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#### Introduction

GX products are Victron's state-of-the-art monitoring solution. The family consists of the different GX products, and their accessories.

The GX-device lies at the heart of the system - providing monitoring, and operating as the communication-centre of your installation. All the other system-components - such as inverter/chargers, solar chargers, and batteries - are connected to it. Monitoring can be carried out locally and remotely - via our free-to-use Victron Remote Management portal (VRM). The GX-device also provides Remote firmware updates and allows inverter/charger settings to be changed remotely.

The GX Family consists of these models:

- Cerbo GX Our newly released GX product.
- Color Control GX Our first released GX product, the CCGX has a display and buttons.
- Venus GX The Venus GX has more analog and digital IO, no LCD and is more cost effective than the CCGX.
- CANvu GX The CANvu GX is best for harsh environments when its IP67 rating and touch LCD is a must.
- Octo GX The Octo GX is particularly suited to medium size installations which have many MPPT Solar Chargers, as it has 10 VE.Direct ports.
- Maxi GX Compared to the other GX devices, the Maxi GX has most CPU power and most VE.Direct ports: 25. This is the GX device to use for large systems with many VE.Direct MPPT Solar Chargers.

Lastly, there is a GX device built into our MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX Inverter/chargers.

#### **Available accessories**

- GX Touch 50 Touch screen display accessory for the Cerbo GX
- GX GSM A 2G and 3G cellular modem. It connects to GX device via USB, and takes a simcard
- GX LTE 4G A 2G, 3G and 4G cellular modem. It connects to GX device via USB and takes a simcard
- WiFi USB sticks
- Energy Meters Measures PV Inverter Output where PV Inverters cannot be read-out directly. Also used as a grid meter in an Energy Storage System (ESS).
- VE.Can resistive tank sender adapter Allows a standard resistive tank-level sender to be connected to the GX device. Note that some GX Devices feature resistive tank-level inputs themselves.
- GX Touch 50 adapter for CCGX cut-out An adapter that fits in a cut-out made for a CCGX, into
  which fits a Cerbo GX. For when upgrading a CCGX system to a Cerbo GX. More details available
  asap.

# **Comparison table**

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User interface	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX
Appearance	Corbo OX (C III)	wictron energy	Venus GX	Octo GX			Parties and the second
Display	GX Touch 50 & GX Touch 70 optional touch display (16) 800×480	480 x 272 LCD Display & 7 buttons	no display	no display	4.3" touch- screen	Battery: 9 +27 W 5 2×16 characte	9:9 % 3:2 Ü
Remote Console				yes			
Buzzer	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	n	0
<u>Documentation</u>	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX
Manual	Cerbo GX manual	CCGX manual	VGX manual	OGX manual	CANvu manual	Maxi GX manual	MultiPlus-II GX manual
Product detail page	page	page	page	page	page	page	page
Victron comm. ports	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX
VE.Direct ports (always isolated)	3 (1)	2 (1) 10 (1)			3 (1)	25	1
VE.Bus (always isolated)		2 paralle	led RJ45 socket	S		1 RJ45 socket	2 paralleled RJ45 sockets
VE.Can	yes - non isolated	2	2 paralleled RJ45 sockets – isolated no				(14)
Other communication	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX
USB	2 USB Host ports & 1 power only port <sub>(21)</sub>	2 USB Ho	ost ports		1 USB Host port		
Ethernet	10/100 RJ	45 socket - isola	ated except shie	ld	10/100 RJ45 socket (12)	10/100 RJ	45 socket
WiFi	built-in	optional <sup>(2)</sup>	built-in, but see (3)	built-in, external antenna <sup>(11)</sup>	optional <sup>(2)</sup>	no	built-in
Bluetooth Smart	yes (17)			n	0	i	1
Micro SDcard slot	SDHO	SDHC cards up to max. of 32GB. (5)			no	yes	no
Second CAN-bus port (also features BMS-Can (18))	no	no	yes - non- isolated	yes - non- isolated	no	no	no
BMS-Can port (15)	yes	no			yes <sup>(14)</sup>		
Built-in RS485	no	no	no	yes - non- isolated	n	no no	
<u>10</u>	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX

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User interface	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX			
Programmable relay (7)	2 x NO/NC <sup>(8)</sup> DC up to 30VDC: 6A DC up to 70VDC: 1A AC: 6A, 125VAC	1 x NO	1 x NO/NC <sup>(8)</sup>	1x NC	) / NC	2x NO / NC <sup>(8)</sup>	n/a			
Resistive tank level inputs	4 (9)	no	3 (9)		no					
Temperature sense inputs	4 (10)	no	2 (10)	no						
Digital Inputs	4 (22)	no	5 (22)	3 (22)	1 (22)	no				
Third party compatibility	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX			
Canbus-BMS batteries	Many battery brands. See here for details									
Fronius PV Inverters	See here for details									
SMA PV Inverters	See here for details									
ABB PV Inverters			See h	ere for details						
SolarEdge PV Inverters	See here for details									
Marine MFD App Support	Generic MFD Manual, Navico, Garmin, Raymarine, Furuno									
<u>Performance</u>	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX			
CPU	dual core		single	e core		quad	core			
RAM	1GB	256MB	512MB	512MB	256MB	512MB	512MB			
Max. VE.Direct devices (1)	15	5	6	10	4	25	25			
<u>Other</u>	Cerbo GX	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX			
Supply voltage		8 - 32 VDC	32 - 70 VDC	powered internally, no external supply						
Power draw	2,5 to 5 W <sup>(19)</sup> tbd									
Mounting	Wall or DIN rail (35mm) <sup>(20)</sup>	Panel Integration	Wall mounting	DIN Rail (35mm)	Panel	Wall mount IP65	Built-in			
Outer dimensions ( h x w x d )	78 x 154 x 48 mm	130 x 120 x 28 mm	45 x 143 x 96 mm	61 x 108 x 90 mm	?	600 x 380 x 210 mm				
Operating temperature		-20 to +70°C	-20 to +50°C							
Battery backupped clock	yes				no	yes	yes			
5V output	no		1 A (13)		n	0				
<u>Standards</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX			
Safety	tbd	?	?							
EMC	tbd	EN 61000-6	5-3, EN 55014-1	EN 61000-6-2,	EN 61000-6-1, I	EN 55014-2				
Automotive	tbd	E4-10R-053535	In progress	?	?	no				

### **Notes**

1. The listed maximum VE.Direct devices on the `Performance` section in above table is the total

connected VE.Direct devices such as MPPT Solar Charge controllers. Total means all directly connected devices plus the devices connected over USB. The limit is mostly bound by CPU processing power. In relation to that, note that (a) connecting solar chargers over VE.Can is more efficient than connected over VE.Direct - and besides more efficient also makes for better communication wiring. For example, a Cerbo GX can perfectly handle 25 pieces of VE.Can Solar Charger, combined with 6 pieces of Fronius three phase PV Inverter and of course a three phase Victron system. And note (b) that CPU load is not only caused by connecting VE.Direct devices; there are also other factors. Connecting multiple PV Inverters increases the CPU load, especially when they are three phase. Enabling ModbusTCP increases the CPU load as well. Up to three or four three phase inverters can typically be monitored on a CCGX. Higher power CPU devices can monitor more.

- 2. Though the CCGX has no built-in WiFi that functionality can easily be added by attaching a USB-WiFi dongle. See CCGX Manual, section 1.4.2 for details.
- 3. The built-in WiFi in the Venus GX has a very low signal strength unfortunately. It is strong enough to connect to a phone, tablet or laptop in order to access setup and monitoring. But to connect the Venus GX to the internet either use the built-in Ethernet port or add a USB-WiFi dongle. See CCGX Manual, section 1.4.2 for details. Make sure the Venus GX is running v2.06 or later early shipments of Venus GX units ran v2.05.
- 4. The hardware of the Venus GX and Octo GX includes a built-in Bluetooth Smart chipset which hasn't proved satisfactory. Bluetooth Smart for GX devices is coming soon but will not use built-in chipsets.
- 5. Larger SD memory cards (SDXC) are not supported. SD cards can be used for two purposes:
  - 1. Logging data, see this section in the ccgx manual for details.
  - 2. Updating firmware, see this section in the ccgx manual for detials.
- 6. The second CANbus port is accessible via the GND, CAN-H and CAN-L terminals. Note that the port is not Isolated. See Settings → Services for configuring that port.
- 7. The programmable relay can be set to act as an alarm relay, automatic genset start stop, or an on/off switch, and is controlled via the GUI and/or ModbusTCP.
- 8. In the Venus and Cerbo GX hardware there are two relays. At present only Relay 1 is available for use via programming. Relay 2 is only available via manual operation from the Relay menu on the GX.
- 9. The tank level inputs are resistive and should be connected to a resistive tank sender. Victron does not supply tank senders. The tank level ports can each be configured to work with either European (0 180 Ohm); or US tank senders (240 30 Ohm).
- 10. The Cerbo GX has four temperature terminals, and the Venus GX has two. They can be used to measure & monitor all kinds of temperature-inputs. Temperature senders are not included. The required sensor is ASS000001000 Temperature Sensor QUA/PMP/Venus GX. (Note that this is not the same as the BMV temperature accessory.). Temperature range is -20C to +70C. Actually it can measure up to 100C, but the sensor is not made to withstand temperatures above 70C long term. Note that this is intended as a crude temperature sensor, and not calibrated. A deviation of +/- 2C is to be expected.
- 11. Octo GX comes with a small Wifi antenna. You may remove and replace it with any other Wifi antenna having an RP-SMA connector.
- 12. Requires the CANvu GX IO Extender and wiring kit
- 13. The 5V output on the Venus GX can be used to power, for example, a USB hub. Note that its output is not current limited or otherwise protected, and it shares the internal power supply in the Venus GX: overdrawing from it will result in shutdown(s) of the Venus GX. It is recommended to install a fuse for prevention.
- 14. The CAN-Bus port of the Maxi GX, MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX is a BMS-Can port. It can only be used to connect to managed batteries such as Freedomwon, BYD, Pylontech, BlueNova, MG Energy Systems and others, at 500kbps. Note that some early production batches had a

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labelling mistake: the port was labelled VE.Can. Which -unfortunately- is wrong. The hardware does not meet the requirements for a VE.Can port; and therefor is BMS-Can only.

- 15. A BMS-Can port is a port dedicated to be used for connecting managed batteries, such as Freedomwon, BYD, Pylontech, BlueNova, MG Energy Systems and others, only. It is not possible to connect Victron VE.Can products to that port. To connect such managed battery, use our special cables, and see documentation here. Connect the side labelled 'VE.Can' into the BMS-Can/VE.Can port on the GX Device. And connect the other side to the battery. The baudrate of a BMS-Can port is fixed to 500kbps.
- 16. The GX Touch 50 connects to the Cerbo GX using a single cable; fixed permanently to the GX Touch 50, which on the other end splits into a USB and a connector for the video signal. Both need to be inserted into the Cerbo GX, taking one of the three USB ports. The USB part of the cable is used to power the GX Touch 50. The cable is 2 meters in length; and can not be extended in length.
- 17. The Bluetooth feature of the Cerbo GX allows to configure its WiFi and Ethernet settings from within VictronConnect.
- 18. The secondary CAN port, available on some GX devices as per table above, can be configured to be used as a BMS-Can port, as well as other profiles. For details, see manual.
- 19. Cerbo GX power draw without GX Touch mounted: around 2.8W. With GX Touch 50 connected, and backlight off: 3.8W. Backlight at max intensity: 4.8W
- 20. DIN rail mounting requires additional accessory DIN35 Adapter.
- 21. On the Cerbo GX, the USB socket closest to the HDMI connector can only be used to power a GX Touch. That USB port can not be used for any data related functions such as VE.Direct to USB cables, USB-sticks, USB-GPS-es, or other common USB usages. It's a power port only, no data. Future versions of Venus OS will disable all data related features of this port, so it should not be used for anything other than powering the GX Touch screen. Attempting to use this port for data purposes may lead to corrupted VRM data on USB sticks or unreliable communication to for example a Solar Charger when using a VE.Direct to USB cable.
- 22. The digital inputs can be used for open/closed monitoring of alarms, for example doors, or fireor bilge alarms. The digital inputs on the Venus GX can also be used for pulse counting. The digital inputs on the Cerbo GX and other devices are not able to do pulse counting. See product manual for electrical specifications of the digital inputs.

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