Victron Manual of Style (MoS)

The Victron Manual of Style (MoS), is a set of evolving and aspirational standards for the writing and design of documents. Victron's MoS is relevant to all documents that we produce, be they in digital, paper or web format.

Acronyms

Start a document with the full name of the acronym and then the acronym in brackets. Use just the acronym after that. Example: Battery Management System (BMS) and thereafter use just BMS.

Language

Use British English, as opposed to USA English.

Numbers

The following example shows the decimal mark and the thousands separator usage for both currency and non-currency numbers.

1,234,567.89

Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decimal_mark#Examples_of_use

Punctuation

A basic guide to punctuation: http://stylematters.margaretashworth.com/punctuation/

Product Acronyms

Consider

- Capitalisation,
- Punctuation, and
- Omission or inclusion of spaces or hyphenation.

List of words that are often written incorrectly:

- VE.Direct
- VE.Bus
- VE.Can
- CAN-bus
- VictronConnect

- VEConfigure
- Color Control GX → CCGX
- Venus GX → VGX
- CCGX/VGX - Referred to collectively as a GX-device.
- Equalisation (Not Equalization)

GX Product Classifications

- GX product range - all GX devices (eg CCGX), and their accessories (eg GX GSM).

- GX device - any member of that family eg Venus GX and Octo GX, but not inclusive of the accessories.

- GX card - a circuit board featuring all the GX features that is used in the integrated products, eg EasySolar-II GX and MultiPlus-II GX.

Products that have the GX suffix are a GX device, or contain a GX device.

Products that have a GX prefix are accessories for a GX device.

Public use of the term 'Venus' is generally depreciated. Internally 'Venus' refers to the open source operating system software development that runs on the GX devices.

Style

If in doubt *The Economist* has one of the best style guides I know of:
http://www.economist.com/styleguide/introduction

Type Faces Used

- MyriadPro-Bold
- MyriadPro-It
- Helvetica Neue regular, bold and condensed black
- Arial regular and bold

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