

Virtual switch - Generator start/stop

This document explains one of the ways to automatically start and stop a generator. See [here](#) for the other options.

More generator information about using a generator in combination with Victron is available [here](#).

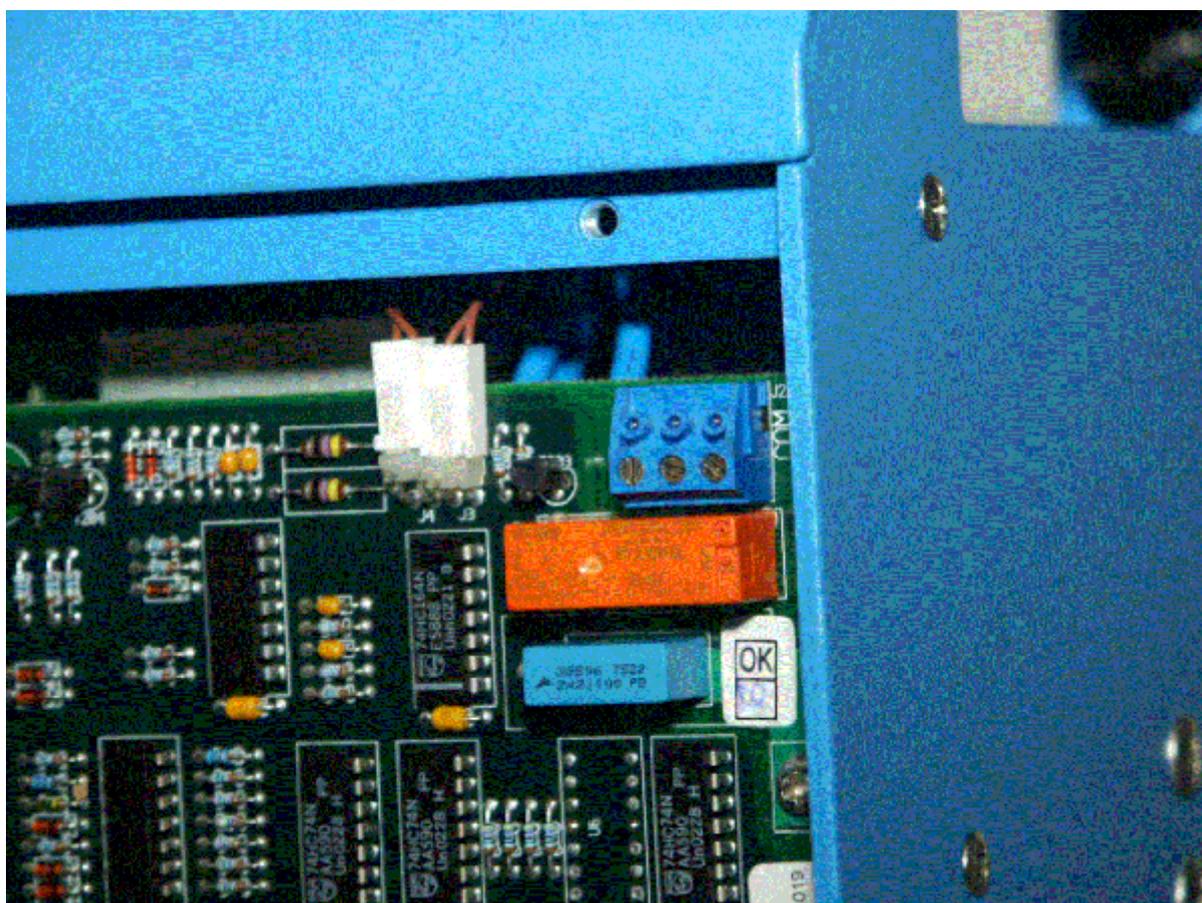
1. Wiring

The relay and connector block that needs to be wired to the generator control input is named the Alarm relay; in the various manuals.

1.1 MultiPlus and Quattro models of 3000VA and above

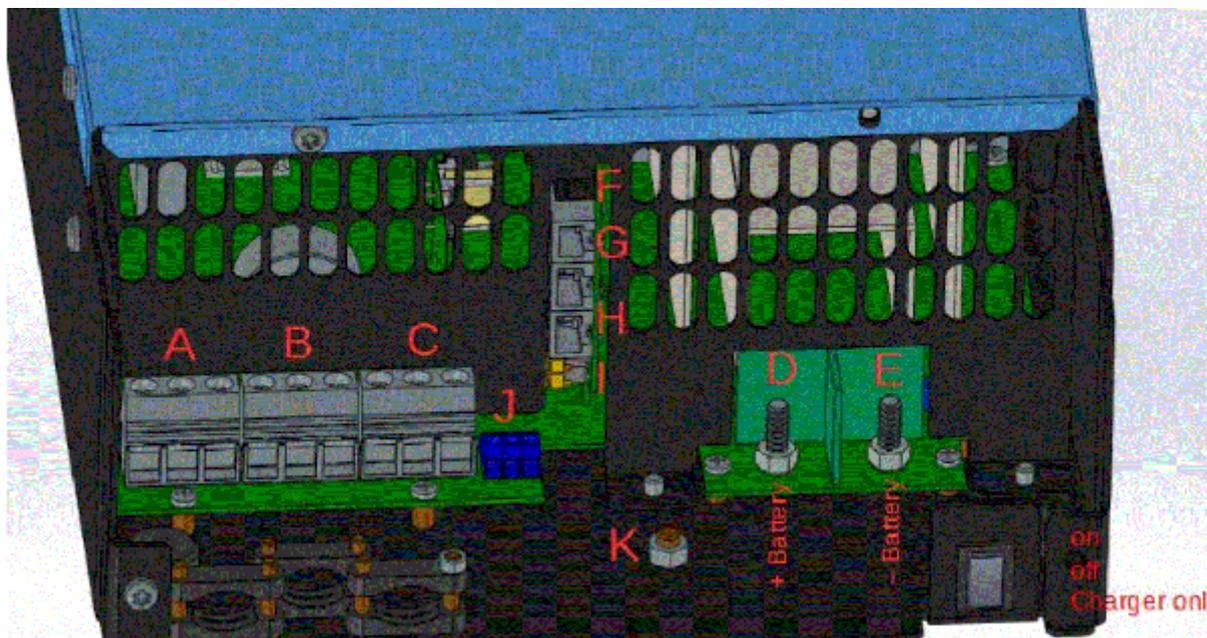
To do the wiring easily; be aware that its detachable: you can pull the block off; do the wiring; and then push it back on.

Note that there are three contacts; left to right: Normally Closed (NC) , Normally Open (NO), Common (COM).



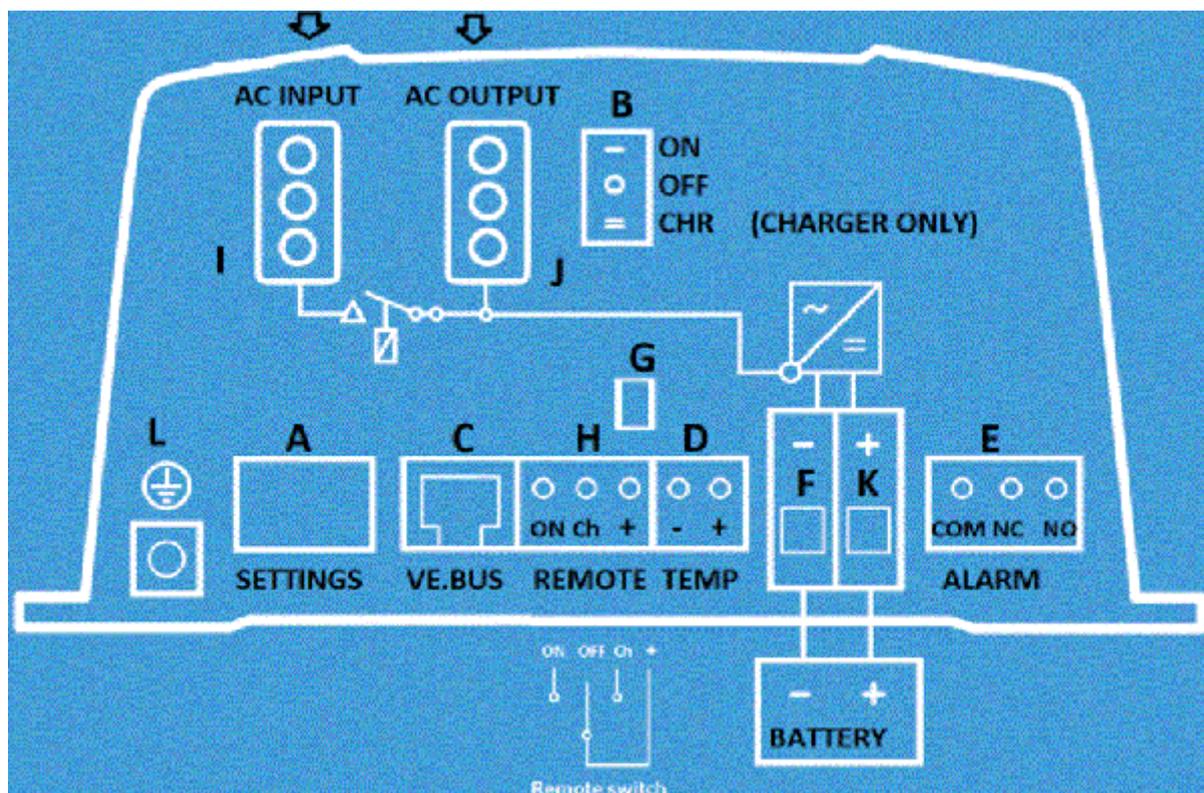
1.2 MultiPlus-II models

The connector is J in the picture. Left to right: NO, NC, COM.

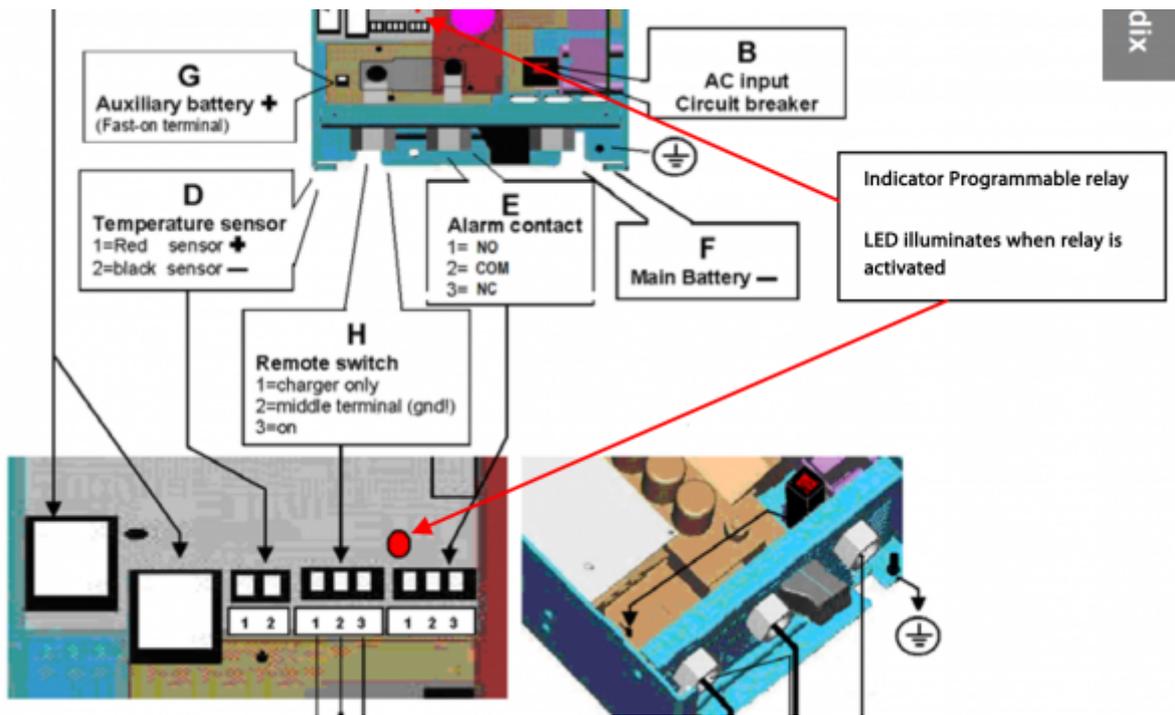


1.3 MultiPlus 500VA to 1600VA models

And, on our Multi 500, 800, 1200 and coming 1600, is contact E; here:



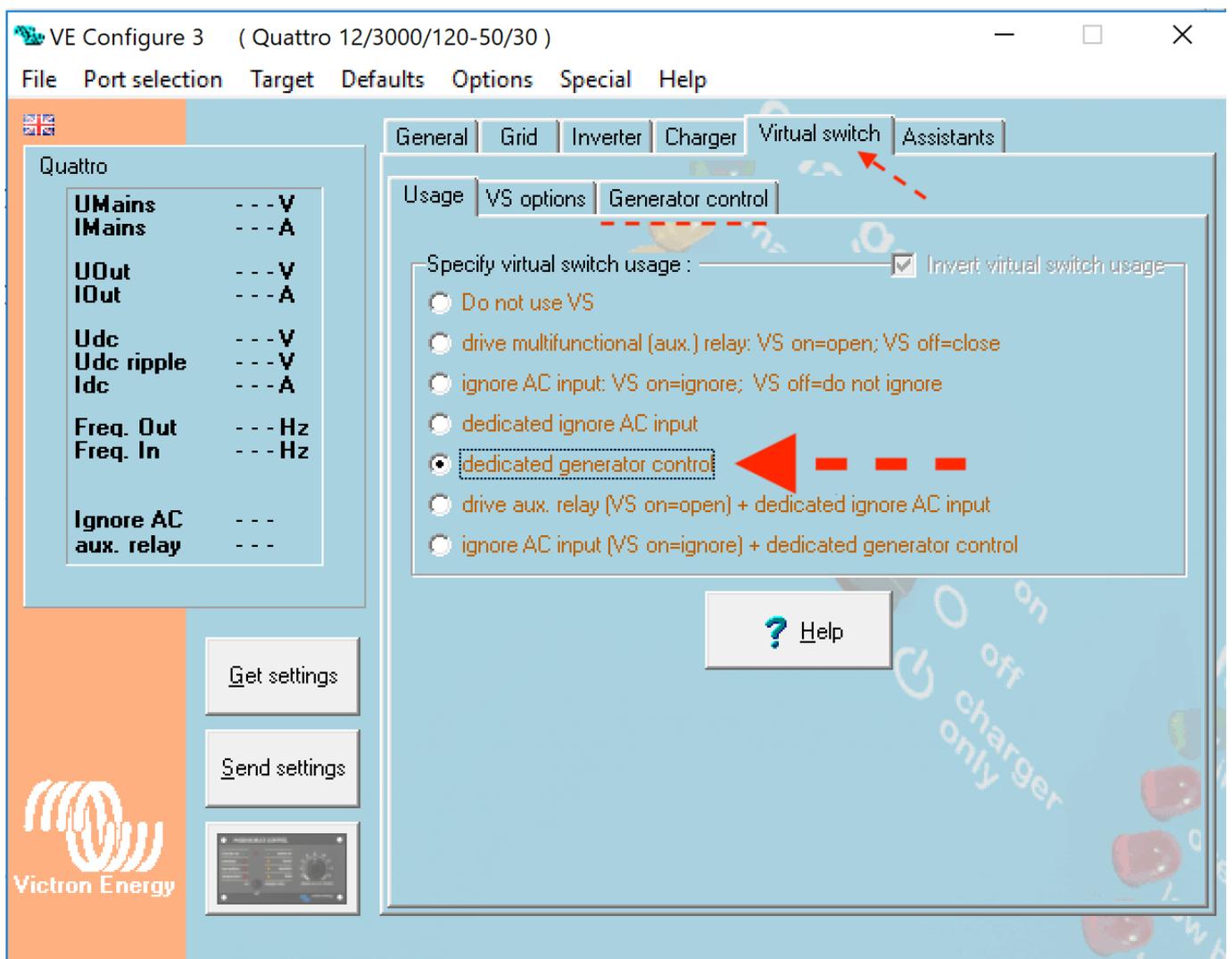
1.4 MultiPlus Compact models



2. Configuration

2.1 enable the feature

Open VEConfigure, navigate to the Virtual Switch, and there select 'dedicated generator control'.



2.2 configure the feature

Note that below are just example values; configure them to the suit the type of batteries and rest of system.

VE Configure 3 (Quattro 12/3000/120-50/30)

File Port selection Target Defaults Options Special Help

General Grid Inverter Charger Virtual switch Assistants

Usage VS options Generator control

Load conditions

Start generator when load higher than:
2548 W for 30 seconds

Once started due to load condition, stop generator when load lower than:
637 W for 2 minutes

Battery conditions

Start generator
when Udc lower than: 11.75 V for 20 seconds
or when state of charge lower than: 50.0 %

Once started due to a battery condition, stop generator when:
Udc higher than 14.00 V for 30 minutes

stop generator when AC2 available
 invert driving of auxiliary relay
(i.e. generator starts when relay NOT driven)

Get settings
Send settings

Quattro

UMains ---V
IMains ---A

UOut ---V
IOOut ---A

Udc ---V
Udc ripple ---V
Idc ---A

Freq. Out ---Hz
Freq. In ---Hz

Ignore AC ---
aux. relay ---

Victron Energy

From:
<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/> - **Victron Energy**

Permanent link:
<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/ve.bus:virtual-switch-generator-start-stop?rev=1548547093>

Last update: **2019-01-27 00:58**

