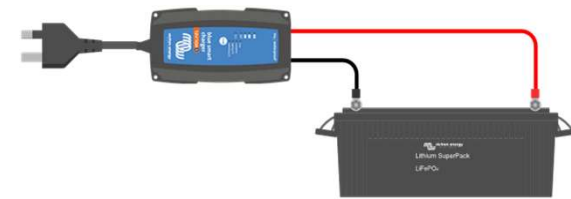


# How to charge a lithium battery

The battery charger or inverter/charger needs to have a lithium mode.

## Recommended settings:

- Absorption voltage needs to be between 14.0 and 14.4 V, we recommend 14.2 V.
- Set absorption to 2 hours.
- Set float voltage 13.5 V.
- Charge current can be up to 2C, but we recommend 0.5C.



Since the voltage is regulated the current will drop when SOC 100% is reached  
When 10% of the nominal charge current is reached the charger will be stopped

# Charging from an alternator

A lithium battery has a very low internal resistance.

The alternator will try to charge with a current higher than it is designed for.

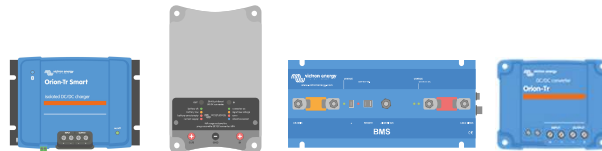
This will cause damage to the alternator.

**Match the alternator size to the battery capacity:**

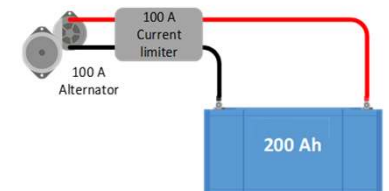
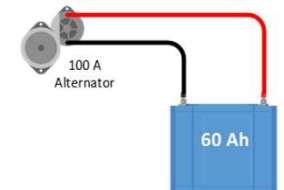
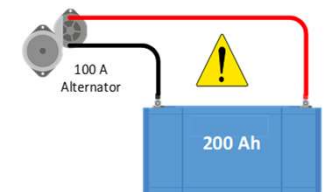
- The alternator will have to be a larger current rating than the C1 rating of the battery bank. Avoid having a small alternator with a big LPF battery bank

**Restrict the alternator current into the battery by using:**

- A Smart Orion (multiples can be paralleled)
- Buck Boost converter
- An Orion DC/DC converter
- A 12-200 BMS



More info see: [blog and video](#)

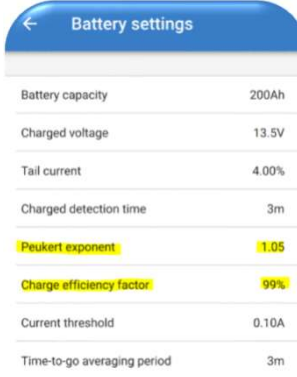


# BMV settings

Lithium batteries behave different than lead acid batteries during charging and discharging.

Some settings need to be changed in the BMV:

- The charge efficiency of Li-ion batteries is much higher than lead acid batteries. The charge efficiency can be set at 99 %.
- LFB batteries perform much better than lead-acid batteries under high discharge rates. The Peukerts exponent can be set at 1.05.
- For more info see the [BMV manual](#)



A screenshot of the 'Battery settings' menu in the Victron BMV app. The menu is titled 'Battery settings' and contains the following items:

Setting	Value
Battery capacity	200Ah
Charged voltage	13.5V
Tail current	4.00%
Charged detection time	3m
Peukert exponent	1.05
Charge efficiency factor	99%
Current threshold	0.10A
Time-to-go averaging period	3m



# Lithium SuperPack

# Lithium Super Pack LFP batteries

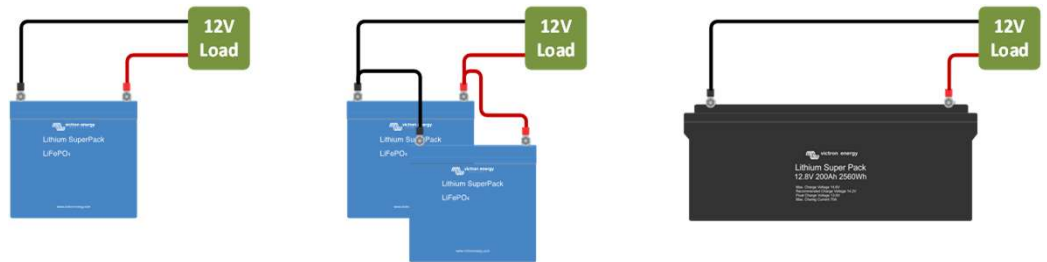
- Available in 12.8 and 25.6V models
- Can be connected in parallel, but not in series
- Contains internal BMS and disconnect switch. It will disconnect from the system on over voltage, under voltage and high temperatures
- When used with an alternator a current limiting device is needed
- Be aware of the maximum discharge currents. If they are exceeded an internal relay will trip and it will take 10 seconds to reset

12.8 V	25.6 V
20 Ah	
60 Ah	50 Ah
100 Ah	
200 Ah	

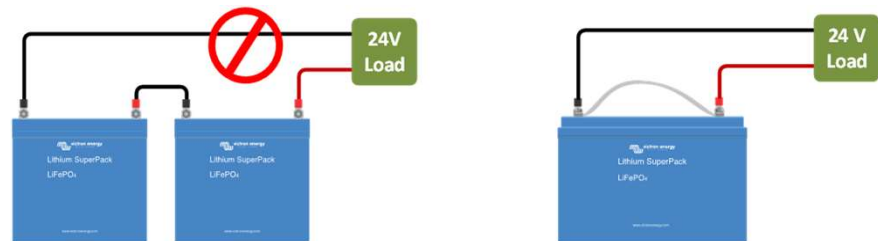


# Constructing a Super Pack battery bank

Parallel connections are allowed

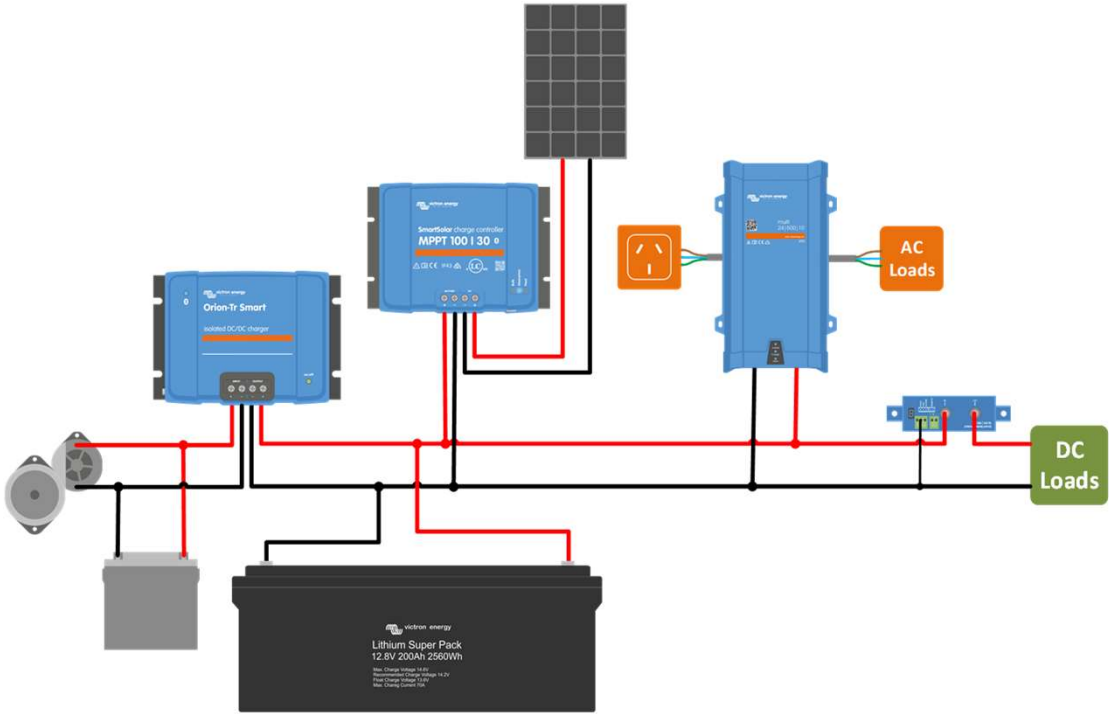


Series connections are **not** allowed  
If 24 V is needed, use the 25.6 V battery  
48V battery banks are not possible





# Lithium SuperPack system example



# Lithium Smart LFP batteries

# New: the pre-alarm feature

Up to 10 batteries can be paralleled

Up to four 12V batteries or two 24V batteries can be series connected

Balancing/monitoring cables can be daisy-chained and must be connected to a BMS.



LiFePO<sub>4</sub> battery 12,8V/60Ah - Smart

LiFePO<sub>4</sub> battery 12,8V/100Ah - Smart

LiFePO<sub>4</sub> battery 12,8V/150Ah - Smart

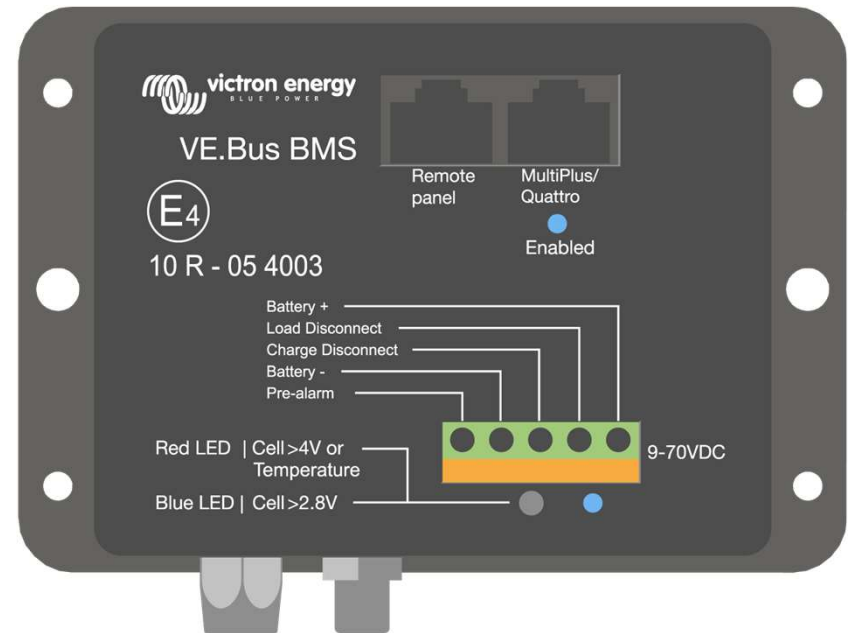
LiFePO<sub>4</sub> Battery 12,8V/200Ah - Smart

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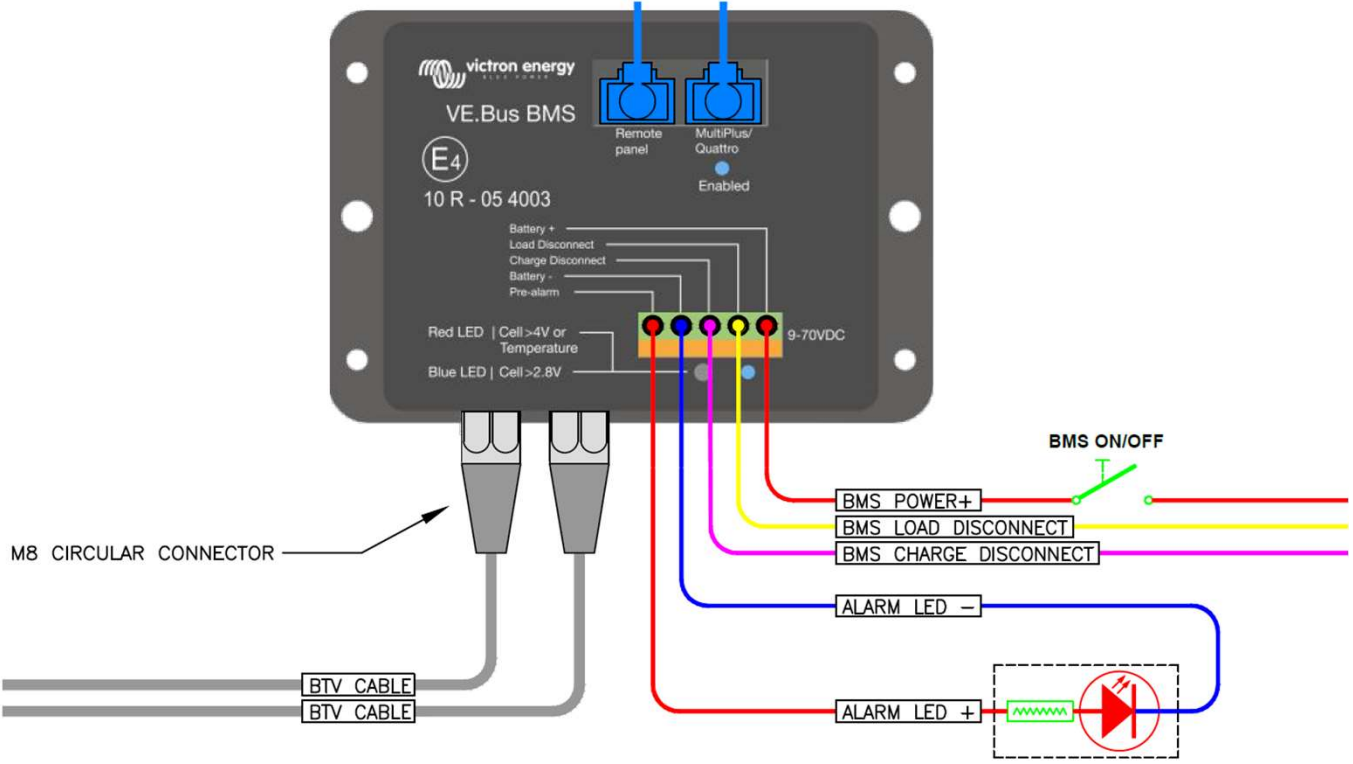
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# VE.Bus BMS Pre-alarm

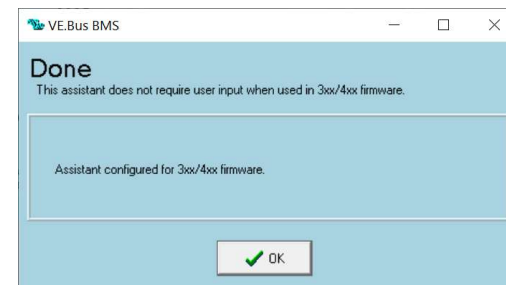
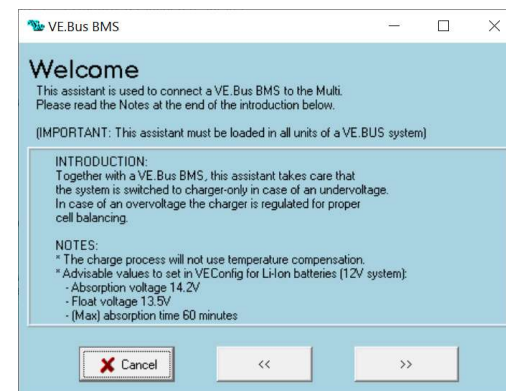
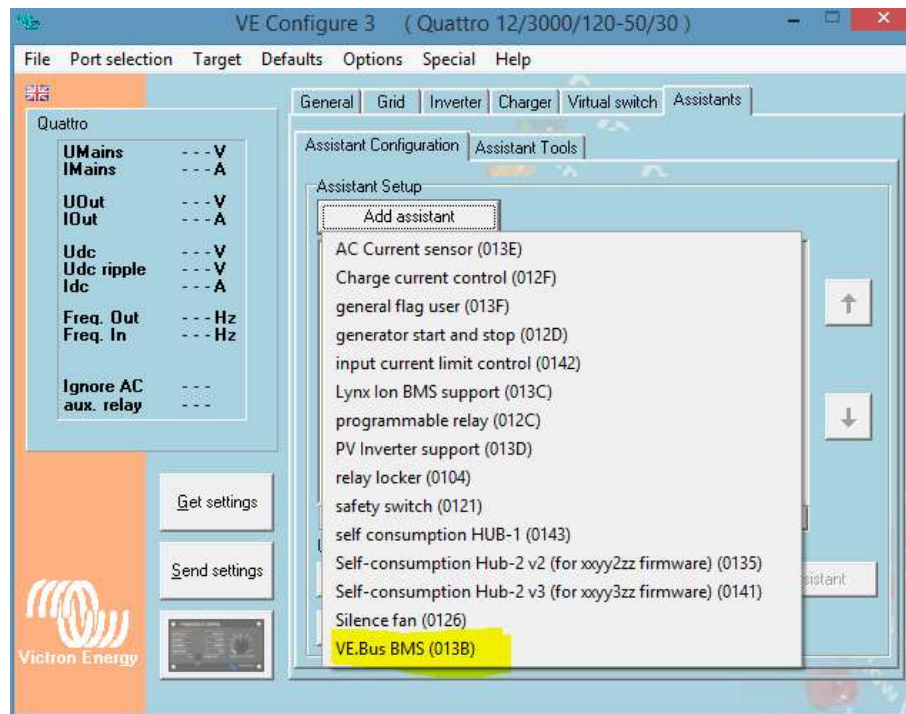
- Protects 12V, 24V and 48V systems
- Communicates with all VE.Bus products
- Load Disconnect (2A)
- Pre-alarm (5mA)
- Charge Disconnect (10mA)



# VE.Bus BMS Pre-alarm



# When using a VE.Bus BMS programming is needed



# miniBMS Pre-alarm

Protects 12V, 24V and 48V systems

A simple and low cost alternative to the VE.Bus BMS

System on/off input

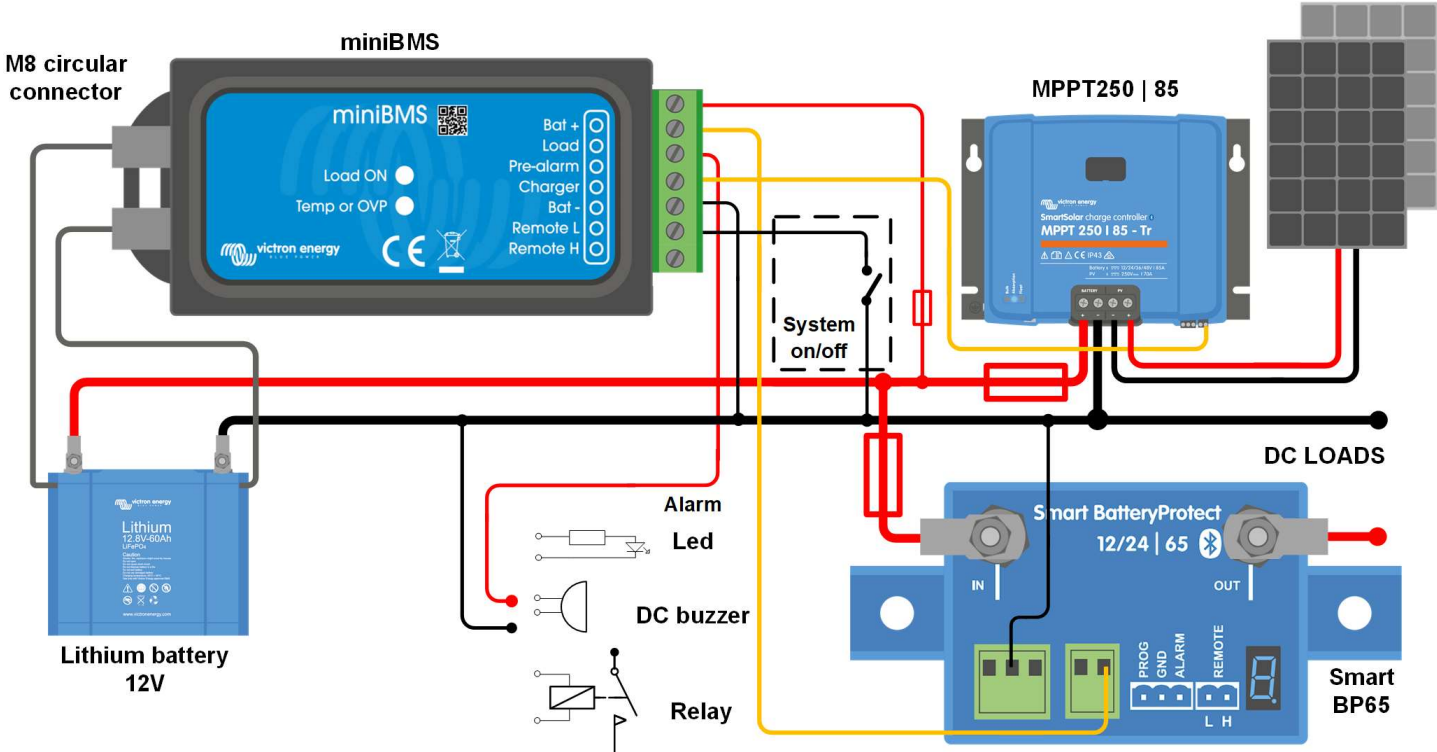
Load Disconnect output (1A)

Pre-alarm (5mA)

Charge disconnect output (10mA)



# miniBMS Pre-alarm





# 12/200 BMS

Protects 12V systems

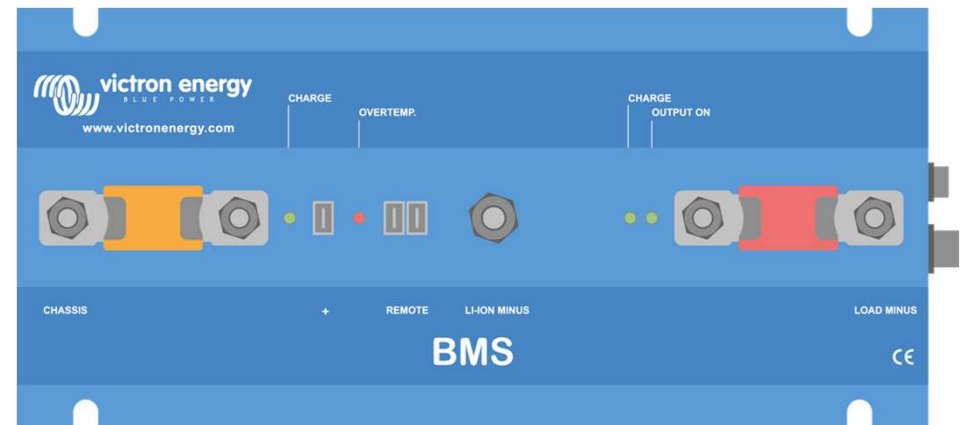
A simple and low cost alternative

System on/off input

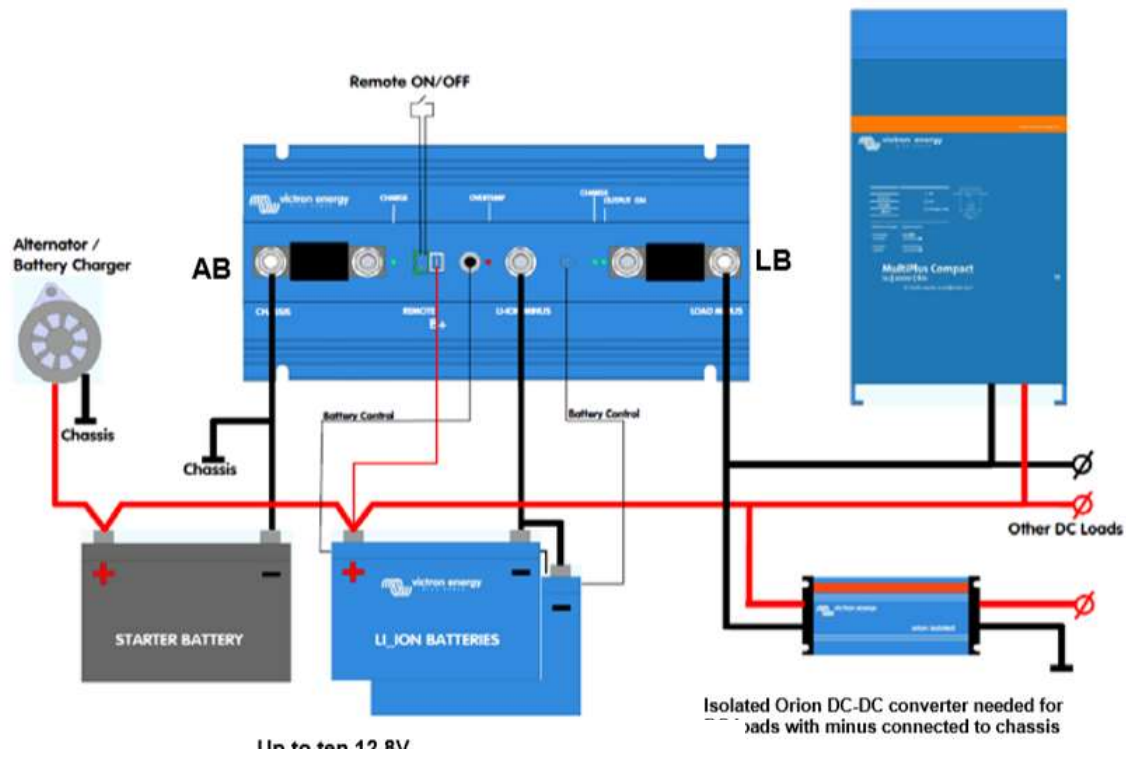
Load Disconnect output (200A)

Alternator charge limiter input (80A)

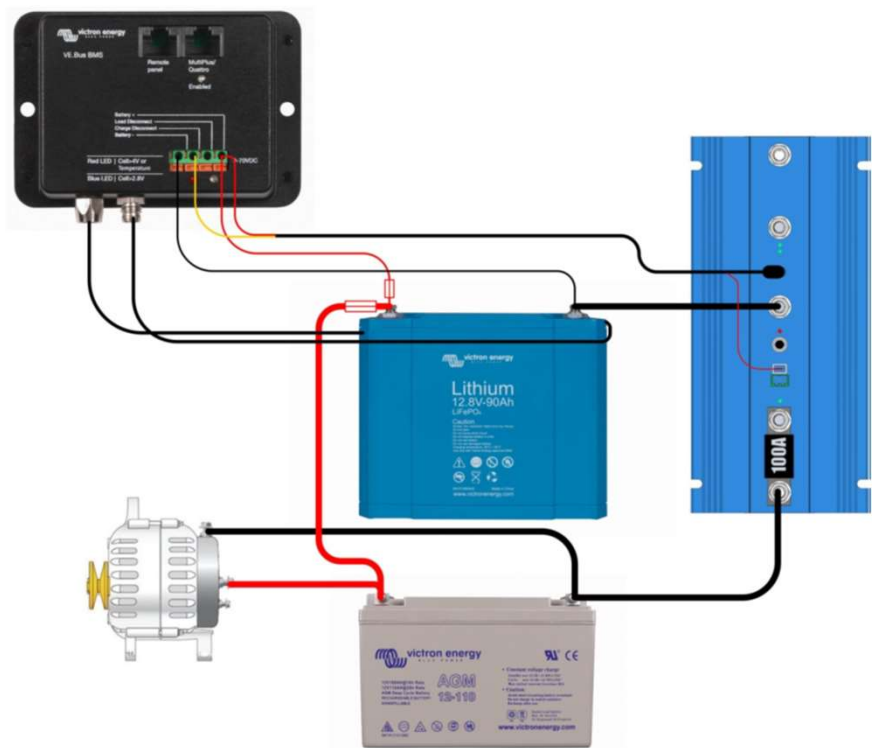
Controlling current is in the minus



# 12/200 BMS



# VE.Bus BMS



# Smart BMS CL 12/100

Protects 12V systems

Alternative to Buck Boost converter

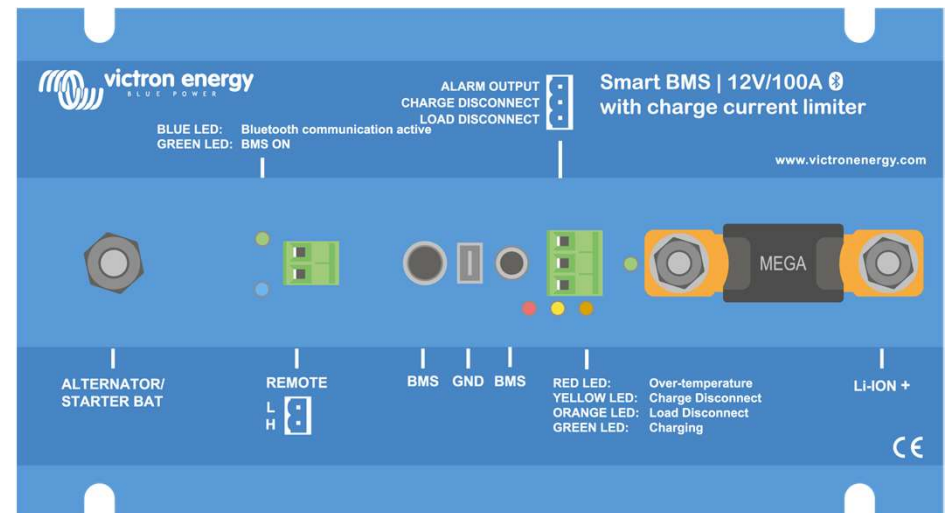
System on/off input

Load Disconnect output (10mA)

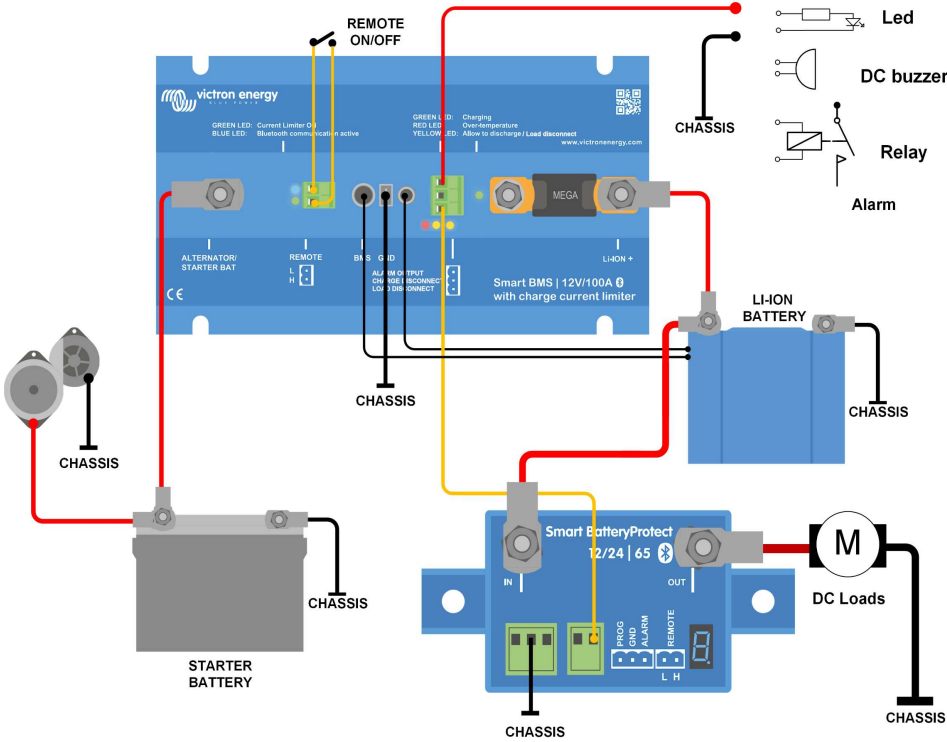
Pre-alarm (1A)

Charge disconnect output (10mA)

Starter battery Protection



# Smart BMS CL 12/100



# Lithium Smart LFP

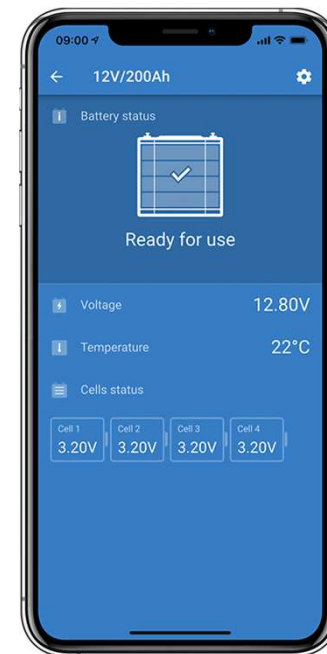
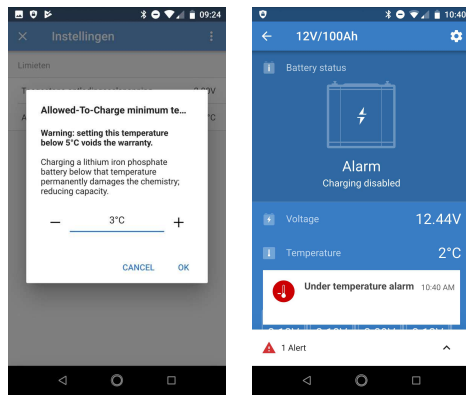
- Available in 12.8 and 25.6V models
- Can be connected in parallel and/or in series up to 48V battery bank
- An additional external BMS is needed, 3 different types available
- The BMS will disconnect the loads in case of under voltage and/or over temperature
- The BMS will disconnect the charger in case of over voltage and /or over or under temperature
- When used with an alternator a current limiting device is needed to protect the alternator

12.8V	25.6V
60 Ah	
100 Ah	
150 Ah	
200 Ah	200 Ah
300 Ah	



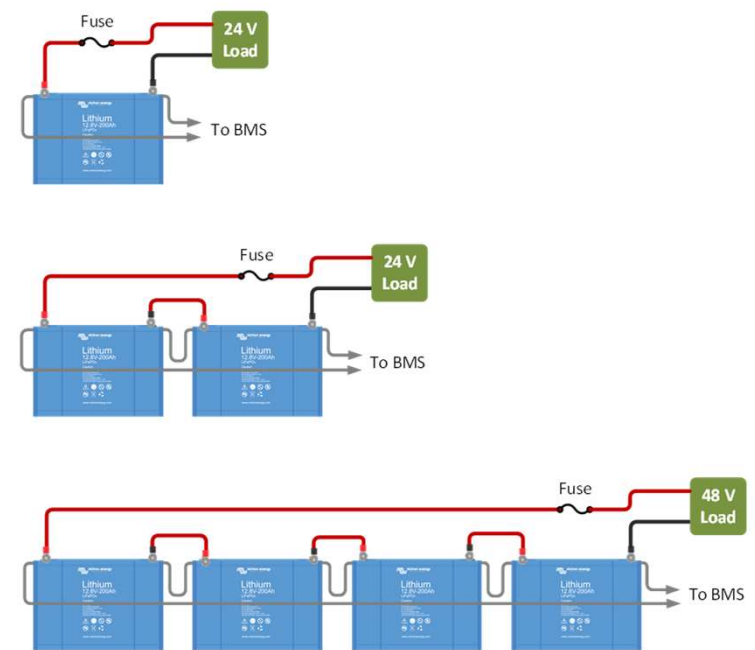
# Cell balancing and monitoring

- Active cell balancing
- Built-in Bluetooth
- Cell monitoring via the VictronConnect app



# Series battery bank

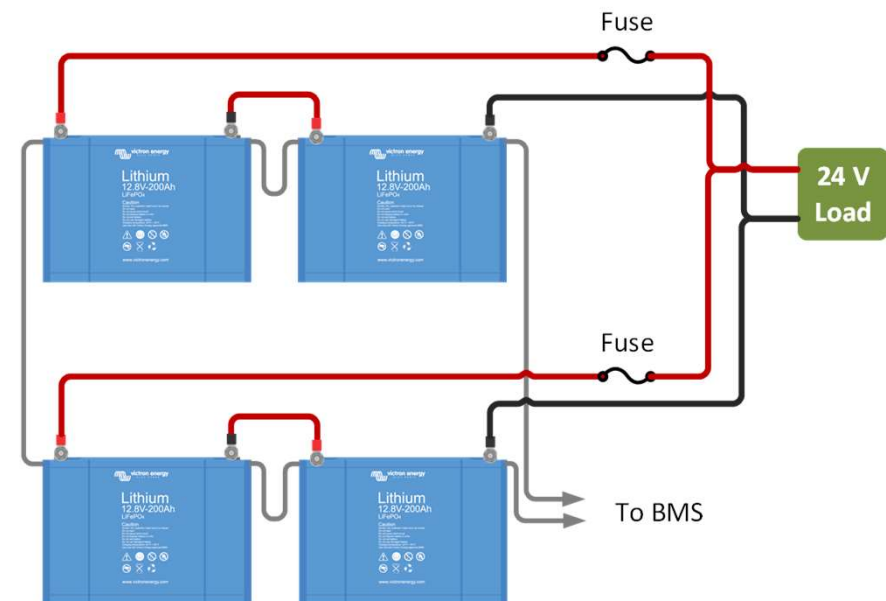
- 12, 24 or 48 V battery bank, Up to four 12V and two 24V batteries can be series connected
- The BMS communication cables daisy chain to each other and the first and last cable connects to the BMS
- BMS extension cables are called: M8 circular connector Male/Female 3 pole cable (bag of 2)





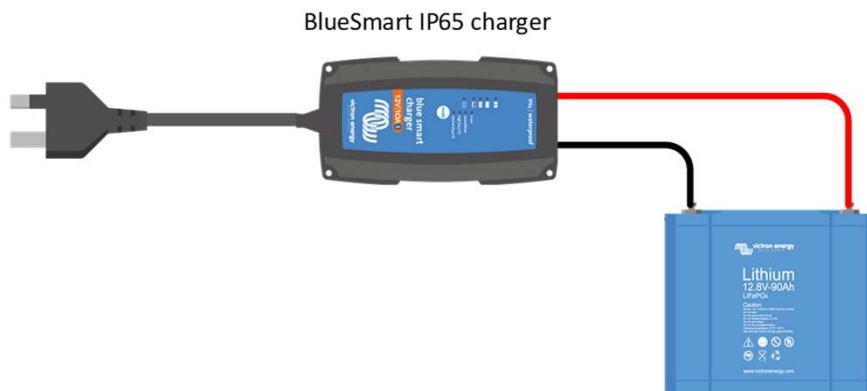
# Parallel battery bank

- 12, 24 or 48 V battery bank
- Up to 10 battery strings can be paralleled.
- Each string needs to be fused
- The BMS communication cables are daisy chained
- Do not connect midpoints

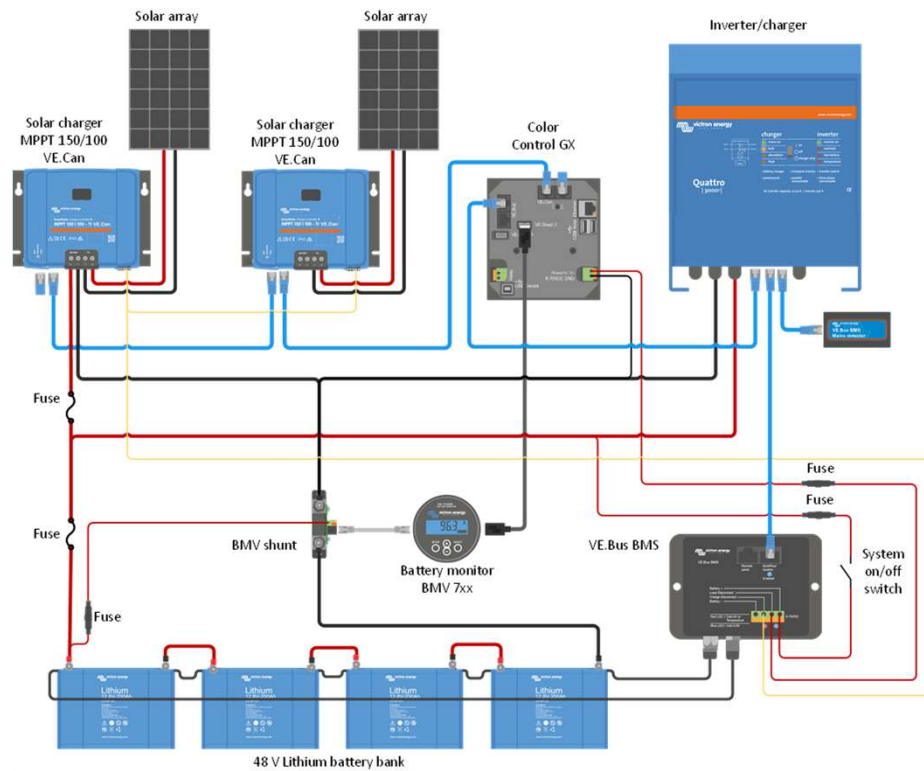


# Always charge batteries before use

- Lithium batteries are approximately 50 % charged when shipped
- Each battery needs to be individually charged before use and before they are going to be connected in a series and/or parallel
- Use a low charge rate (C/20 or less) with a charger set at 14.2 V (BlueSmart charger)



# VE.Bus BMS example with inverter/charger

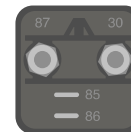


# Battery Protect and Cyrix-Li

Battery protect or Cyrix-Li are used to turn a load or charge source of and are controlled by a BMS.

BatteryProtect has a lower self consumption than a Cyrix

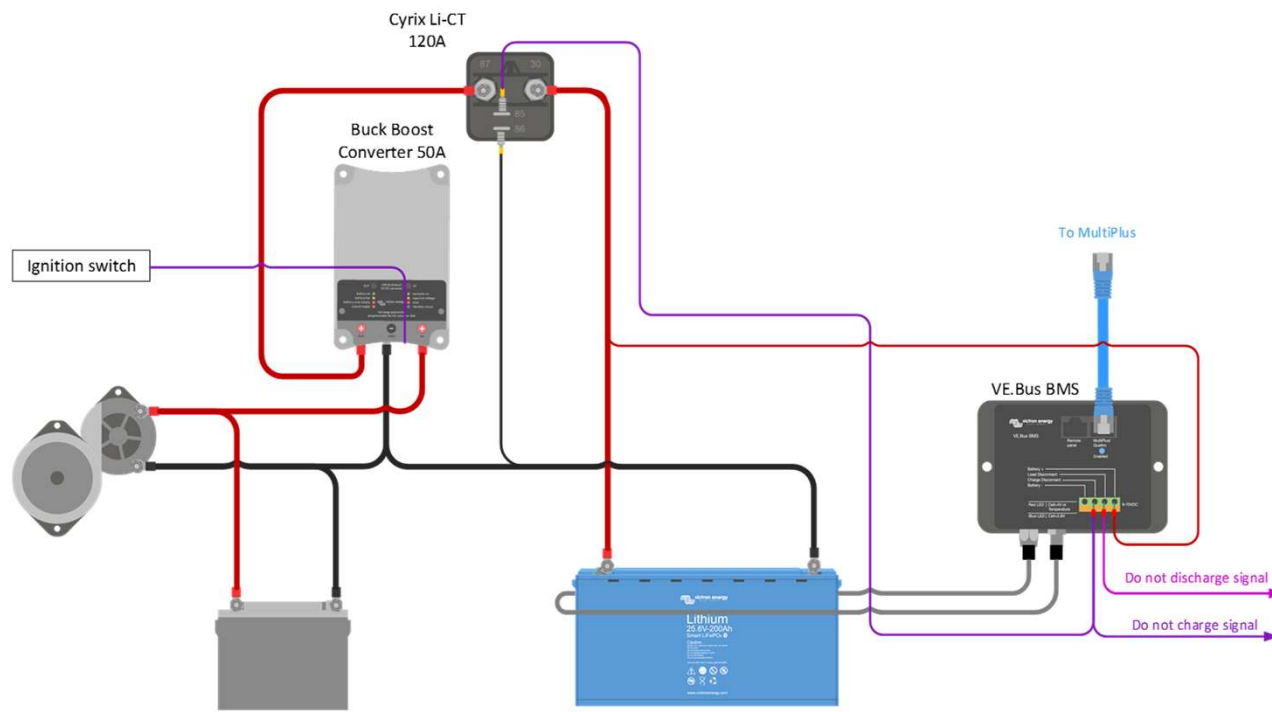
- Turning load off - use BatteryProtect (don't use Cyrix-Li-load)
- Turn charge source off - use BatteryProtect (don't use Cyrix-Li-Charge)
- Cyrix-Li-ct -> use together with Buck boost converter



BPR000065400	BatteryProtect 12/24V-65A
BPR000100400	BatteryProtect 12/24V-100A
BPR000220400	BatteryProtect 12/24V-220A
BPR048100400	BatteryProtect 48V-100A
BPR065022000	Smart BatteryProtect 12/24V-65A
BPR110022000	Smart BatteryProtect 12/24V-100A
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BPR110048000	Smart BatteryProtect 48V-100A

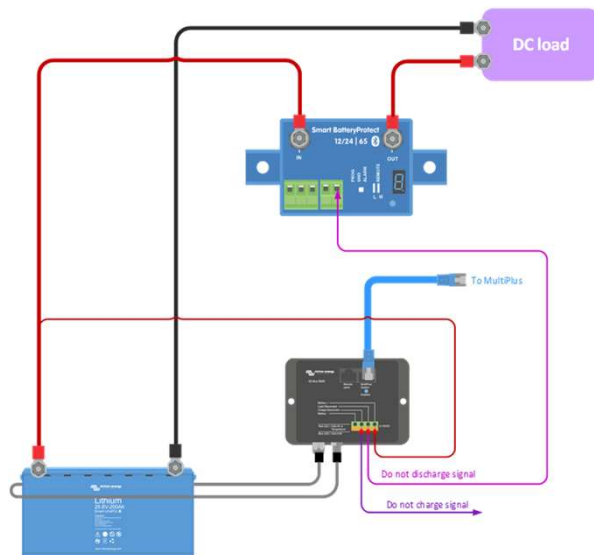
CYR010120450	Cyrix-Li-load 12/24V-120A intelligent load relay
CYR020120450	Cyrix-Li-load 24/48V-120A intelligent load relay
CYR010120430	Cyrix-Li-charge 12/24V-120A intelligent charge relay
CYR020120430	Cyrix-Li-charge 24/48V-120A intelligent charge relay
CYR010120412	Cyrix-Li-ct 12/24V-120A intelligent Li-ion battery combiner
CYR010230450	Cyrix-Li-load 12/24V-230A intelligent load relay
CYR020230450	Cyrix-Li-load 24/48V-230A intelligent charge relay
CYR010230430	Cyrix-Li-charge 12/24V-230A intelligent charge relay
CYR020230430	Cyrix-Li-charge 24/48V-230A intelligent charge relay
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# VE.Bus BMS and Cyrix Li-charge example

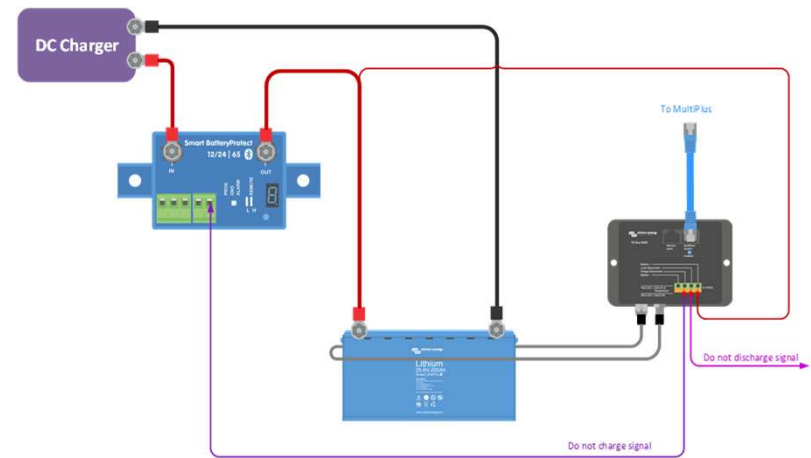


# BatteryProtect examples

Disconnecting a load



Disconnecting a charger



# Battery compatibility guide

Most batteries that Victron can connect to are listed on the Victron live website

This list is hard to find. We don't link to this list from our main website.

- It is located on Victron live:  
[https://www.victronenergy.com/live/battery\\_compatibility:start](https://www.victronenergy.com/live/battery_compatibility:start)
- Or google: "Victron battery compatibility"

The list provides link to instructions on how to configure these batteries.

## Battery Compatibility

Victron inverter/chargers, inverters, chargers, solar chargers, AGM, Gel, OPzS, OPzV, traction batteries and more.

We also provide some documentation and guidelines for other communication between the power electronics and the battery.

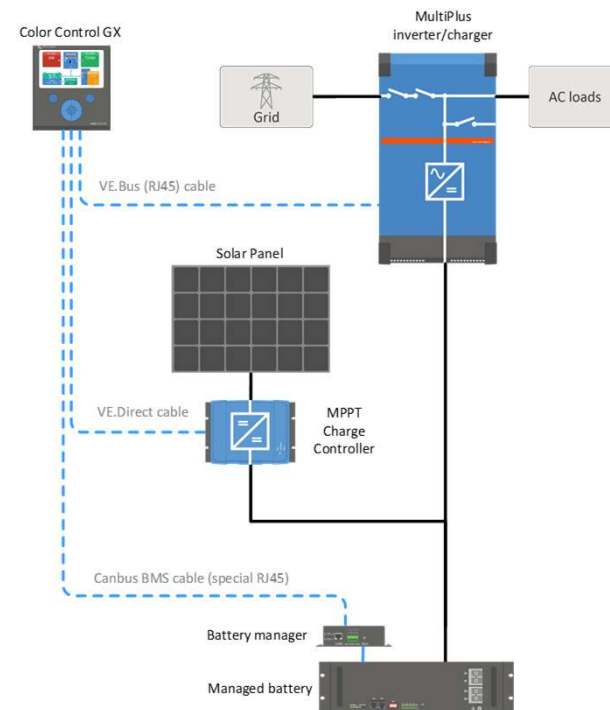
These are sometimes controlled via the CANBus on a Venus-C and adjustment by both battery manufacturer and Victron.

Specific information about compatible batteries that have been tested:

- Aquion AHI
- AXIstorage 75/95
- BattleBorn
- Bluenova Energy Storage
- BMZ ESS 3.0 and ESS 7.0
- BYD B-Box
- Freedomwon Lithium
- Greenrock
- LG Chem Resu
- MG Energy Systems
- Panasonic DCB-105 (India)
- Pylontech US2000, US3000 and Phantom-S
- Redflow ZBM2 / ZCell
- SimpliPhi Power
- SolarMD

# Managed CANbus batteries

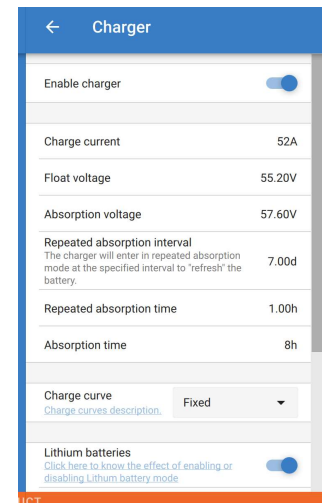
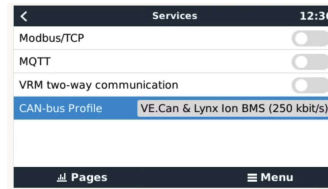
- These batteries contain a BMS (or BMU) and an internal DC breaker
- The BMS calculates state of charge and send this to the GX device
- The BMS communicates with a GX device an the GX device will communicate with the inverter/charger or MPPT so that the BMS can dictate the system charge current





# Basic steps setting up a CAN-bus battery

- A GX device like the Color Control, Octo or Venus is needed
- The VE.Can to CAN-bus cable (A or B) connects the battery to the GX device
- Make the appropriate VE configure charge and low voltage settings
- In the GX enable DVCC and set the max charge current
- In the GX device set the correct Can bus protocol



For in depth details and particular settings for your battery see the [Battery Compatibility guide](#)

# VE.Can to CAN-bus BMS cable

- Special cable to connect smart batteries to a GX device, available in 1.8 and 5 meter
- Do not make this cable yourself, but use a manufactured cable

## Type A for:

- BYD

**Type A**

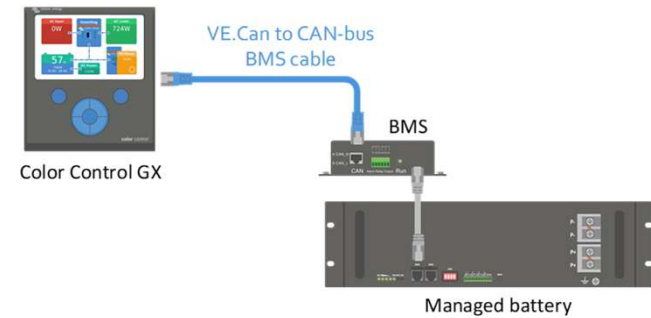
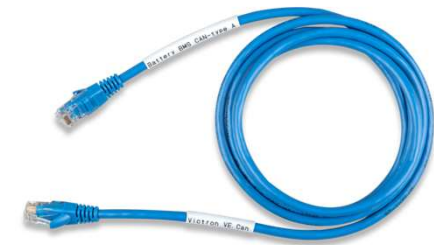
Function	Victron VE.Can side	Battery side
GND	Pin 3	Pin 6
CAN-L	Pin 8	Pin 5
CAN-H	Pin 7	Pin 4

## Type B for:

- LG Chem Resu
- AXIstorage
- BMZ
- Pylontech

**Type B**

Function	Victron VE.Can side	Battery side
GND	Pin 3	Pin 2
CAN-L	Pin 8	Pin 5
CAN-H	Pin 7	Pin 4

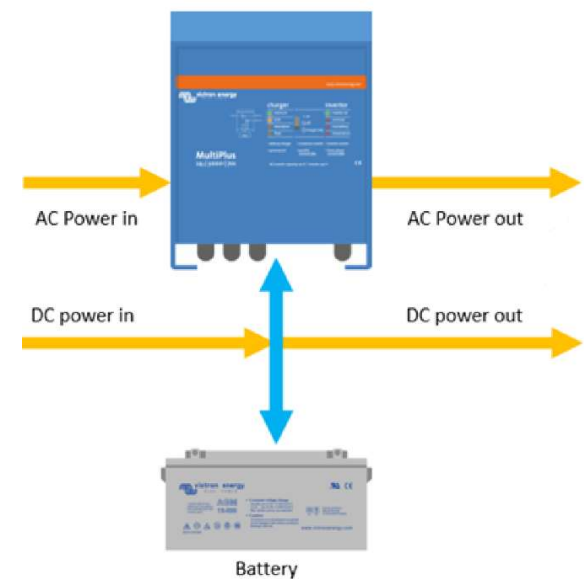




Training - System design

# Information needed to be able to design a system

AC input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grid, shore power, generator or grid tie inverter.</li><li>• How much power and when?</li><li>• Is grid feed allowed?</li></ul>
AC output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AC loads sizes and peak ratings.</li><li>• What source will power the loads battery or AC and when?</li></ul>
DC input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternator, solar, wind or DC generator?</li></ul>
DC output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC loads sizes and duration</li></ul>
Battery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Type of battery technology.</li><li>• Space, weight or budget restrictions?</li></ul>



# Perform the calculations in this order

## Step 1. Power out calculations:

- How big are the loads, AC and/or DC
- At which times

## Step 2. Inverter calculations:

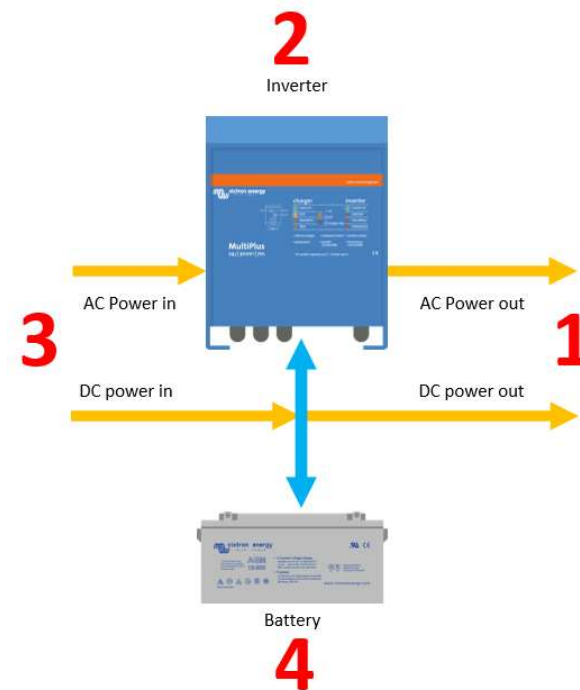
- Peak power requirements

## Step 3. Power in calculations:

- Which source(s), AC and/or DC
- At which times during a day

## Step 4. Battery calculations:

- Autonomy
- Depth of discharge
- Charge rate
- Discharge rate



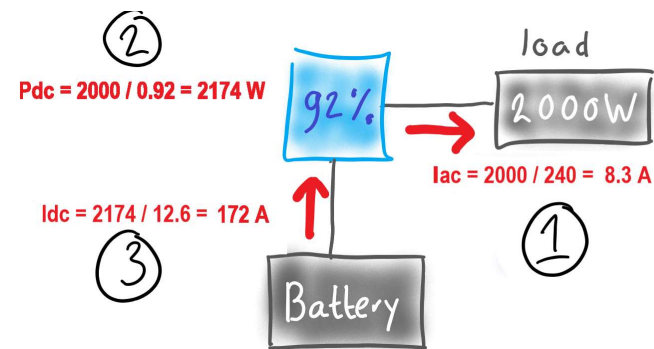
# Calculate in Watts

When making system calculations, always calculate in energy  
In other words, always calculate in Watts.

Watt = Volt x Amp

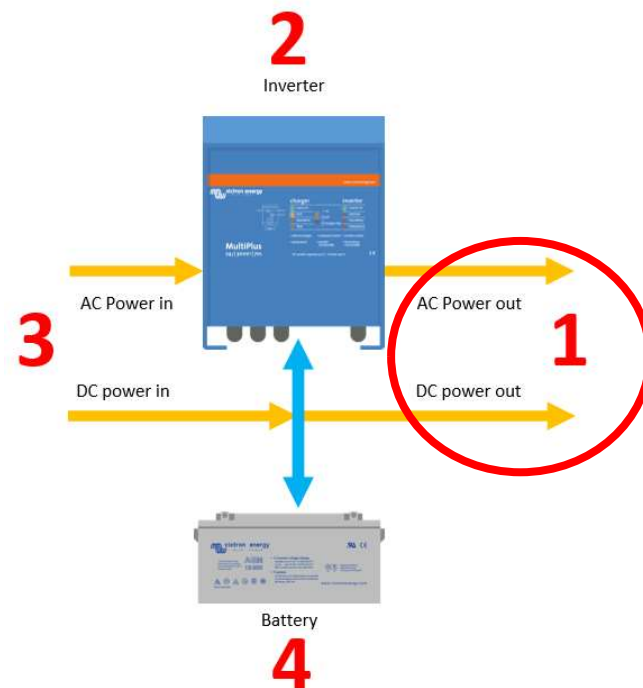
kW = kilo Watt = 1000 W

kWh = kilo Watt hour



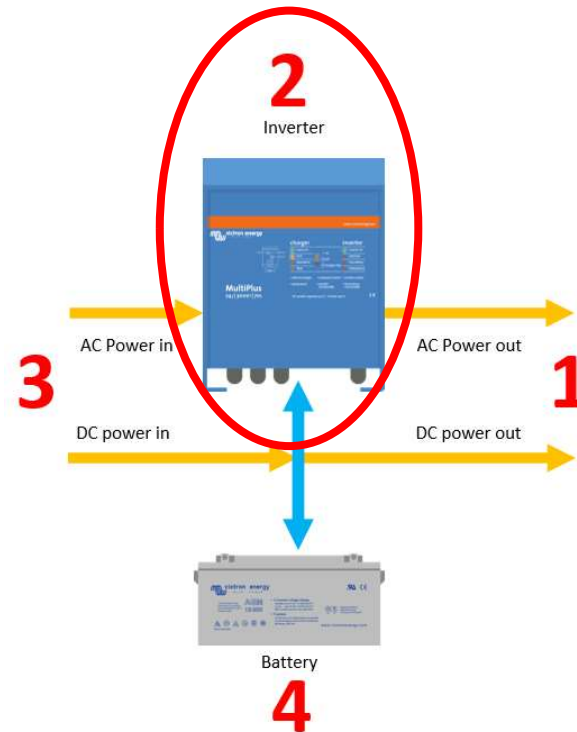
# Power out calculations:

- Make a list of:
  - all AC loads
  - and DC loads
- Determine how long these loads are running
- In case of PV also note what time of day these are running



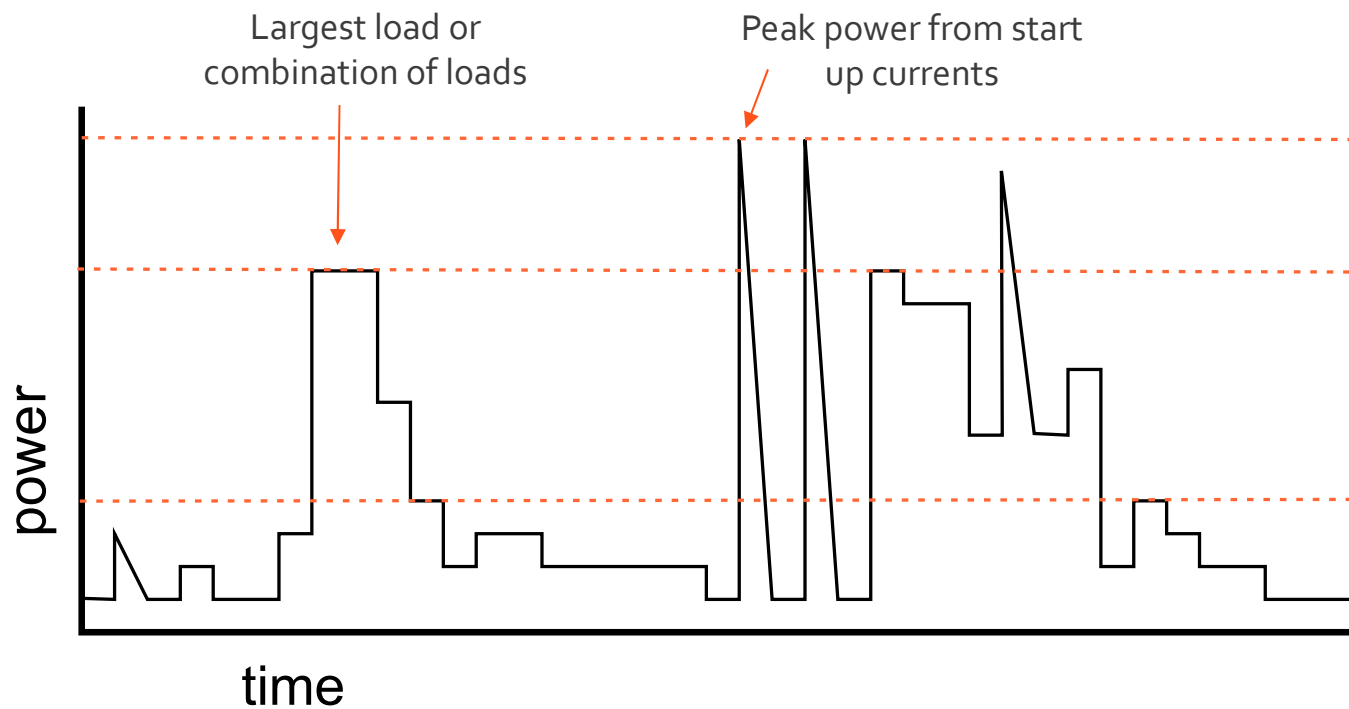
# Inverter calculations

- Determine the peak power of the system.
- The loads that are running at the same time determines the inverter size
- Also look closer into loads that could have a high start up power.





# Average load of a system



**Peak load:** This has to match the peak load capability of the Multi

**Largest load:** This determines the Multi size

**Average load:**  
This determines the generator size in relation to its running hours

# Power in calculations

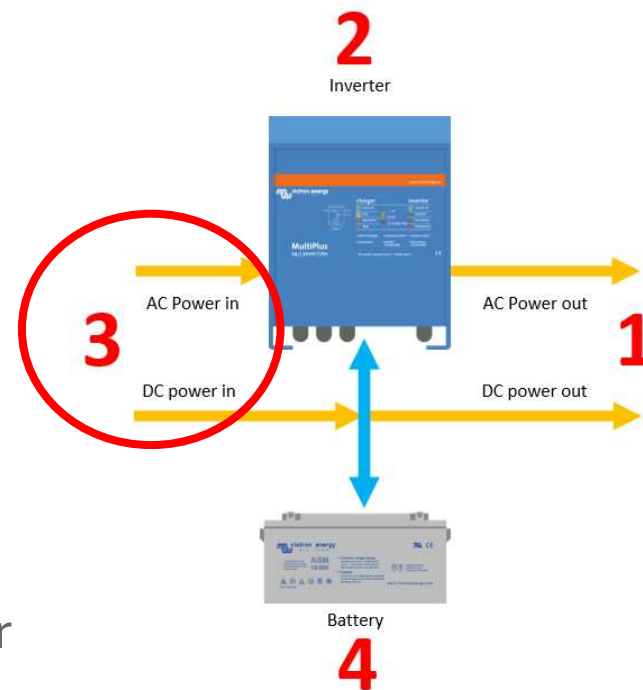
Find out what type of power is coming into the system and for how long and at which times during a day

AC power:

- Generator, Grid

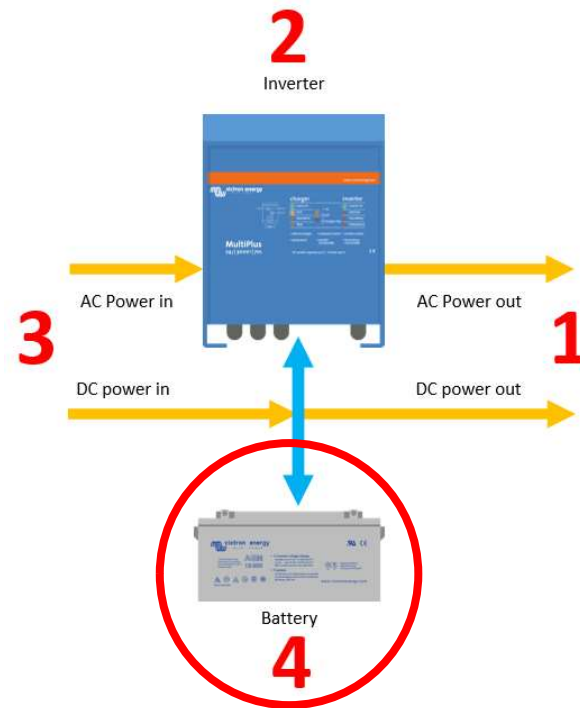
DC power

- Solar, wind, alternator, DC generator



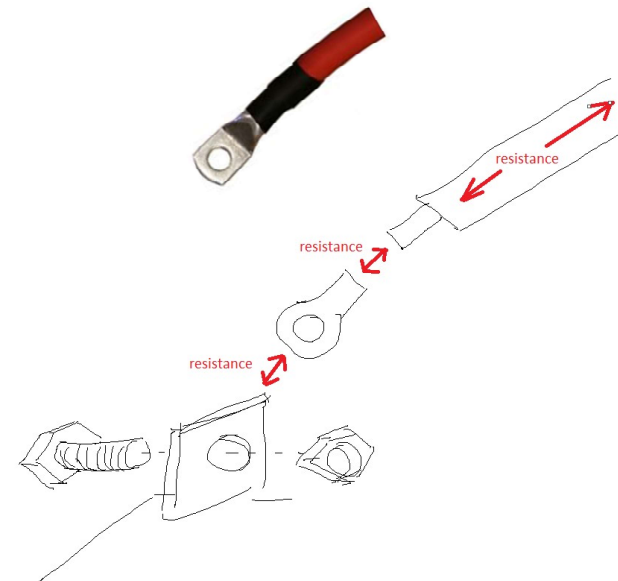
# Battery calculations

- System stand alone time
- Battery capacity
- Depth of discharge
- Charge rate
- Discharge rate



# Cable resistance

- To give an indication of cable resistance, the total resistance for a 20cm 35 m<sup>2</sup> cable is about 1,5 milliohms
- You might say that 1.5 mΩ is not much. But the internal resistance of the Multi and the batteries are also low. Therefore it does matter a lot!



# Cable resistance and voltage drop

A cable has a certain resistance. When you send current through a cable a voltage drop will occur.

Example:

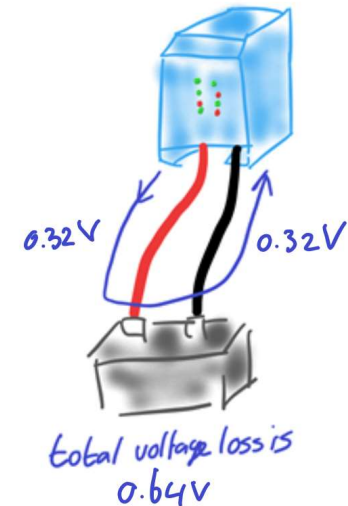
Resistance of a cable is  $1.6\text{m}\ \Omega$

A  $2400\text{W}$  load at  $12\text{V}$  creates a current of  $200\text{ A}$

$$V = I \times R$$

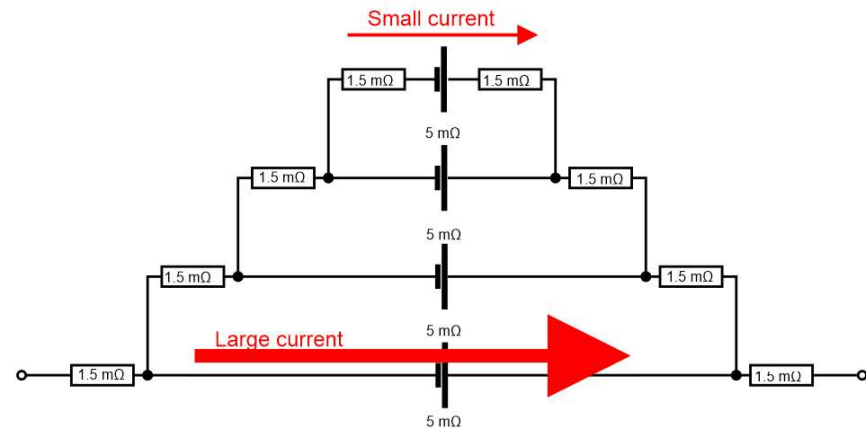
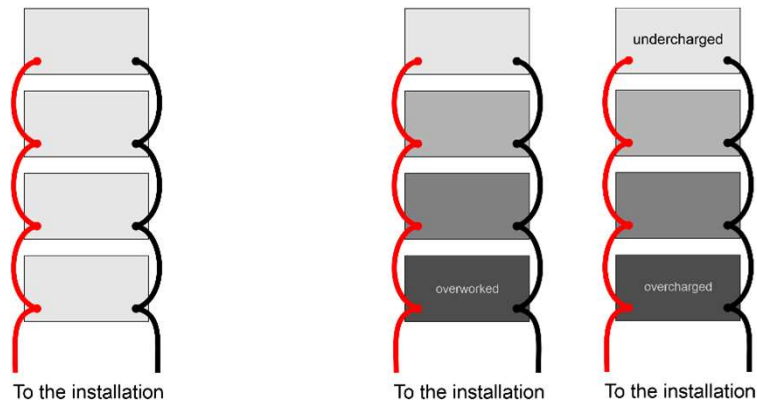
The voltage drop over one cable is  $200 \times 0.0016 = 0.32\text{ V}$

The total voltage loss over both cables is  $0.64\text{ V}$

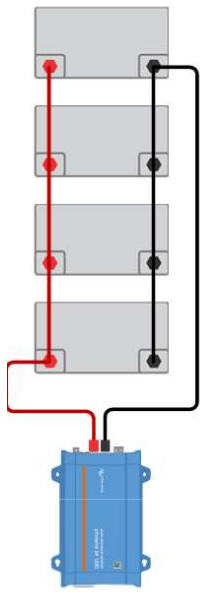


# Common battery bank wiring mistake

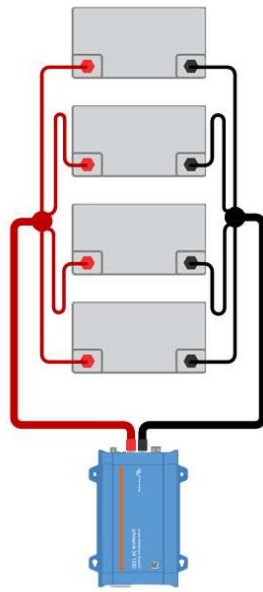
- Each interconnecting cable contains resistance
- The path to the last battery contains more resistance than the path to the first battery
- This will result in an overworked first battery and will fail prematurely



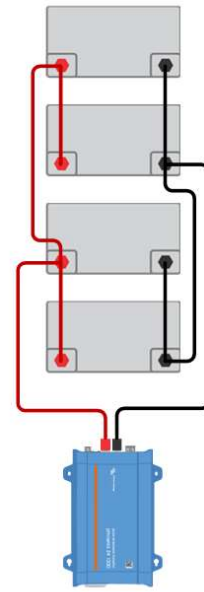
# Correct ways of connecting parallel battery banks



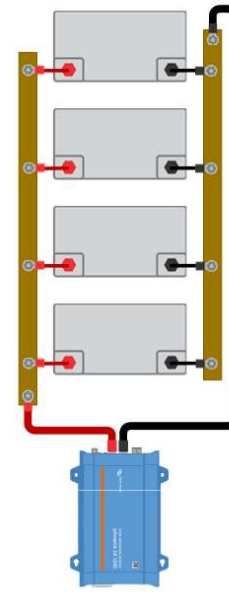
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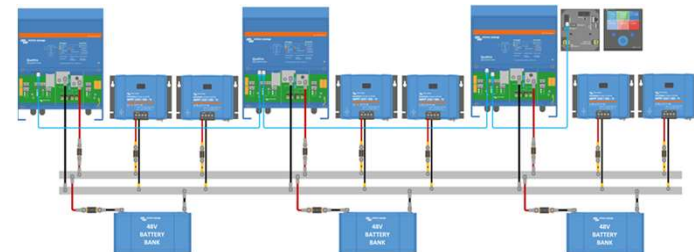
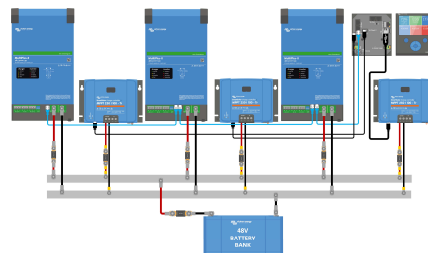
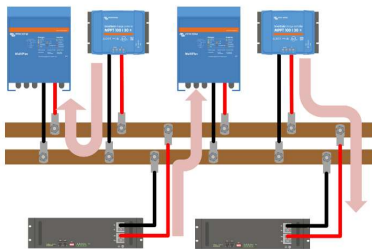
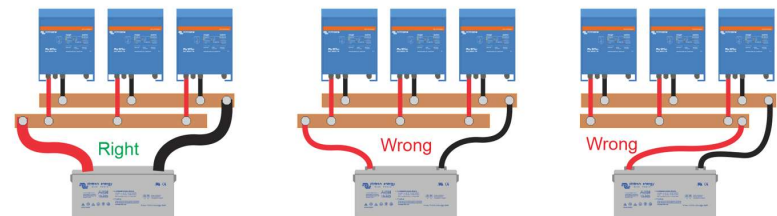
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Busbars

# Busbars

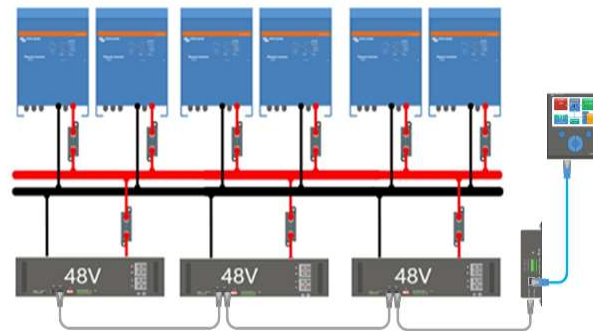
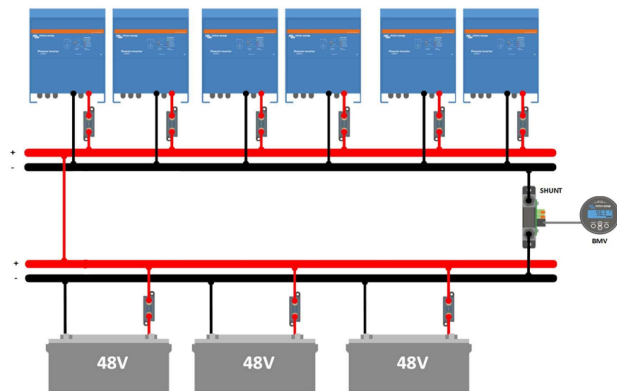
- The cross-section of the cable from battery to busbar must equal the sum of the cables from busbar to DC equipment
- Cross connect the busbar
- Intermix batteries and DC loads on the bus





# Shunt and busbar considerations

- Shunt placement
- Is a shunt needed? Be aware that it can introduce issues



# System installation

Read the product manual safety and wiring instructions

Follow local wiring and installation regulations

Correct product placement

- no electronics directly above lead acid batteries
- keep products cool
- pay attention to IP ratings

# What determines overload

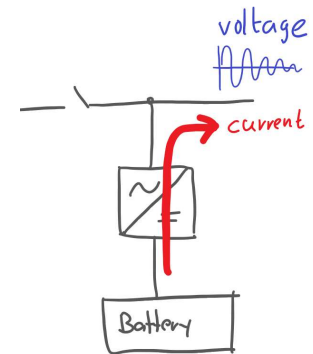
Overload is initiated when:

- the current through the inverter is too high
- When the inverter output voltage drops

When determining loading, always look at the AC output current

- $\text{Current} = \text{power} / \text{voltage}$
- For a 8000 VA unit at 240V the current rating is  $8000/240 = 33.33 \text{ A}$
- This is the half hour current
- The peak current is twice that, so  $2 \times 33.33 = 66.66 \text{ A}$

When investigating overload situations use a true RMS current clamp, and maximum load is related to temperature



# Overload, how long

## This guide can be used, provided:

- The battery voltage remains stable
- The unit is not over-heated due to earlier overload attempts

## Start up current of loads:

- Single phase motor: 6 x nominal current
- 3 Phase motor: 3 x nominal current
- For inductive or capacitive loads (0.7 power factor): double inverter size is needed

Overload	Time
130% of nominal power	30 minutes
Overload where the output voltage remains stable	2 minutes
150% of nominal power where the output voltage remains stable	5 seconds
Peak power of 200% of the nominal power (short-circuit)	0.5 seconds = 30 cycles

## Soft start devices:

- Use frequency drive devices,
- Don't use devices that chop the sine wave

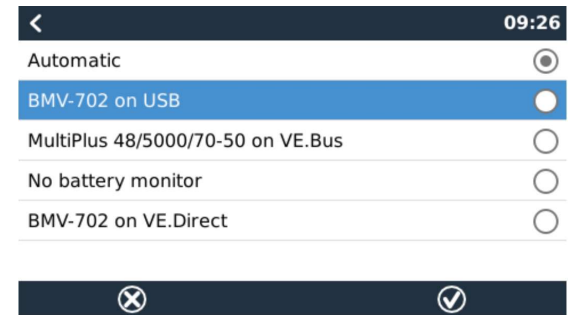


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# Battery monitoring and GX device

# GX device allows for one SoC for the whole system

- The CCGX or Venus itself does not calculate State of Charge (SoC)
- It retrieves the SoC value from a connected device like a Multi, BMV, Lynx shunt or a “smart” battery:



- BMV 7xx series
- Lynx shunt
- VE.Bus
- Smart battery with a built-in battery monitors like BYD, Redflow and others. For full list and more info see:



Enable battery monitor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Battery capacity	500Ah
Needed to calculate the battery state of charge	
State of charge when bulk finished	85.0%
Charge efficiency	0.80

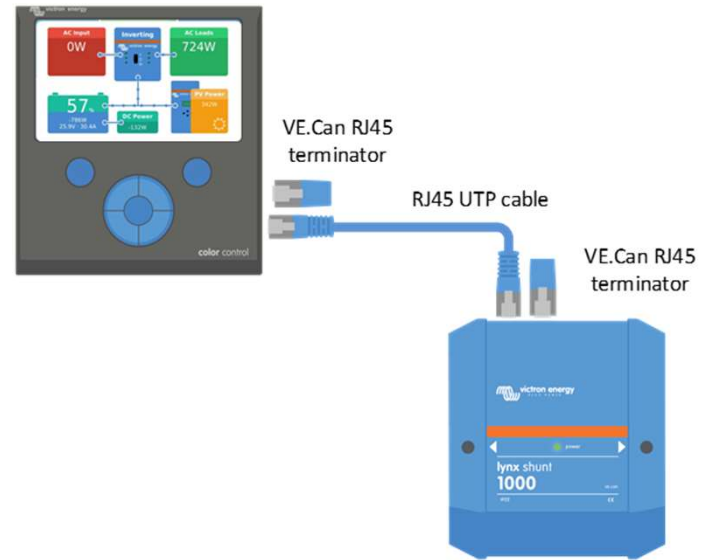


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# BMV-7xx series

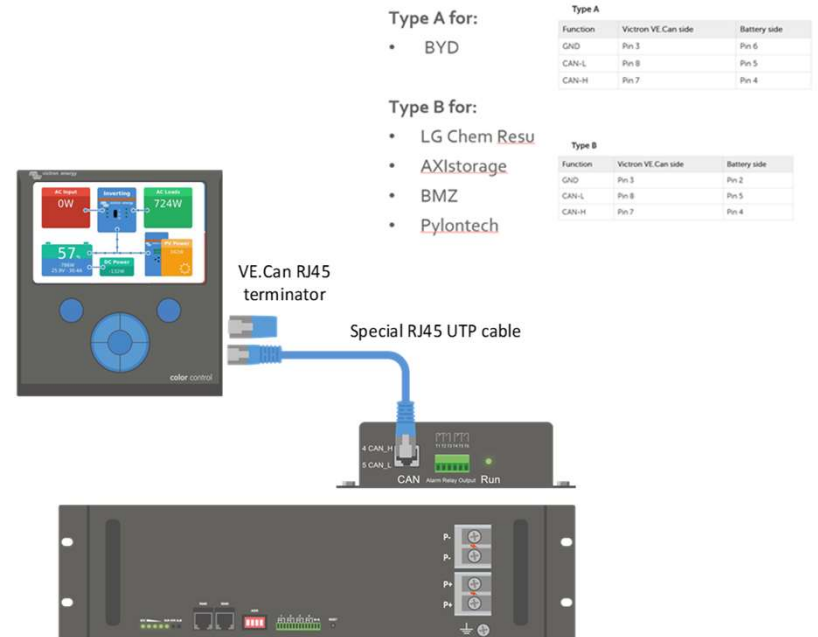
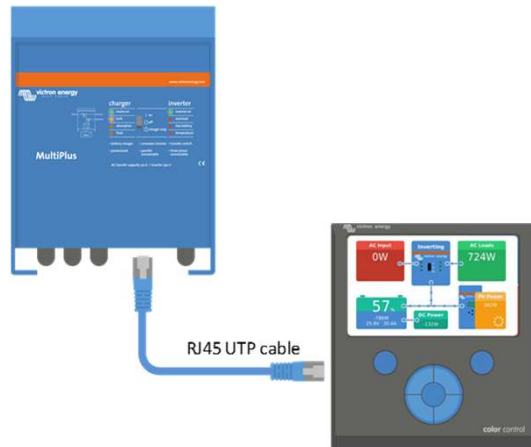
# Lynx shunt





# VE.Bus

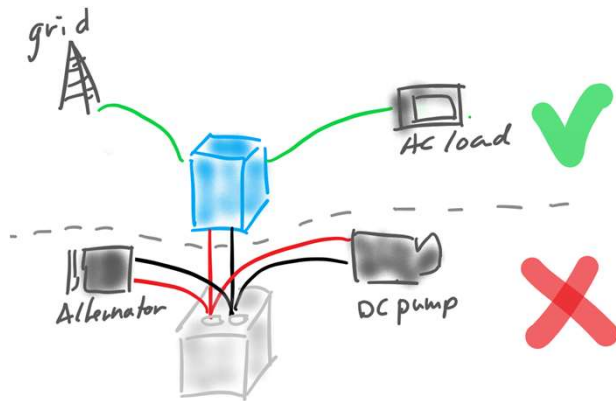
# Smart battery



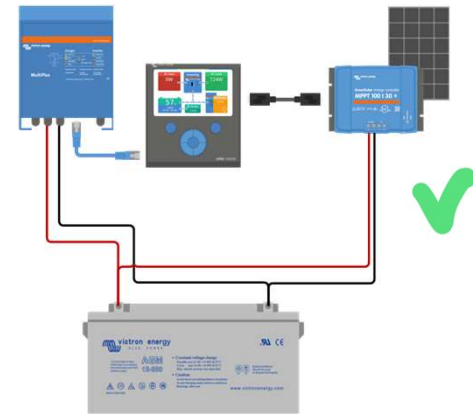
# Note on VE.Bus SoC

- The Multi measures how much current goes in and out of the battery,
- But ... it will miss the current from external DC sources or loads

Don't use the VE.Bus SoC when there are DC loads or charge sources in a system

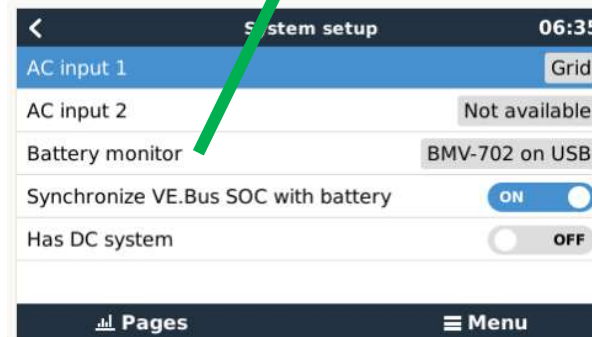


Do use VE.Bus SoC if there are only Victron products in the system and they are all connected to a GX device



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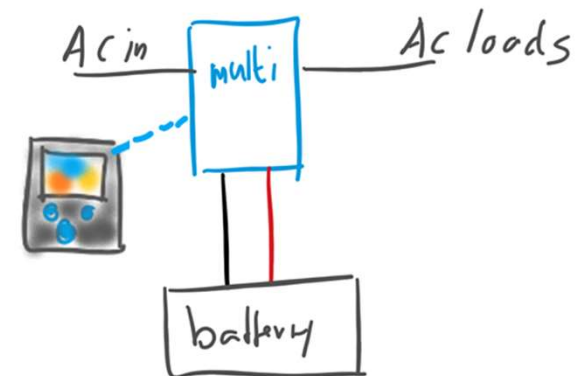
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# Battery and Multi or Quattro with CCGX

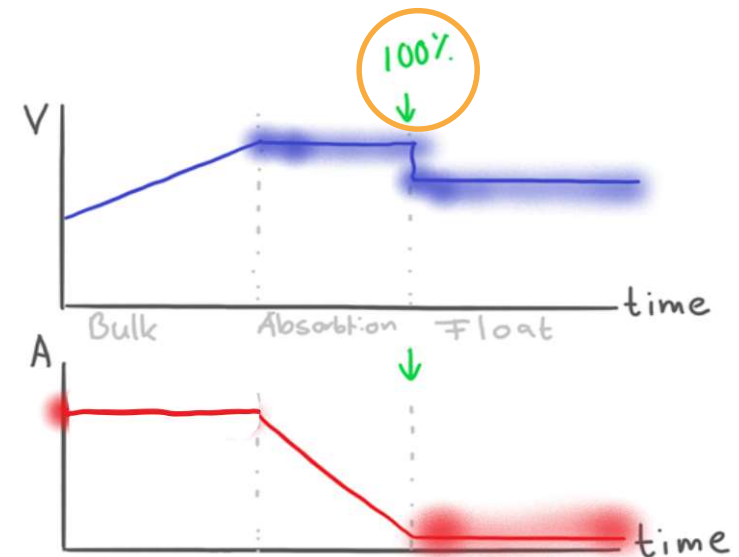
If the Multi is the only product connected to the battery. No external battery monitor is required. The Multi can calculate SoC.

- In VEConfigure enable and configure the Battery Monitor
- In the CCGX select VE.Bus SoC



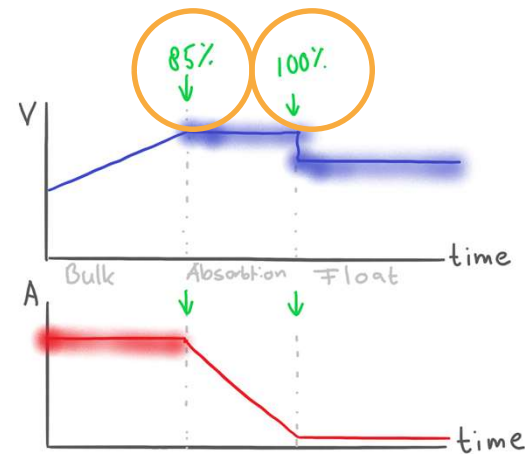
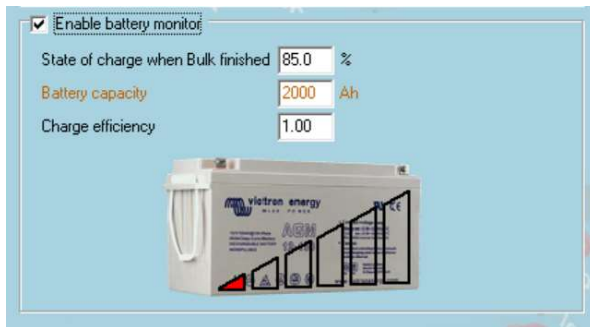
# BMV and Lynx synchronisation

- These battery monitors synchronises when the battery is fully charged
- This happens when the current is below and voltage is above a certain level
- The battery needs to be charged on a regular basis to prevent drift.



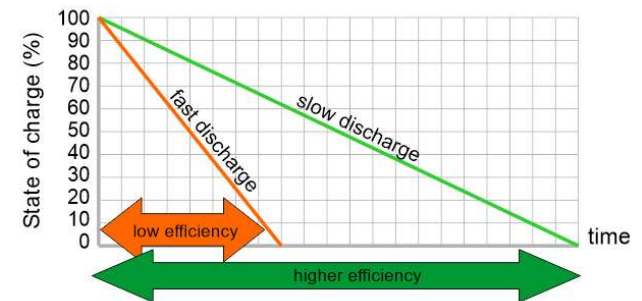
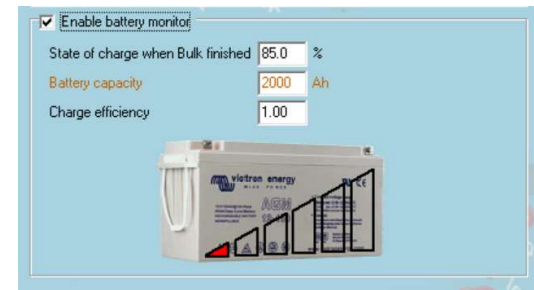
# VE.Bus synchronisation

- When the bulk charge stage is finished the Multi sets the SoC to the percentage you have entered into the settings.
- The Multi will also set the SoC to 100% when the absorption charge stage is finished



# VE.Bus charge efficiency

- Charge efficiency recommendations:
  - Lead acid = 0.85 - 0.75
  - Lithium = 0.99 - 0.95
- The Multi does not take the Peukert exponent into consideration. This means that it will not differentiate between fast or slow discharge.
- If the Peukert exponent of the battery is much higher than 1, it might be beneficial to use a BMV for SoC calculation.



# SoC is stuck at 85%

## The problem:

- In an off-grid system (non ESS) when charging from an MPPT and you are using VE.Bus SoC, the Soc wil not get above 85%
- But ... when charging from a generator via the Multi, the SoC will eventually go to 100%

## The reason this happens:

- The Multi won't increase its SoC over 85% as long as it has not detected that the battery voltage has reached its "set" absorption voltage.

## The fix:

- Set the Absorption voltage of the MPPT is slightly above that of the Multi.



Absorption voltage 57.60 V

### Settings

Battery voltage

Max charge current 70A

Charger enabled

#### Charger settings

Battery preset Rotary switch

Position 0  
Gel Victron long life (OPzV), Gel oxide  
A600 (OPzV), Gel MK

Absorption voltage 57.60V

Maximum absorption time 6h 0m

Float voltage 55.20V





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