

# MultiPlus 230V

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# 1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS - Save these instructions!

## In general

Please read the documentation supplied with this product first, so that you are familiar with the safety signs and directions before using the product.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS — THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This product is designed and tested according to international standards. The equipment should be used only for the designated application.



**Warning – These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that specified in the operating instructions unless you are qualified to do so**



The product is used in combination with a permanent energy source (battery). A dangerous electrical voltage can occur at the input and/or output terminals, even if the equipment is switched off. Always turn off the AC power and disconnect the battery before performing maintenance.

The product contains no internal user-serviceable parts. Do not remove the front panel, and do not put the product into operation unless all panels are fitted. All maintenance should be performed by qualified personnel. Internal fuses are not user-replaceable. A unit with suspected blown fuses should be taken to an authorized service centre for evaluation.

Never use the product at sites where gas or dust explosions could occur. Refer to the specifications provided by the manufacturer of the battery to ensure that the battery is suitable for use with this product. The battery manufacturer's safety instructions should always be observed.

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure they do not play with the appliance.



**Do not lift heavy objects unassisted.**

## Installation

Read the installation instructions before commencing installation activities. Follow the local national wiring standards, regulations, and installation instructions for electrical work. The installation shall be in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1. The wiring methods shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.

This product is a safety class I device (supplied with a ground terminal for safety purposes). **Its AC input and/or output terminals must be provided with uninterruptible grounding for safety purposes. An additional grounding point is located on the product's exterior. The ground conductor should be at least 4mm<sup>2</sup>.** If it can be assumed that the grounding protection is damaged, the product should be taken out of operation and prevented from accidentally being put into operation again; contact qualified maintenance personnel.

Ensure that the connection cables are provided with fuses and circuit breakers. Never replace a protective device with a component of a different type. Refer to the manual for the correct part.

**Do not invert neutral and phase when connecting the AC.**

Check before switching the device on whether the available voltage source conforms to the configuration settings of the product as described in the manual.

Ensure that the equipment is used under the correct operating conditions. Never operate it in a wet or dusty environment. Ensure that there is always sufficient free space around the product for ventilation and that those ventilation openings are not blocked. Install the product in a heatproof environment. Ensure that there are no chemicals, plastic parts, curtains or other textiles, etc. in the immediate vicinity of the equipment.

This inverter is provided with an internal isolation transformer providing reinforced insulation

## Transport and storage



On storage or transport of the product, ensure that the mains supply and battery leads are disconnected.

No liability can be accepted for damage in transit if the equipment is not transported in its original packaging.

Store the product in a dry environment; the storage temperature should range from -20°C to 60°C.

Refer to the battery manufacturer's manual for information on transport, storage, charging, recharging, and disposal of the battery.

**Symbol on the enclosure**

| Symbol  | description                         |
|---|-------------------------------------|
|  | Caution, risk of electric shock     |
|  | Refer to the operating instructions |

## 2. Description

### 2.1. Battery charger

#### 2.1.1. Lead-acid batteries

Adaptive 4-stage charge algorithm: bulk – absorption – float – storage

The microprocessor-driven adaptive battery management system can be adjusted for various types of batteries. The adaptive function automatically adapts the charging process to battery use.

The right amount of charge: variable absorption time

In the event of slight battery discharge, absorption is kept short to prevent overcharging and excessive gas formation. After deep discharging, the absorption time is automatically extended in order to fully charge the battery.

Preventing damage due to excessive gassing: the BatterySafe mode

If, in order to quickly charge a battery, a high charge current in combination with a high absorption voltage has been chosen, damage due to excessive gassing will be prevented by automatically limiting the rate of voltage increase once the gassing voltage has been reached.

Less maintenance and aging when the battery is not in use: the Storage mode

The Storage mode kicks in whenever the battery has not been subjected to discharge during 24 hours. In the Storage mode float voltage is reduced to 2.2V/cell (13.2V for 12V battery) to minimise gassing and corrosion of the positive plates. Once a week the voltage is raised back to the absorption level to 'equalize' the battery. This feature prevents stratification of the electrolyte and sulphation, a major cause of early battery failure.

Battery voltage sense: the correct charge voltage

Voltage loss due to cable resistance can be compensated by using the voltage sense facility to measure voltage directly on the DC bus or on the battery terminals.

Battery voltage and temperature compensation

The temperature sensor (supplied with the product) serves to reduce charging voltage when battery temperature rises. This is particularly important for maintenance-free batteries, which could otherwise dry out by overcharging.

#### 2.1.2. Victron Lithium Battery Smart

If [Victron Lithium Smart batteries](#) are used, use the [VE.Bus BMS V2](#) or the [Lynx Smart BMS](#).

#### 2.1.3. Other lithium batteries

If other lithium batteries are used, follow this link for a list of compatible battery types and how to install and configure them: [https://www.victronenergy.com/live/battery\\_compatibility:start](https://www.victronenergy.com/live/battery_compatibility:start).

#### 2.1.4. More on batteries and battery charging

Our book "[Energy Unlimited](#)" offers further information on batteries and battery charging and is available free of charge on our website. It can be downloaded from: <https://www.victronenergy.com/upload/documents/Book-Energy-Unlimited-EN.pdf>, or a hard copy can be ordered from: <https://www.victronenergy.com/orderbook>

For more information on adaptive charging, please refer to the technical paper: [Adaptive charging, how it works](#).

## 3. Operation

### 3.1. On/Off/Charger Only Switch

When switched to 'on', the inverter/charger is fully functional. The inverter will come into operation, and the LED 'inverter on' will light up.

An AC voltage connected to the 'AC in' terminal will be switched through to the 'AC out' terminal, if within specifications. The inverter will switch off, the 'mains on' LED will light up, and the charger commences charging. The 'bulk', 'absorption' or 'float' LEDs will light up, depending on the charger mode.

If the voltage at the 'AC-in' terminal is rejected, the inverter will switch on.

When the switch is switched to 'charger only', only the battery charger of the inverter/charger will operate (if mains voltage is present). The input voltage is also switched through to the 'AC out' terminal in this mode.

**NOTE:** When only the charger function is required, ensure that the switch is switched to 'charger only'. This prevents the inverter from being switched on if the mains voltage is lost, thus preventing your batteries from running flat.

### 3.2. Remote control

The inverter/charger can be remotely turned on or off via a switch connected to the remote on/off terminals, or it can be turned on, off, or set to charger-only mode via a [Digital Multi Control](#) panel or a virtual switch (for example, through Remote Console or VRM).

The Digital Multi Control panel has a simple rotary knob with which the maximum current of the L1 AC input can be set. This does not affect the L2 AC input: see [PowerControl section in the "other features" chapter](#).

### 3.3. Equalisation and forced absorption

#### 3.3.1. Equalisation

Traction batteries require regular additional charging. In the equalisation mode, the inverter/charger will charge with increased voltage for one hour (1V above the absorption voltage for a 12V battery, 2V for a 24V battery and 4V for a 48V battery). The charging current is then limited to 1/4 of the set value.

When equalisation mode is activated, the 'bulk' and 'absorption' LEDs flash intermittently.



Equalisation mode supplies a higher charging voltage than most DC-consuming devices can cope with. These devices must be disconnected before additional charging takes place.

#### 3.3.2. Forced absorption

Under certain circumstances, it can be desirable to charge the battery for a fixed time at the absorption voltage level. In Forced Absorption mode, the MultiPlus will charge at the normal absorption voltage level during the set maximum absorption time.

When Forced Absorption mode is active, the 'absorption' LED is illuminated.

#### 3.3.3. Activating equalisation or forced absorption

The inverter/charger can be put into both these states from the remote panel as well as with the front panel switch, provided that all switches (front, remote, and panel) are set to 'on' and no switches are set to 'charger only'.

The procedure below should be followed to put the inverter/charger in this state.

If the switch is not in the required position after following this procedure, it can be switched over quickly once. This will not change the charging state.





Switching from 'on' to 'charger only' and back, as described below, must be done quickly. The switch must be toggled such that the intermediate position is 'skipped', as it were. If the switch remains in the 'off' position even for a short time, the device may be turned off. In that case, the procedure must be restarted at step 1. A certain degree of familiarisation is required when using the front switch on the Compact in particular. When using the remote panel, this is less critical.

#### Procedure:

1. Check whether all switches (i.e. front switch, remote switch or remote panel switch if present) are in the 'on' position.

2. Activating equalisation or forced absorption is only meaningful if the normal charging cycle is completed (charger is in 'Float').
3. To activate:
  - a. Switch rapidly from 'on' to 'charger only' and leave the switch in this position for ½ to 2 seconds.
  - b. Switch rapidly back from 'charger only' to 'on' and leave the switch in this position for ½ to 2 seconds.
  - c. Switch once more rapidly from 'on' to 'charger only' and leave the switch in this position.
4. On the inverter/charger (and, if connected, on the MultiControl panel), the three LEDs 'Bulk', 'Absorption' and 'Float' will now flash 5 times.
5. Subsequently, the LEDs 'Bulk', 'Absorption' and 'Float' will each light for 2 seconds.
  - a. If the switch is set to 'on' while the 'Bulk' LED lights, the charger will switch to equalisation.
  - b. If the switch is set to 'on' while the 'Absorption' LED lights, the charger will switch to forced absorption.
  - c. If the switch is set to 'on' after the three LED sequences have finished, the charger will switch to 'Float'.
  - d. If the switch has not been moved, the MultiPlus will remain in 'charger only' mode and switch to 'Float'.

### 3.4. LED Indications

-  LEDs off
-  LEDs blinking
-  LEDs illuminated

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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul> </div> </div> | <p><b>Inverting</b></p> <p>The inverter is on. Inverter power is supplied to the load. The "inverter" LED is on.</p>         |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul> </div> </div> | <p><b>Overload pre-alarm</b></p> <p>The nominal output of the inverter is exceeded. The "overload" LED is blinking</p>       |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul> </div> </div> | <p><b>Overload alarm</b></p> <p>The inverter is switched off due to overload or short circuit. The "overload" LED is on.</p> |

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| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul>            | <p><b>Low battery pre-alarm</b></p> <p>The battery voltage is getting low. The battery is almost fully exhausted. The "low battery" LED is blinking.</p>   |
| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul>            | <p><b>Low battery alarm</b></p> <p>The inverter has switched off due to low battery voltage. The "low battery" LED is blinking.</p>  |
| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul>            | <p><b>Temperature pre-alarm</b></p> <p>The internal temperature is reaching a critical level. The "temperature" LED is blinking.</p>   |
| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul>            | <p><b>Temperature alarm</b></p> <p>The inverter has switched off due it's internal temperature being too high. The "temperature" LED is on.</p>  |
| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul> | <p><b>Overload pre-alarm and low battery pre-alarm</b></p> <p>The battery is nearly exhausted and the nominal output of the inverter is exceeded. The "overload" and "low battery" LEDs are both blinking alternately,</p> |
| <p><b>charger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> mains on</li> <li><input type="radio"/> bulk</li> <li><input type="radio"/> absorption</li> <li><input type="radio"/> float</li> </ul> <p><b>inverter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> overload</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> low battery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> temperature</li> </ul> | <p><b>Ripple pre-alarm</b></p> <p>The ripple voltage on the battery terminals is too high. The "overload" and "low battery" LEDs are both blinking simultaneously.</p>   |

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**Ripple alarm**

The inverter has switched off due to excess ripple voltage on the battery terminals. The "overload" and "low battery" LEDs are both on.

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**Bulk charging**

The AC input voltage is switched through and the charger operates in bulk mode. The "bulk" LED is on.

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**BatterySafe**

The mains voltage is switched through and the charger is on. However, the set absorption voltage has not yet been reached. The "bulk" and "absorption" LEDs are both on.

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**Absorption charging**

The mains voltage is switched through and the charger operates in absorption mode. The "absorption" LED is on.

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**Float charging**

The mains voltage is switched through and the charger operates in float mode. The "float" LED is on.

**charger**

- mains on
- bulk
- absorption
- float

**inverter**

- inverter on
- overload
- low battery
- temperature

**Equalize charging**

The mains voltage is switched through and the charger operates in equalize mode. The "bulk" and "absorption" LED are both blinking.

| charger                                   | inverter                          |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> mains on | <input type="radio"/> inverter on | <b>PowerControl</b><br>The AC input is switched through. The AC output current is equal to the preset maximum input current. The charge current is reduced to 0A. The "mains on" LED is blinking. |
| <input type="radio"/> bulk                | <input type="radio"/> overload    |   |
| <input type="radio"/> absorption          | <input type="radio"/> low battery |   |
| <input type="radio"/> float               | <input type="radio"/> temperature |   |
|   |                                   |   |

| charger                                   | inverter                                     |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> mains on | <input checked="" type="radio"/> inverter on | <b>PowerAssist</b><br>The AC input is switched through, but the load requires more current than the preset maximum input current. The inverter is switched on to supply the required additional current. The "mains on" LED is on and the "inverter" LED is blinking. |
| <input type="radio"/> bulk                | <input type="radio"/> overload               |   |
| <input type="radio"/> absorption          | <input type="radio"/> low battery            |   |
| <input type="radio"/> float               | <input type="radio"/> temperature            |   |
|   |  |   |

For more error codes, see the [Error Indications \[18\]](#) chapter.

For the latest and most up-to-date information about the blink codes, please refer to the Victron Toolkit app.

Scan the QR code or click on the link to go to the Victron Support and Downloads/Software page: <https://www.victronenergy.com/support-and-downloads/software#victron-toolkit-app>



### 3.5. Shut down procedure

To completely de-power the inverter/charger, disconnect the DC fuse or turn off the isolation switch, DC contactor or DC circuit breaker, located between the battery and the DC terminals of the unit. Note that dangerous residual voltages may still exist inside the product and at its terminals after shutdown. Never open the product casing, or touch bare terminals.

### 3.6. Maintenance

The inverter/charger does not require specific maintenance. It will suffice to check all connections once a year. Avoid moisture and oil/soot/vapours, and keep the device clean.

## 4. Installation



This product may only be installed by a qualified electrical engineer.

### 4.1. Location

The product must be installed in a dry and well-ventilated area, as close as possible to the batteries.

The inverter/charger is suitable for wall mounting. A solid surface, suitable for the weight and dimensions of the product must be available (e.g., concrete, or masonry). For mounting purposes, a hook and two holes are provided at the back of the casing (see appendix G).



The interior of the product must remain accessible after installation.

Try and keep the distance between the product and the battery to a minimum in order to minimize cable losses.



For safety reasons, this product should be installed in a cool environment. Do not store or place any flammable materials (such as chemicals, curtains, textiles, synthetic items, or other combustibles) in the immediate vicinity of the installation.



Every system installation must include a way to disconnect the AC and DC circuits. Circuit breakers used for overcurrent protection can also serve as disconnects. When fuses are used, separate disconnect switches are required between the source and the fuses.



**WARNING - BATTERIES CAN PRESENT A RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, BURNS FROM HIGH SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENTS, FIRE, OR EXPLOSION FROM VENTED GASSES.**

- Replace batteries with the same number and type.
- Refer to you local codes for proper battery disposal requirements.



**WARNING – RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES. WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF A LEAD-ACID BATTERY IS HAZARDOUS. LEAD-ACID BATTERIES GENERATE EXPLOSIVE GASES DURING NORMAL OPERATION.**

Please observe the following precautions when working in the vicinity of a lead-acid battery.

**PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

- Never work alone near a lead-acid battery. Ensure someone is close-by to assist you in case of an emergency.
- Ensure first aid and eye wash equipment is readily available before working on or near the battery.
- Wear safety goggles or a face shield and protective clothing. Avoid touching your eyes while working near a battery.
- If battery acid contacts skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water. If acid enters your eye, immediately flush the eye with cold running water for at least 10 minutes and seek medical attention right away.
- NEVER smoke or allow sparks or open flames within the vicinity of a battery or engine.
- Use insulated tools when working on the battery. Be extremely careful not to drop metal tools or objects onto the battery. A dropped metal tool can create sparks or cause a short circuit, which may result in an explosion or fire.
- Remove metal jewelry and watches when working with a lead-acid battery. A lead-acid battery can produce a short-circuit current high enough to melt or weld a ring or similar metal object to metal, causing severe burns.
- NEVER charge a frozen battery.
- If removing the battery from a vehicle or vessel, always remove grounded terminal from the battery first. Switch off all circuits before connecting or disconnecting the battery terminals to prevent arcing.
- Ensure the battery is installed in a well ventilated space.
- Keep the battery terminals clean and free of corrosion. Prevent corrosion material from coming in contact with eyes.
- Always follow the battery manufacturer's specific precautions and instructions. This includes whether or not to remove the cell caps while charging and observe the recommended charging rates.



**MARINE UNIT LOCATION**

- Locate marine unit away from battery in a separate, well ventilated compartment
- Never place marine unit directly above the battery; corrosive battery gases will damage it.
- Never allow battery acid to drip onto the marine unit when reading gravity or filling the battery.
- Do not operate the marine unit in a closed-in area or restrict ventilation in any way.



**DC CONNECTION PRECAUTIONS**

Connect and disconnect DC output connections only after setting any marine unit switches to off position. Disconnect AC cords from electric outlets or open AC disconnect switches.



**EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS (33CFR183, SUB PART I).**



**GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS –** A marine unit should be connected to a grounded, metal, permanent wiring system; or an equipment-grounding conductor should be run with circuit conductors and connected to equipment-grounding terminal or lead on unit. Connections to the unit should comply with all local codes and ordinances.



This product is not suitable for direct connection to a vehicle's electrical system. It should be connected to a DC system that includes its own dedicated service or house battery with appropriate fusing, and DC wiring gauge. For recommendations on battery capacity, fuse rating, and cable gauge, refer to Chapter [Connection of battery cables](#) [11] in this manual."

## 4.2. Vibration management



### CAUTION

When integrating inverter/chargers with generators in a single enclosure (hybrid generators), using shock mounts is mandatory. They mitigate damage risk to the inverter/charger by absorbing the generator's operational energy, thus extending component lifespan.

Key criteria for selecting shock mounts include:

- Selection is based on the specific generator vibration frequency ranges to be isolated.
- The shock mounts must bear the equipment's weight without impairing functionality.

## 4.3. Connection of battery cables

To fully utilize the product's capacity, ensure the use of batteries with adequate capacity, an appropriate DC fuse, and battery cables of sufficient cross-section. DC cables should be copper, with a 90°C (194°F) rating. Refer to the table below for sizing recommendations.

\* Follow local installation rules.

\*\* Do not locate battery cables in a closed conduit

### Connection procedure



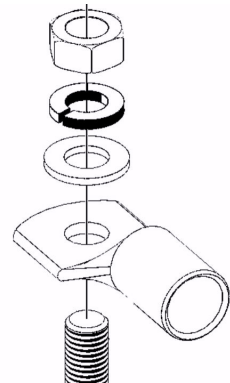
Use a torque wrench with an insulated box spanner in order to avoid shorting the battery.

**Recommended torque: 12 Nm (M8 nut)**

Avoid shorting the battery cables.

### Proceed as follows to connect the battery cables:

- Undo the two screws at the bottom of the enclosure and remove the service panel
- Connect the battery cables: see [A: Connection overview \[21\]](#).
- Tighten the nuts well for minimal contact resistance.
- The connector goes on first, followed by the flat washer, lock washer, and nut. Tighten the nuts well for minimal contact resistance.



Internal resistance is an important factor when working with low-capacity batteries. Please consult your supplier or the relevant sections of our [Energy Unlimited](#) or [Wiring Unlimited](#) books. Both can be downloaded from our website.

## 4.4. Connection of the AC cabling



This is a safety class I product (supplied with a ground terminal for safety purposes). **Its AC input and/or output terminals and/or grounding point on the outside of the product must be provided with an uninterruptible grounding point for safety purposes.**

This product is provided with a ground relay (relay H, see appendix B) **that automatically connects the Neutral output to the chassis if no external AC supply is available.** If an external AC supply is provided, the ground relay H will open before the input safety relay closes. This ensures the correct operation of an earth leakage circuit breaker connected to the output.

- In a fixed installation, an uninterruptible grounding can be secured by means of the grounding wire of the AC input. Otherwise, the casing must be grounded.
- In a mobile installation (for example, with a shore current plug), interrupting the shore connection will simultaneously disconnect the grounding connection. In that case, the casing must be connected to the chassis (of the vehicle) or to the hull or grounding plate (of the boat).

The inverter incorporates a mains frequency isolating transformer. This precludes the possibility of DC current at any AC port. Therefore, type A RCDs can be used.

In case of a boat, direct connection to the shore ground is not recommended because of potential galvanic corrosion. The solution to this is using an isolation transformer.



This unit or system is provided with fixed trip limits and shall not be aggregated above 30kW on a single point of common connection.

The AC terminal blocks can be found on the printed circuit board, see Appendix A.

**Do not invert neutral and phase when connecting the AC.**

- **AC-out-2** (Maximum Torque: 2 Nm)

A second output is available that disconnects its load in the event of battery operation. On these terminals, equipment is connected that may only operate if AC voltage is available on AC-in-1, e.g. an electric boiler or an air conditioner. The load on AC-out-2 is disconnected immediately when the inverter/charger switches to battery operation. After AC power becomes available on AC-in-1, the load on AC-out-2 will be reconnected with a delay of approximately 2 minutes. This to allow a genset to stabilise.

## 4.5. Optional Connections

A number of optional connections are possible:

### 4.5.1. Remote Control

The product can be remotely controlled in two ways.

- With an external switch connected to the "Remote on/off connector" terminal (see Appendix A). Operates only if the switch on the inverter/charger is set to "on".
- With a [Digital Multi Control](#) panel connected to one of the two VE.Bus RJ45 sockets (see Appendix A). Operates only if the switch on the inverter/charger is set to "on".

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

### 4.5.2. Programmable relay

The product is equipped with a programmable relay.

The relay can be programmed for all kinds of other applications however, for example as a starter relay for a generator.

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

### 4.5.3. Programmable I/O ports

The product is equipped with 2 analogue/digital input/output ports.

These ports can be used for several purposes. One application is communication with the BMS of a lithium-ion battery.

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

#### **4.5.4. Starter battery**

The 12 and 24V models have a connection for charging a starter battery. Output current is limited to 4A.

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

#### **4.5.5. Voltage sense**

For compensating possible cable losses during charging, two sense wires can be connected with which the voltage directly on the battery or on the positive and negative distribution points can be measured. Use wire with a cross-section of 0.75mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 18).

During battery charging, the inverter/charger will compensate the voltage drop over the DC cables up to a maximum of 1 Volt (i.e. 1V over the positive connection and 1V over the negative connection). If the voltage drop threatens to become larger than 1V, the charging current is limited in such a way that the voltage drop remains limited to 1V.

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

#### **4.5.6. Temperature sensor**

For temperature-compensated charging, the temperature sensor (supplied with the inverter/charger) can be connected. The sensor is isolated and must be fitted to the negative terminal of the battery.

See Appendix A for the location of the connector.

## 5. Configuration

This section is intended mainly for stand-alone applications.



Settings may only be changed by a qualified electrical engineer.  
Read the instructions thoroughly before implementing changes.  
During the configuration of the charger, the AC input must be removed.

### 5.1. Standard settings: ready for use

On delivery, the inverter/charger is set to standard factory values. These settings are generally suitable for single-unit operation.



It is a possibility that the standard charging voltage does not suit your batteries. Consult the manufacturer's documentation or your battery supplier.

| Setting                          | Default value   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Inverter frequency               |   |
| Input frequency range            |   |
| Input voltage range              |   |
| Inverter voltage                 |   |
| Stand-alone, parallel or 3-phase | stand-alone   |
| AES (Automatic Economy Switch)   | off   |
| Ground relay                     | on  |
| Charger on/ off                  | on  |
| Battery charge curve             | four-stage adaptive with BatterySafe mode                                 |
| Charging current                 | 100% of the maximum charging current                                      |
| Battery type                     | Victron Gel Deep Discharge (also suitable for Victron AGM Deep Discharge) |
| Automatic equalisation charging  | off   |
| Absorption voltage               |   |
| Absorption time                  | up to 8 hours (depending on bulk time)                                    |
| Float voltage                    |   |
| Storage voltage                  |   |
| Repeated absorption time         | 1 hour  |
| Absorption repeat interval       | 7 days  |
| Bulk protection                  | on  |
| AC input current limit           |   |
| UPS feature                      | on  |
| Dynamic current limiter          | off   |
| WeakAC                           | off   |
| BoostFactor                      | 2   |
| Programmable relay               | alarm function  |
| PowerAssist                      | on  |

### 5.2. Explanation of settings

Settings that are not self-explanatory are described briefly below. For further information, please refer to the help files in the software configuration programs. See the [Configuring \[17\]](#) chapter.

#### Inverter frequency

Output frequency if no AC is present at the input.

### Input frequency range

Input frequency range accepted by the MultiPlus. The MultiPlus synchronises within this range with the AC input frequency. The output frequency is then equal to the input frequency.

### Input voltage range

Voltage range accepted by the MultiPlus. The MultiPlus synchronises within this range with the AC input. The output voltage is then equal to the input voltage.

Adjustability:



The standard lower limit setting of is intended for connection to a weak mains supply, or to a generator with unstable AC output. This setting may result in a system shut down when connected to a 'brushless, self-excited, externally voltage regulated, synchronous AC generator' (synchronous AVR generator). Most generators rated at 10kVA or more are synchronous AVR generators. The shutdown is initiated when the generator is stopped and revs down while the AVR simultaneously 'tries' to keep the output voltage of the generator at .

The solution is to increase the lower limit setting to VAC (the output of AVR generators is generally very stable), or to disconnect the inverter/charger from the generator when a generator stop signal is given (with the help of an AC contactor installed in series with the generator).

### Inverter voltage

Output voltage of the MultiPlus in battery operation.

### Stand-alone 2-phase / 3-phase setting

Using several devices, it is possible to:

- Create a split-phase system with a separate autotransformer: see the Victron [Autotransformer product page](#).
- Create a 3-phase system.

The standard product settings are for standalone operation. For parallel, three-phase or split-phase operation, see the [Configuring \[17\]](#) chapter.

### AES (Automatic Economy Switch)

If this setting is turned 'on', the power consumption in no-load operation and with low loads is decreased by approximately 20%, by slightly 'narrowing' the sinusoidal voltage. Applicable in stand-alone configuration only.

### Search Mode

Instead of the AES mode, the **search mode** can also be chosen. If search mode is 'on', the power consumption in no-load operation is decreased by approximately 70%. In this mode the MultiPlus, when operating in inverter mode, is switched off in case of no load or very low load, and switches on every two seconds for a short period. If the output current exceeds a set level, the inverter will continue to operate. If not, the inverter will shut down again.

The Search Mode 'shut down' and 'remain on' load levels can be set with VEConfigure.

The standard settings are:

### Ground relay (see appendix B)

With this relay, the neutral conductor of the AC output is grounded to the chassis when the AC input relays are open. This ensures the correct operation of earth leakage circuit breakers in the AC output.

### Battery charge algorithm

The standard setting is 'Four-stage adaptive with BatterySafe mode'. See Section 2 for a description.

This is the recommended charge algorithm for lead acid batteries. See the help files in the software configuration programs for other settings.

### Battery type

The standard setting is the most suitable for Victron Gel Deep Discharge, Gel Exide A200, and tubular plate stationary batteries (OPzS).

This setting can also be used for many other batteries: e.g. Victron AGM Deep Discharge and other AGM batteries, and many types of flat-plate flooded batteries.

With VEConfigure the charge algorithm can be adjusted to charge any battery type (Nickel Cadmium batteries, Lithium-ion batteries).

### Absorption time

In case of the standard-setting 'Four-stage adaptive with BatterySafe mode' the absorption time depends on the bulk time (adaptive charge curve), so that the battery is optimally charged.

#### Automatic equalisation charging

This setting is intended for flooded tubular plate traction or OPzS batteries. During the absorption stage, the voltage limit increases to 2.83V/cell (34V for a 24V battery and 68V for a 48V battery) once the charge current has dropped to less than 10% of the set maximum current.

Not adjustable with DIP switches.

See 'tubular plate traction battery charge curve' in VEConfigure.

#### Storage voltage, Repeated Absorption Time, Absorption Repeat Interval

See [Section 2 \[3\]](#).

#### Bulk Protection

When this setting is 'on', the bulk charging time is limited to 10 hours. A longer charging time could indicate a system error (e.g. a battery cell short-circuit).

#### AC input current limit

These are the current limit settings for which PowerControl and PowerAssist come into operation:

| Model | PowerAssist setting range, grid in-line topology | PowerAssist setting range, grid parallel topology with external 50 or 100A current transformer |
|-------|--|--|
|-------|--|--|

#### UPS feature

If this setting is 'on' and AC on the input fails, the MultiPlus switches to inverter operation practically without interruption.

The output voltage of some small generator sets is too unstable and distorted for using this setting – the MultiPlus would continually switch to inverter operation. For this reason, the setting can be turned off. The MultiPlus will then respond less quickly to AC input voltage deviations. The switchover time to inverter operation is consequently slightly longer, but most equipment (most computers, clocks or household equipment) is not adversely impacted.

**Recommendation:** Turn the UPS feature off if the MultiPlus fails to synchronise, or continually switches back to inverter operation.

#### Dynamic current limiter

Intended for generators, the AC voltage being generated by means of a static inverter (so-called 'inverter' generators). In these generators, engine rpm is reduced in case of low load: this reduces noise, fuel consumption and pollution. A disadvantage is that the output voltage will drop severely or even completely fail in the event of a sudden load increase. More load can only be supplied after the engine is up to speed.

If this setting is 'on', the MultiPlus will start supplying extra power at a low generator output level and gradually allow the generator to supply more, until the set current limit is reached. This allows the generator engine to get up to speed.

This setting is also often used for 'classical' generators that respond slowly to sudden load variation.

#### Weak AC

Strong distortion of the input voltage can result in the charger hardly operating or not operating at all. If WeakAC is set, the charger will also accept a strongly distorted voltage, at the cost of greater distortion of the input current.

**Recommendation:** Turn WeakAC on if the charger is hardly charging or not charging at all (which is quite rare!). Also turn on the dynamic current limiter simultaneously, and reduce the maximum charging current to prevent overloading the generator if necessary.



When WeakAC is on, the maximum charge current is reduced by approximately 20%.

#### BoostFactor

Change this setting only after consulting with Victron Energy or with an engineer trained by Victron Energy!

#### Programmable relay

The relay can be programmed for all kinds of other applications, for example as a starter relay for a generator.

#### Auxiliary AC output (AC-out-2)

Intended for non-critical loads and directly connected to the AC input. With current measurement circuit to enable PowerAssist.

## 5.3. Configuring

The following hardware is required:

- A [MK3-USB](#) (VE.Bus to USB) interface.
- [RJ45 UTP cable](#)

### 5.3.1. VictronConnect app

The MultiPlus is configured using the VictronConnect app.

More general information about the VictronConnect app, like how to install it, how to pair it with your device, and how to update firmware, can be found by referring to the overall [VictronConnect manual](#).

### 5.3.2. VEConfigure

All settings can be changed with a PC and free of charge software VEConfigure, downloadable from our website [www.victronenergy.com](http://www.victronenergy.com).

See the [VEConfigure](#) manual for more information.


## 6. Error Indications

With the procedures below, most errors can be quickly identified. If an error cannot be resolved, please refer to your Victron Energy supplier.

**Our recommendation is to use the Victron Toolkit app to find the description of all possible LED alarm codes.** See here for download information: <https://www.victronenergy.com/support-and-downloads/software#victron-toolkit-app>.

### 6.1. General error indications

| Problem   | Cause   | Solution   |
|---|---|--|
| No output voltage on AC-out-2.                          | Operating in inverter mode  | Connect the inverter/charger to an AC source, and after a 2-minute delay, the AC-out-2 should become live.                                   |
| Unable to switch over to generator or mains operation.  | Circuit breaker or fuse in the AC-in input is open as a result of overload.   | Remove overload or short circuit on AC-out-1 or AC-out-2, and reset the fuse or circuit breaker.   |
| Inverter operation not initiated when switched on       | The battery voltage is excessively high or too low. No voltage on DC connection.  | Ensure that the battery voltage is within the correct range.   |
| 'Low battery' LED flashes                               | The battery voltage is low.   | Charge the battery or check the battery connections.   |
| Low battery' LED lights.                                | The converter switches off because the battery voltage is too low.  | Charge the battery or check the battery connections.   |
| 'Overload' LED flashes.                                 | The converter load is higher than the nominal load.   | Reduce the load.   |
| 'Overload' LED lights                                   | The converter is switched off due to excessively high load.   | Reduce the load.   |
| 'Temperature' LED flashes or lights.                    | The environmental temperature is high, or the load is too high.   | Install the converter in cool and well-ventilated environment, or reduce the load.   |
| 'Low battery' and 'overload' LEDs flash intermittently. | Low battery voltage and excessively high load.  | Charge the batteries, disconnect or reduce the load, or install higher capacity batteries. Fit shorter and/or thicker battery cables.        |
| 'Low battery' and 'overload' LEDs flash simultaneously. | Ripple voltage on the DC connection exceeds 1.5 Vrms.   | Check the battery cables and battery connections. Check whether battery capacity is sufficiently high, and increase this if necessary.       |
| 'Low battery' and 'overload' LEDs light.                | The inverter is switched off due to an excessively high ripple voltage on the input.  | Install batteries with a larger capacity. Fit shorter and/or thicker battery cables, and reset the inverter (switch off, and then on again). |
| One alarm LED lights and the second flashes.            | The inverter is switched off due to alarm activation by the lighted LED. The flashing LED indicates that the inverter was about to switch off due to the related alarm. | Check this table for appropriate measures in regard to this alarm state.   |
| The charger does not operate.                           | The AC input voltage or frequency is not within the range set.  |  |
|   | Circuit breaker or fuse in the AC-in input is open as a result of overload.   | Remove overload or short circuit on AC-out-1 or AC-out-2, and reset fuse/breaker.  |
|   | The battery fuse has blown.   | Replace the battery fuse.  |
|   | The distortion or the AC input voltage is too large (generally generator supply).   | Turn the "Weak AC" and "Dynamic current limiter" settings on.  |

| Problem  | Cause  | Solution  |
|--|--|---|
| The charger does not operate.<br>'Bulk' LED flashes and 'Mains on' LED illuminates | Charger is in 'Bulk protection' mode thus, the maximum bulk charging time of 10 hours is exceeded.<br><br>Such a long charging time could indicate a system error (e.g. a battery cell short-circuit). | Check your batteries.<br><br> You can reset the error mode by switching the unit off and back on again.<br><br>In the standard factory settings the 'Bulk protection' mode is enabled. The 'Bulk protection' mode can be switched off with the help of VEConfigure only. |
| The battery is not completely charged.   | Charging current excessively high, causing premature absorption phase.   | Set the charging current to a level between 0.1 and 0.2 times the battery capacity.   |
|  | Poor battery connection.   | Check the battery connections.  |
|  | The absorption voltage has been set to an incorrect level (too low).   | Set the absorption voltage to the correct level.  |
|  | The float voltage has been set to an incorrect level (too low).  | Set the float voltage to the correct level.   |
|  | The available charging time is too short to fully charge the battery.  | Select a longer charging time or higher charging current.   |
| The battery is overcharged.  | The absorption time is too short. For adaptive charging this can be caused by an extremely high charging current with respect to battery capacity, so that bulk time is insufficient.                  | Reduce the charging current or select the 'fixed' charging characteristics.   |
|  | The absorption voltage is set to an incorrect level (too high).  | Set the absorption voltage to the correct level.  |
|  | The float voltage is set to an incorrect level (too high).   | Set the float voltage to the correct level.   |
|  | Poor battery condition.  | Replace the battery.  |
| The charging current drops to 0 as soon as the absorption phase initiates.         | The battery is over-heated (>50°C)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install the battery in a cooler environment</li> <li>• Reduce the charging current</li> <li>• Check whether one of the battery cells has an internal short circuit</li> </ul>  |
|  | Defective battery temperature sensor   | Disconnect the temperature sensor. If charging functions correctly after approximately 1 minute, the temperature sensor should be replaced.   |

## 6.2. Special LED indications

For the normal LED indications, see the [LED Indications \[5\]](#) chapter.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 'Mains on' flashes and there is no output voltage               | The device is in 'charger only' operation and mains supply is present. The device rejects the mains supply or is still synchronising.   |
| Bulk and absorption LEDs flash synchronously (simultaneously).  | Voltage sense error. The voltage measured at the voltage sense connection deviates too much (more than 7V) from the voltage on the positive and negative connection of the device. There is probably a connection error.<br><br>The device will remain in normal operation. |
| Absorption and float LEDs flash synchronously (simultaneously). | The battery temperature, as measured, has an extremely unlikely value. The sensor is probably defective or has been incorrectly connected. The device will remain in normal operation.  |



If the "inverter on" LED flashes in phase opposition, this is a VE.Bus error code (see next chapters).

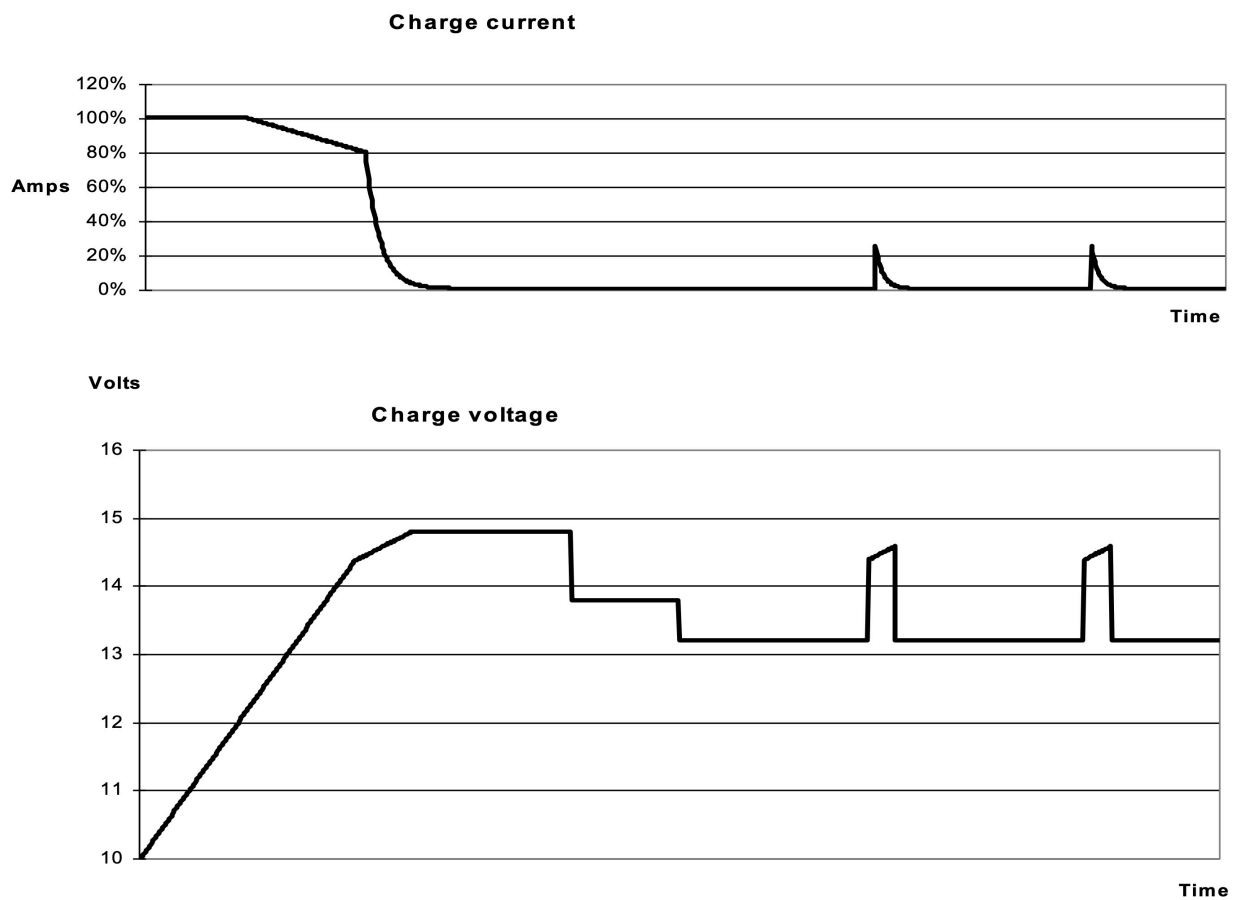
## 7. Appendix

### 7.1. A: Connection overview

### 7.2. B: Block diagram

\* See table in Chapter 4.2 'Recommended DC fuse'

### 7.3. E: Charge algorithm



#### 4-stage charging:

##### Bulk

Entered when charger is started. Constant current is applied until nominal battery voltage is reached, depending on temperature and input voltage, after which constant power is applied to the point where excessive gassing starts (resp 14.4V, 28.8V or 57.6 temperature compensated).

##### Battery Safe

The applied voltage to the battery is raised gradually until the set Absorption voltage is reached. The Battery Safe Mode is part of the calculated absorption time.

##### Absorption

The absorption period is dependent on the bulk period. The maximum absorption time is the set Maximum Absorption time.

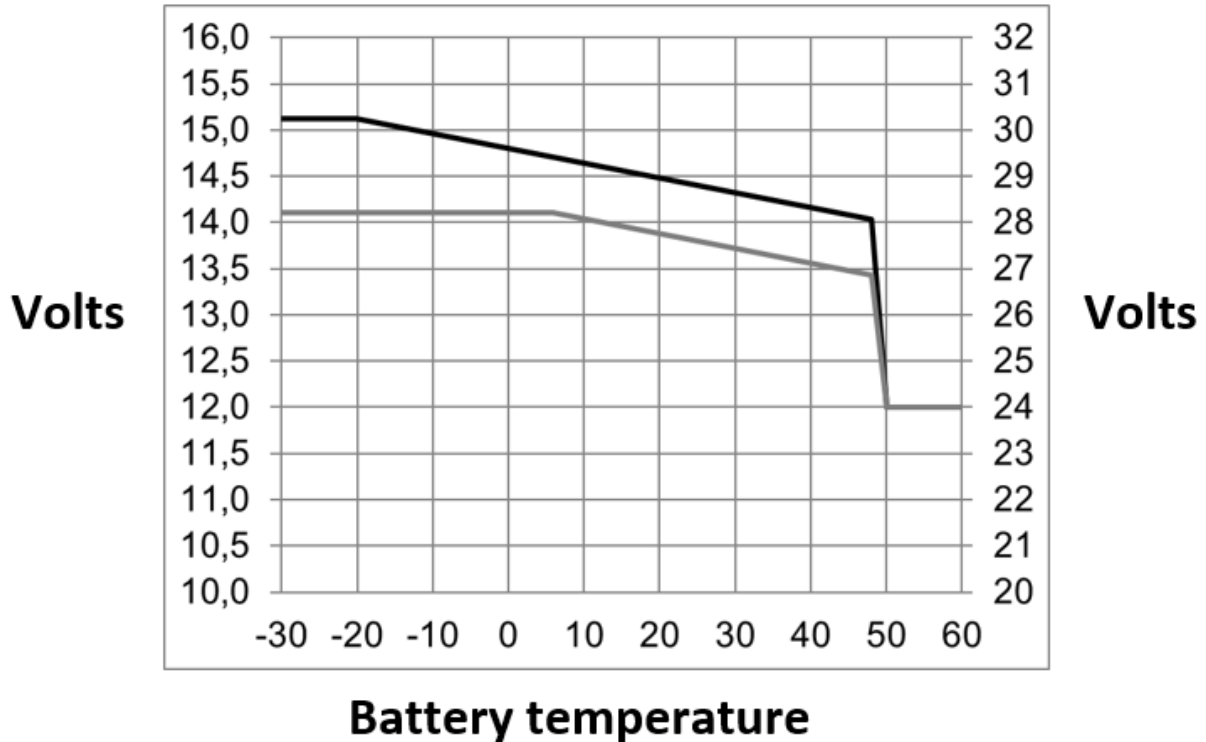
##### Float

Float voltage is applied to keep the battery fully charged

##### Storage

After one day of float charge the output voltage is reduced to storage level. This is 13.2 V for 12V, 26.4V for 24V and 52.8V for 48V batteries. This will reduce water loss to a minimum when the battery is stored for the winter season. After an adjustable time (default = 7 days) the charger will enter Repeated Absorption-mode for an adjustable time (default = one hour) to 'refresh' the battery.

#### 7.4. F: Temperature compensation chart



The above chart displays the default output voltages for Float and Absorption at 25 °C for 12 and 24V battery banks. For a 48V battery bank, multiply the 24V voltages by 2.

Reduced Float voltage follows the Float voltage, and Raised Absorption voltage follows the Absorption voltage.

Temperature compensation does not apply in adjust mode.