

# Eco P Series Lithium Battery



# Installation and Operation Manual



Residential



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# 1. Introduction

The Eco P Series Lithium Ferro Phosphate (LFP) battery by PowerPlus Energy is designed and manufactured in Australia for the world's harshest conditions to be a simple, flexible and reliable energy storage solution.

As a result, the Eco P Series batteries can be easily installed with most Inverter and charger combinations, UPS, rectifiers, DC or AC coupled charging devices, on-grid and off-grid in single, dual or three phase applications.

There is almost no limitations in applications and suitable devices that can charge or discharge the Eco P Series battery.

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## 2. Safety

Installers and users are responsible for familiarising themselves with this manual.

The Eco P Series batteries use high grade cylindrical Lithium Ferro Phosphate (LFP) cells which are robust and reliable in higher ambient temperatures, have a long service life and contain no heavy metals and are mostly recyclable.

Each Eco P Series battery has an internal Battery Management System (BMS) that provides protection against over and under voltage, over current, over temperature, short circuit and provides reliable service life through managing cell string balancing.

Each battery has a 2 pole non polarised K Curve circuit breaker, status indicator light, volt free alarm contact and high quality Amphenol SurLok DC connections for safe and easy installation.

Installation should be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person who can specify the correct cables, DC bus arrangement, external circuit protection, polarity checking and suitability of the design for the installation according to all necessary local/international standards and requirements within this manual.

### 2.1. Transportation



PowerPlus Energy's Eco Series Lithium Ferro Phosphate Batteries are classed as Dangerous Goods (DG) Class 9 UN3480.

They are safe for road transport. The batteries are shipped in a partially discharged state with terminal protection and the circuit breaker off.

Batteries where possible, should be shipped in the original manufacturer's packaging, positioned horizontally and secured to a pallet. Batteries should not be stacked more than 6 batteries tall or shipped vertically.

## 2.2. Basic Safety

The following precautions should be observed:

- Battery should not be exposed to temperatures above or below the temperature ratings specified within this manual.
- Battery should not be installed in direct sunlight.
- Battery should not be exposed to strong impacts.
- Battery should not be crushed or punctured.
- Battery connectors should not touch conductive surfaces unless intended to do so.
- Battery is non-user serviceable and should not be opened for repair.
- Battery has no maintainable components and is should not be disassembled.
- Battery should not be touched if wet.
- Battery should be kept dry at all times.
- Battery should be kept away from animals and children.
- Battery pack should not be exposed to pressure, or have objects stood on top of them.
- Battery pack is intended to be a 2 person lift when installing.

## 2.3. Handling

- Use battery only as directed.
- The batteries are heavy and proper lifting techniques or equipment should be applied.
- Do not use the battery if it appears damaged or broken.
- Handle battery with care when installing or transporting.
- Do not use chemicals to clean the battery.
- Do not touch the DC terminals.
- Do not touch the DC Busbar.



## 2.4. Storage of Battery

- Battery should be stored horizontally and stacked no more than 6 batteries tall without extra support.
- Battery should be kept in a dry environment away from moisture.
- Battery should be stored away from incompatible substances.
- Battery should be stored between 0 to 45°C, however close to 25°C should be considered for long term storage.
- After 6 months of storage the battery may need cell balancing and should be charged. Any issues with charging after long term storage should be discussed with PowerPlus Energy.



## 2.5. LiFe Support

Our batteries should not be used in life support applications where failure of our Eco Batteries can reasonably be expected to cause failure of the life support equipment or effect operation of such equipment.





## 2.6. Damaged Battery

A damaged battery should not be used and should be returned to PowerPlus Energy or disposed of via a recycling facility. Leaking electrolyte can cause skin irritation and chemical burns, so contact should be avoided.

Eye Contact: Rinse gently with running water and seek medical attention if irritation develops.  
Skin Contact: Rinse gently with running water and seek medical attention if irritation develops.  
Ingestion: If ingested, do not induce vomiting and contact your local poisons information centre or doctor.  
Inhalation: Evacuate area and seek professional medical attention immediately.

Refer to product SDS document for more details which is available from PowerPlus Energy's web page or upon request.

## 2.7. Fire



Should the battery pack catch on fire or start to emit smoke, (for small fire or small emissions of smoke) use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide or chemical fire extinguisher.

Evacuate the area and call emergency services.

Some toxic gases may be produced if the battery catches fire.

The battery needs to be rapidly cooled to prevent any heat or fire spreading.

Refer to product SDS document for more details which is available from PowerPlus Energy's web page or upon request.

## 2.8. Qualified Person (Installer)

This manual and task sets within regarding installation should be carried out by a suitable qualified and skilled person.

The installer needs to be a person with adequate skills, qualifications and experience.

They should:

- Have a thorough understanding of operations, design and installation principles of battery energy storage systems.
- Have a thorough understanding of all dangers and risks associated with installing and using electrical devices.
- Hold all local, state and country base qualifications to carry out such work.
- Adhere to all safety and installations requirements within this manual.

### 3. Product Information

The technical information presented here within, outlines the physical and electrical characteristics of the battery and what environment they should be installed in.

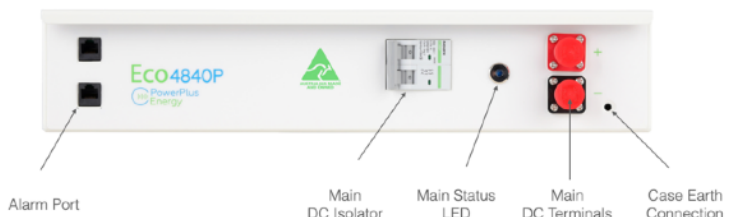
The Eco P Series batteries are self-managed with an internal BMS within each battery to protect it from over voltage, under voltage, over temperature and over current.

The Battery does not require communication with the Power Control Electronics (PCEs) to operate. The Eco P Series can operate with PCE (Power Control Electronics) that do not require communications to operate.

If you are unsure, please consult your PowerPlus Energy expert or the PowerPlus Energy web page for advice.

#### 3.1. Weight and Dimensions

Eco4840P	
Depth	635mm
Width	434mm
Height	88mm
Weight	43kg



#### 3.2. Inclusions

Each battery comes supplied in a cardboard box that should be retained in case there is a need to return the battery to PowerPlus Energy. All batteries except those supplied with as PowerPlus Energy cabinet will come supplied separately with corresponding DC connectors. All other accessories are sold separately.

DC Connector	
Positive DC connection	1 x SLPPA16BSR
Negative DC Connection	1 x SLPPA16BSB
25mm to 16mm reducer	x 2





## 3.3. Specifications

### 3.3.1. Eco P Series

Eco4840P	
Nominal DC Voltage	51.2V
Operational Voltage Window	40V to 58.4V
Nominal Capacity	4.0kWh (3.993) / 78Ah
Usable Capacity	4.0kWh (3.993)
Recommended Usable Capacity	3.2kWh (3.194)
Depth of Discharge	Up to 100%
Recommended Depth of Discharge	80% or less
Continuous Discharge C-Rate	0.5C (C2)
Continuous Discharge current	39A
Continuous Discharge Power	2.0kW
Maximum Discharge (Limited by K-Curve Circuit Breaker) (Refer manual for circuit breaker characteristics)	63A* (3.22kW)
Maximum Charge Current	63A
Warrantable Charge Current	39A
Warrantable Charge Power	2.0kW
Prospective Fault Current (1ms)	250A
Circuit Breaker (k Curve)	2-Pole 63A 360VDC
Lithium Composition	Lithium Ferro Phosphate (LiFePO4 or LFP)
Operating Temperature Range	Charge: 0° to 55°C / Discharge -20° to 60°C
Ideal Operating Temperature Range	0 to 45°C
Operating Humidity	85% Non Condensating
BMS Over-Volt	3.9V/Cell
Cell Level Protection	
BMS Under-Volt	2.0V/Cell
Cell Level Protection	
BMS Over-Temp Cut Off	65°C
BMS Max Trip Current	200A
Self Discharge	14% Per Annum
Altitude	< 2000m (seek manufacturers advice above 2000m)
Battery Mounting Options	Standard 19" Rack Mount / Horizontal / Vertical
Terminal Connections	Amphenol Surlok 100A Non Keyed
IP Rating	IP40
Efficiency	>96%
Cooling	Natural convection
Parallel Connection	Unlimited - Refer Manufacturer
Serial Connection	Not Permitted
Alarm Output	Normally closed, Volt free, 200mA 60V Max
Communications	Alarm Output
Module Weight	43kg
Battery Dimensions	635mm D x 434mm W x 88mm H
Arc Flash Incident Energy IEm in Cal/cm <sup>2</sup> (45cm)	0.36
Arc Flash Incident Energy AFB in cm	24.45
Certifications	Pending IEC: 62619:2017, UN38.3, EMC
Terminal Connections	Amphenol Surlok 100A Non Keyed
Note:	This specification is subject to change at anytime without notice
Warranty	10 Years (Conditions apply)



## 3.4. Charging and Discharging

The battery should be charged and discharged within the operating temperature windows as outlined within the specifications and as indicated in the Charge Discharge table below “Connected PCE Programming Requirements”. All currents are maximum for each battery, and should be taken into consideration when multiple devices are charging the battery.

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### 3.4.1. Primary Charging Source

A Primary Charging Source should be identified in the system and programmed to charge the batteries as outlined in the table below. A primary charging source, is the charging device that will be used to charge the battery for 75% of the time (charge energy) or higher.

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### 3.4.2. Secondary Charging Source

A Secondary Charging Source can also be used, the preference is to also have these devices programmed to the charging settings in the table “Connected PCE Programming Requirements”. However if this is not possible, they can be used as long as the output voltage does not exceed the upper voltage of the Operational Voltage Window of the battery, does not exceed the Max Charge Current, and does not account for more than 25% of the charging (energy) of the battery.

Example

Primary Charging Source = Solar PV will be used to perform 75% of charging and will be programmed as per below table.

Secondary Charging Source = Wind Turbine will be used to supply approximately 25% of the charging, however can not have the voltage adjusted as per the specific charging voltages as specified in the table “Connected PCE Programming Requirements”, and will not exceed the Operational Voltage Window or Max Charge Current/Power of the battery.

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### 3.4.3. Calibration to 100%



Calibration to 100% every 7 days (minimum) is required to perform a cell balance maintenance charge. Cell balancing allows the BMS to equalise the battery cells to limit battery capacity slip and ensures battery will accept the charge voltage correctly.

Calibration to 100% is achieved by:

Charge batteries at specified “Continuous Charge Voltage” and no greater than the specified Maximum Charge Current.

Battery is considered full after battery is absorbing less than 1% of maximum charge current after being held at specified charge voltage for 30minutes minimum.

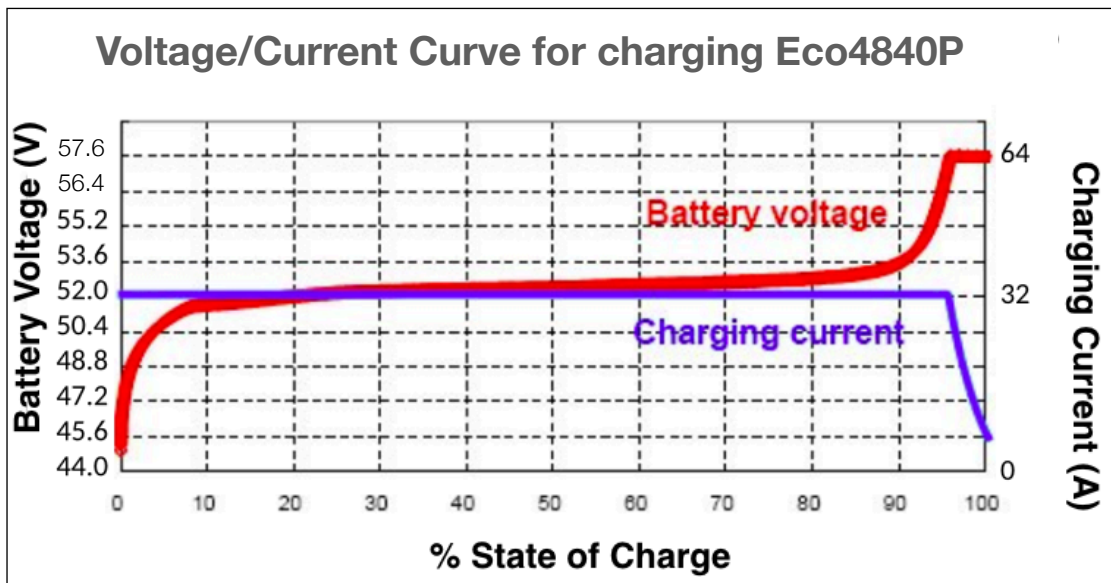
If PowerPlus Energy has released Custom Charge Settings for your connected PCE, then these instructions can be followed instead.

### 3.4.4. Battery Charging Requirements PCE for P Series

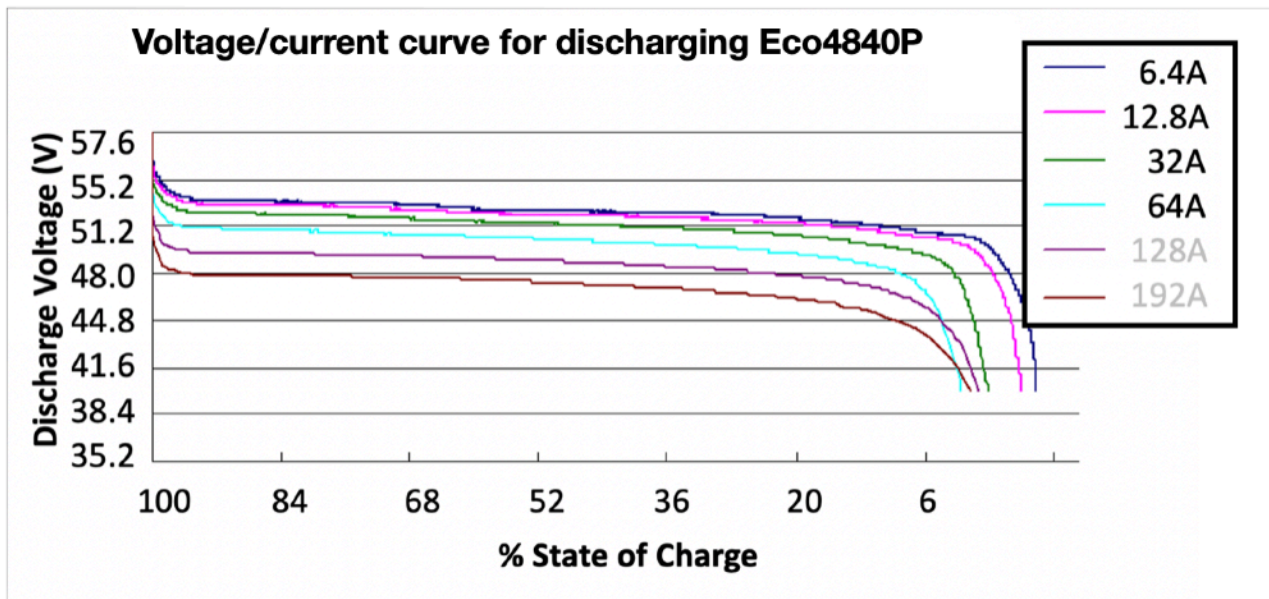


Connected PCE Programming Requirements	
Eco4833P	
Shutdown DC Voltage @0.5C	48.0V
Shutdown Voltage Recommended	50.2V
Recovery / Restart Voltage	52V
Continuous Charge Voltage	57.6V
Continuous Charge Transition	Battery is considered full after battery is absorbing less than 1% of maximum charge current after being held at specified charge voltage for 30minutes minimum.
Float Voltage Cyclic (Short Term Float) (Example Solar Application)	57.6V
Float Voltage Standby (Long Term Float) (Example UPS Application)	54.4V to 56V
Charge Current	39A
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Shutdown SoC Recommended	20%
Calibration to 100%	Every 7 days or more frequent where possible. (Ensures cell balancing is performed & keeps external SoC counter more accurate)
Note	These charging requirements are subject to change at anytime without notice

### 3.4.5. Charging Curves P Series



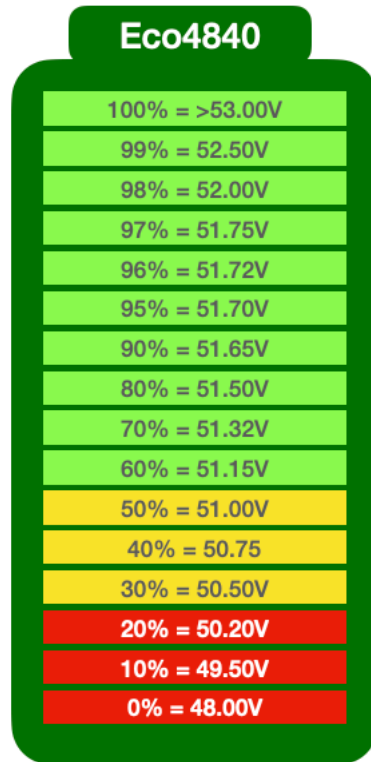
### 3.4.6. Discharging Curves P Series



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### 3.4.7. State of Charge Vs Discharge Voltage P Series

The below table can be used a guide for referencing voltage against energy in the battery. The below figures are taken at 25°C and with a 0.5C load applied.



Note: Figures are taken at 25°C and with a 0.5C load applied

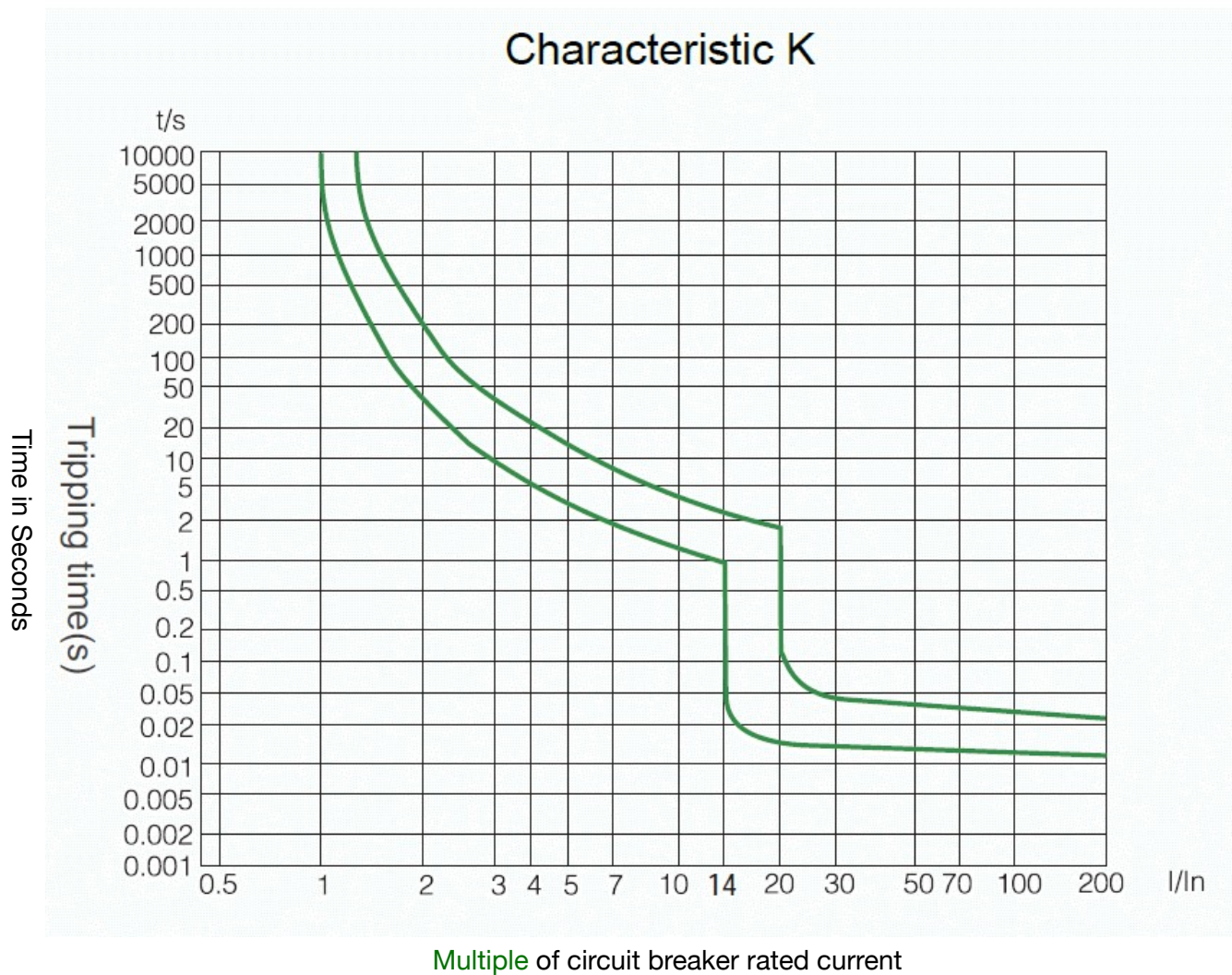
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### 3.4.8. Over Discharged battery

In the event that the batteries low voltage protection circuit has operated to protect the battery from excessive discharge, it is important that the battery is charge to 100% within 7 days. Leaving the battery in a discharged can cause irreversible damage to the battery or battery capacity.

### 3.4.9. Circuit Breaker Characteristic

The integrated non-polarised DC circuit breaker is dual pole and a K curve type. The table below outlines the trip times based on current.



# 4. Installation



Installation should be carefully considered and all aspects of the specifications should be understood to determine a suitable location and way of installing the battery.

## 4.1. Location and Environment

The location of the battery should be in accordance with the IP rating and operating temperature range specified in the specification section of this manual.

The location of the batteries should meet the below conditions:

- The Battery should not be installed where direct contact of salt air may be possible. If unavoidable, appropriate air filtration must be used to prevent salt air contacting the battery, and the battery installation should be indoors or an IP66 or greater enclosure.
- The floor is level and free from obstructions.
- There are no explosive or flammable materials nearby.
- The Ideal Temperature around the battery is between 0 and 45°C.
- Operation of charge and discharge outside of the Ideal Temperature should be limited to 0.2C and still remain within the Operating Temperature Range as specified in the specification.
- The temperature and humidity should remain as constant as possible.
- The area is of a clean environment with minimal dust.
- The area or enclosure is vermin proof to suit your environmental locations.
- The batteries and battery cabinets/housings are not exposed to direct sunlight.

The Eco P Series battery is designed to be installed in a 19 inch data rack assembly or an electrical enclosure of your choice. If the battery is to be installed outdoors a suitable IP54 or greater enclosure should be used.

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### 4.1.1. Extreme Humidity Climates

When our batteries are being installed in climates of extreme humidity, extra precaution should be taken.

- A humidity control agent (i.e. chemical which absorbs humidity) may be required inside the enclosure, with controlled airflow to expel moist air.
- And or, the battery system to be installed in a moisture and climate controlled room (example, reverse cycle air-conditioner cooled).
- The temperature of the cabinet should be held at a temperature above dew point at all times.



## 4.2. Battery Installation

PowerPlus Energy highly recommends our range of Rack or SlimLine Series indoor and outdoor cabinets. Full Specification details are available on the PowerPlus Energy web page, however specific installations details are further along in this manual.

### 4.2.1. Custom Cabinets

The battery has been designed to fit into a standard 800mm deep 19inch rack enclosure.

If you are building your own enclosure, ensure the below is considered in your design.

- If the battery is installed in to enclosures without rails, please ensure that they are securely seated to prevent accidental damage or tampering.
- If a custom enclosure or mounting method is used please ensure the batteries are not stacked more than 6 high unless battery support rails are used to distribute weight.
- Please ensure there is adequate air flow around the battery stack within the cabinet. 15mm minimum around 4 side of the stack is required as minimum.
- Please ensure the selected IP rating is correct as per your location selection.
- All interconnecting battery cables for parallel connection shall be the same length and cable size.
- A busbar is recommended for connection of all parallel battery connections.
- An appropriate way of connecting the cabinet to the PCE should be considered.
- Please follow PCE instructions for fuse, cable and connection requirements. These will vary depending on brand and product selected.

Maximum amount of batteries that can be Stacked without additional support is six



Four sides (minimum) of the battery stack requires 15mm clearance for airflow



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## 4.2.2. Battery Orientation Stationary Application

The Eco Batteries can be mounted in 4 orientations, excluding on its face or upside down.



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## 4.2.3. Battery Orientation Pre-Assembled BESS or BS Systems

- Batteries should be shipped horizontally and secured in place to limit movement.
- If batteries are to be subject to prolonged vibrations during transportations, they should be removed and shipped in original manufacturers packaging or a sufficient non-flammable shock mount system (like high density foam or similar) should be installed within the BESS/BS under each battery.

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## 4.2.4. Battery Orientation Motorhomes, RV's, Trailers, Vehicles, Trucks, Buses or Similar

- Batteries should be shipped horizontally and secured in place to limit movement.
- Batteries should be positioned in a non-flammable section and be easily accessible and removable from the outside of the vehicle.
- Sufficient non-flammable shock mount system (like high density foam or similar) should be installed within the BESS/BS under each battery.



### 4.3. Battery Connections

Each battery has a positive and negative Amphenol SurLok (non keyed) male connector for easy snap on connection. A range of cables and mating connectors are available from any PowerPlus Energy place of purchase.

If multiple batteries are being used in parallel, the battery cables shall all be of the same length to retain equal impedance of each battery and cable set.

### 4.4. Main DC Connections

The battery comes fitted with Amphenol Surlok connectors (non keyed) male connectors. The table below outlines the battery connections and the mating cable connectors required. Each battery when ordered separately (without a cabinet) will come supplied with mating connectors.

Each Amphenol SurLok connector supplied by PowerPlus Energy can adequately seat 25mm single insulated or 16mm double insulated cable. A 16mm reducing sleeve is provided. Crimping of SurLok to the stripped end of the cable is performed using a standard 25mm hex crimp tool.

Before connecting the DC cable to the battery you will need to remove the safety insulating cap on the battery DC connectors and dispose of appropriately.

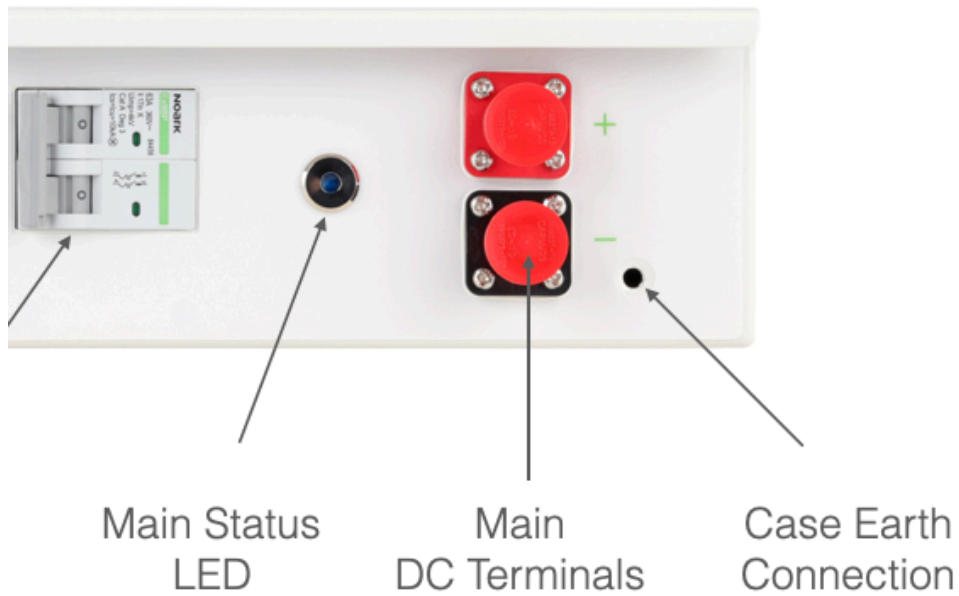


	Battery	Cable
Positive connection	SLPRATPSR	SLPPA16BSR
Negative Connection	SLPRATPSB	SLPPA16BSB



## 4.5. Case Earthing

The Eco Battery case is designed to be electrically floating and isolated from all internal battery connections and in most installations will not require earthing. However should your application require the case to be grounded a 5mm M6 bolt should be used and is supplied with the battery.



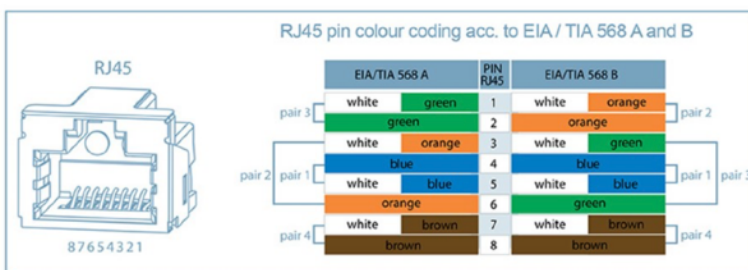
## 4.6. Battery Alarm and Communication Installation

The battery provides the ability to alarm the system manager that the battery's BMS or circuit breaker has tripped. The BMS trip will self reset once fault has been resolved or removed, however if the battery circuit breaker has tripped, it will need manual intervention.

The connectors are an RJ45 style connector. The alarm output uses pins 5 and 6 and provide a volt free contact. This volt free contact can be used to signal an external PLC or alarm circuit.

The alarm output is normally closed when energised by the battery (battery is ON and LED illuminated). When the BMS or circuit breaker trips the battery turns OFF (circuit breaker or BMS trip and LED off) and the contact will open.

The alarm outputs are designed to be daisy chained (using P/N COM003A comms cable), connecting the bottom RJ45 from one battery to the top RJ45 of the next and so on. The battery at the end of the chain (generally the bottom battery) will need to have pins 1 and 2 bridged on the bottom RJ45 terminals using bridging connector P/N COMLBA. The top connector on the last battery in the chain can be connected to an appropriate alarming circuit using one of our battery comms cables.



A range of cables to connect the battery alarm contacts are available for purchase.

Communication Accessories	
Description	Part Number
Battery Bridge connector	COMLBA
Battery daisy chain connector lead (30cm)	COM003A
Battery Comms Cable (2Metre)	COM020A
Battery Comms Cable (5Metre)	COM050A
Battery Comms Cable (10Metre)	COM100A
Battery Comms Cable (15Metre)	COM150A
Description	Part Number
PowerLink data logger	PL001

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### 4.6.1. Data Logging

The Eco4840P batteries do not come equipped with a data output. Battery performance is monitored by the connected PCE and data presented will vary based on each product's capabilities or monitoring options.

# 5. PowerPlus Energy Battery Enclosures

PowerPlus Energy provides a range of mounting options to make your installation simple and easy. They have been designed to suit indoor and outdoor applications and to suit a range of different battery capacities.

## 5.1. Rack Series Enclosures

The Rack Series enclosure is for domestic, commercial and utility installations and allows quick and easy visualisation of battery operation.

The cabinets come pre configured with all interconnecting battery cables and DC busbar (accessible via the rear door) for easy indoor installation of our batteries.

### 5.1.1. Rack Series Specification

	PIR8C	PIR10C	PIR12C	PIR18C	PIR20C
Dimensions (H x W x D)mm	990 x 600 x 800	1166 x 600 x 800	1400 x 600 x 800	1800 x 600 x 800	1950 x 600 x 800
Colour	Black with glass front door (powder coated)				
Mounting	Floor (stationary Applications)				
Securing	4 x Castor rollers for positioning and 4 x locking feet.				
Feet	Adjustable				
Number of Battery Slots	8	10	12	18	20
Battery Connection Main Isolator	Busbar with M8 Stud 1000A continuous rated				
Battery Interconnection	Amphenol Surlok connector, 16mm double insulated cable (supplied and installed in cabinet for easy plug and play assembly)				
DC Circuit Breaker	None				
Cable Entry	Top or bottom entry				
IP Rating	IP21				
Weight Kg	95	110	132	174	187
Fans	240VAC operation for optional use and should be controlled via a thermostat				
Note	In our efforts towards constant product enhancement this specification is subject to change at anytime without notice				



## 5.1.2. Rack Series Enclosure Installation

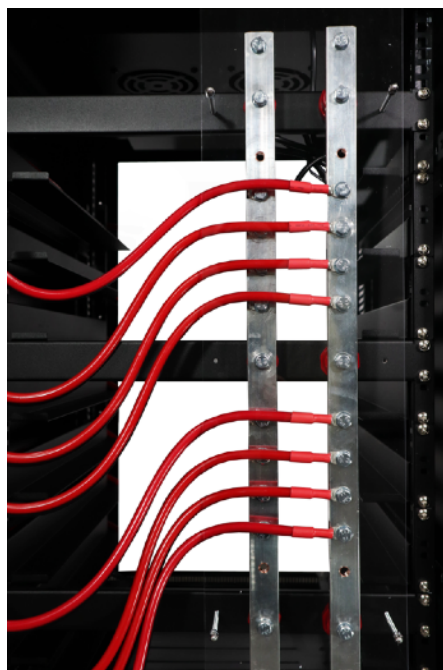
- Wheel cabinet into position.
- Choose cable entry position to suit your application. Multiple cable entry trays are positioned on and around the enclosure.
- Ensure suitable glands or similar are used to protect the cables after forming cable entry hole.
- Glands are not supplied and should be of the same or higher IP rating than the cabinet.
- Ensure all filings from forming holes are removed from cabinet.
- Connect main DC cable from main System (PCE) DC isolator to the PIR enclosure DC busbar with M8 nut, washer and locking washer (supplied) and tighten.
- Close rear door and move cabinet into final position.
- Secure locking feet and wind down until firm against the ground, transferring the cabinet weight from the castor wheels and ensuring cabinet is level.
- Using a 2 person lift, slide the batteries into the cabinet starting from the bottom and working your way to the top.
- Connect corresponding Amphenol cables to batteries.

Note: The castor wheels are not designed to take the weight of the cabinet and batteries. The locking feet supplied must be used. Failure to use the locking feet may result in failure of the castor wheels and cause physical harm or damage to battery storage system.

Note: Batteries should be loaded from the bottom of the cabinet working your way to the top. This ensures the cabinet remains stable.

Note: The cabinets have fans installed for cooling. These fans are 240V powered and are on when powered. Fans are not compulsory for cooling, but if your installation requires, an ambient temperature controlled switch may be required to turn the on and off as necessary. These are available from any PowerPlus Energy place of purchase.

Note: When paralleling multiple battery cabinets, battery cables from each cabinet must be the same length and cable size to ensure cabinet impedances remain the same. The use of an external busbar is highly recommended.





## 5.2. SlimLine Series Enclosures

PowerPlus Energy SlimLine series battery enclosures are designed to provide low profile options for mounting the LiFe and ECO series batteries. Ranging in 300 to 400mm deep making them suitable for installation in walkways, sides of buildings, alongside industrial equipment and areas with limited space.

The cabinets come pre configured with all interconnecting battery cables and a DC busbar for an easy indoor or outdoor installation of our Eco Batteries.

### 5.2.1. SlimLine Series Specification

	PEW3	PEW4	PEF6W - 250B	PEF9W - 250
Dimensions (H x W x D)	800 x 600 x 300mm	800 x 600 x 400mm	2002 x 802 x 304mm	1477 x 849 x 300mm
Mounting	Wall		Floor	
Feet	N/A		Adjustable	
PCE Mounting capability Area H x W x D Mounting plate H x W	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes 1000 x 795 x 297mm 970 x 739mm
Number of Battery Slots	3	4	6	9
Battery Connection	Busbar with M8 Stud			
Cooling	Natural convection		Temperature controlled (adjustable) fan forced	Natural convection
DC Circuit Breaker	N/A		2Pole Non Polarised 250A (adjustable) 1000VDC	
IP Rating	IP66		IP54	
Weight	33kg	37kg	95kg	72kg
Note	In our efforts towards constant product enhancement this specification is subject to change at any time without notice			



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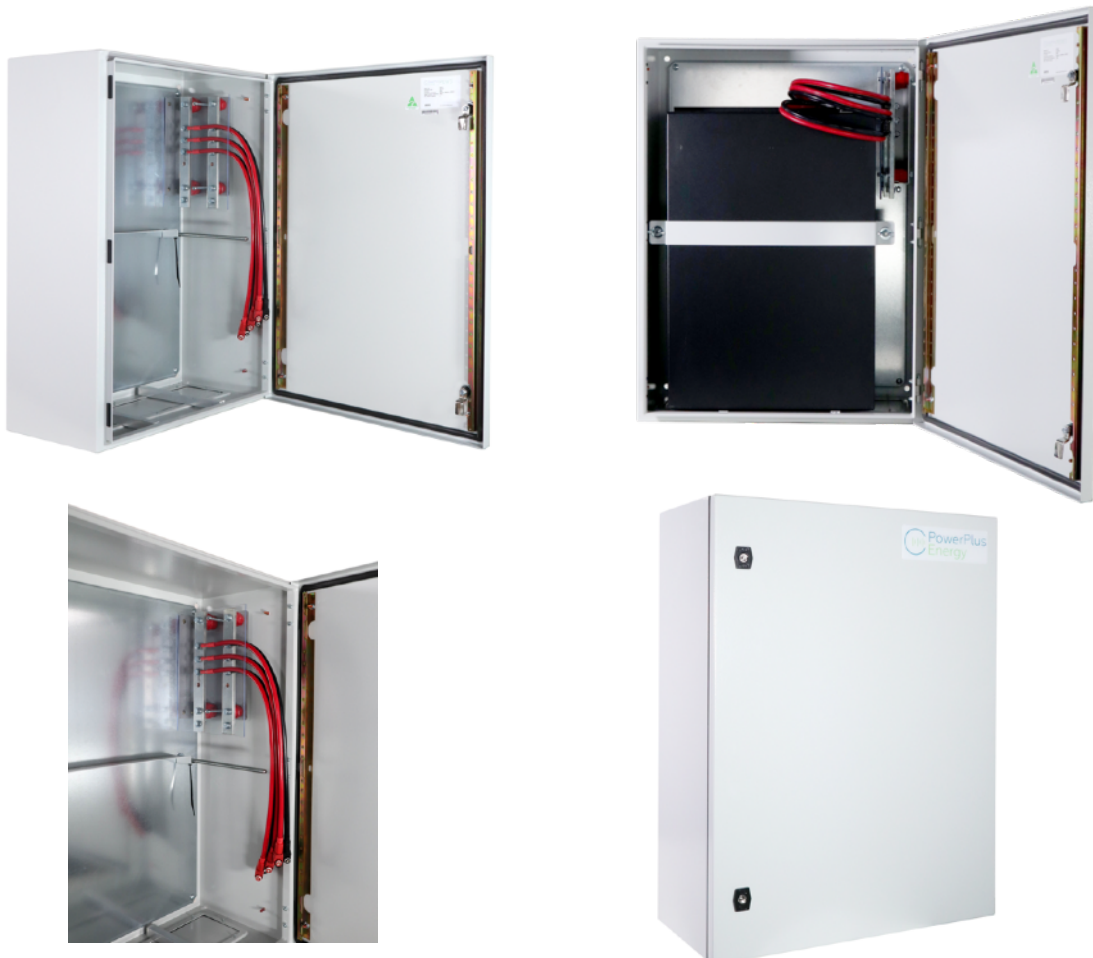
## 5.2.2. PEW3 & PEW4 Installation

The PEW3 and PEW4 are a small wall mount battery enclosure for use in smaller storage solutions. The cabinets are suitable to be installed indoor or outdoor.

- Securely mount the battery enclosure to the wall using appropriate fastening. Your fastening types will vary depending on wall surface and substrate.
- The wall should be rated to carry all equipment, including up to 210kg for a PEW4 with 4 batteries installed.
- Choose cable entry position to suit your application.
- Ensure suitable glands or similar are used to protect the cables after forming cable entry hole.
- Glands are not supplied and should be of the same or higher IP rating than the cabinet.
- Ensure all filings from forming holes are removed from cabinet.
- Connect main DC cable from main System (PCE) DC isolator to the PIR enclosure DC busbar with M8 nut, washer and locking washer and tighten.
- Using a 2 person lift, insert batteries into cabinet standing them up vertically with battery terminals facing upwards.
- Securely fasten batteries in places using provided clamp bar and nuts.
- Connect corresponding Amphenol cables to batteries.

Note: Batteries should be loaded from the rear of the cabinet working your way to the front. This ensures the cabinet remains stable and weight is distributed closest to the wall.

Note: When paralleling multiple battery cabinets, battery cables from each cabinet must be the same length and cable size to ensure cabinet impedances remain the same. The use of an external busbar is highly recommended.



### 5.2.3. PEF6W-250B Installation

The PEF6W-250B is a BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) cabinets designed to house the PowerPlus Energy batteries and connected PCE's for charge and discharge. The cabinets are suitable to be installed indoor or outdoor.

- The cabinet should be installed on level, solid surface. The surface should be concrete, brick, masonite or similar.
- Securely mount the battery enclosure to the wall using appropriate fastening. Your fastening types will vary depending on wall surface and sub-straat.
- The wall should be rated to support all equipment, including up to 342kg plus the weight of other PCE's and balance of system installed.
- The feet should be adjusted to level and stabilise the cabinet.
- Choose cable entry position to suit your application. Cable entry can be positioned anywhere around the cabinet to suit the application.
- Ensure suitable glands or similar are used to protect the cables after forming cable entry hole. Glands are not supplied and should be of the same or higher IP rating of the cabinet.
- Ensure all fillings from forming holes are removed from cabinet.
- A Detachable gear plate is provided for the mounting of PCE's and balance of system equipment.
- DC isolator, main DC busbar and all interconnecting battery cables are provided and should installed to suit your layout inside the cabinet.
- Up to 6 Eco P Series batteries can be installed on the lower shelves.
- Using a 2 person lift, slide the batteries into the cabinet starting from the bottom shelf at the rear and working your way to the front and the repeat on upper shelf.
- Connect corresponding Amphenol Surlok cables to batteries.
- The supplied fan assembly can have the fan removed and rotated to allow air to either be drawn into or out of the cabinet. It can be positioned in either of the cabinet vent holes.
- The fans are 240V powered and come supplied with a temperature controlled thermostat that can be adjusted and positioned to suit your installation.

Note: Batteries should be loaded from the rear of the cabinet working your way to the front. This ensures the cabinet remains stable and weight is distributed closet to the wall.



## 5.2.4. PEF9W-250 Installation

The PEF9W-250B wall/floor mount battery enclosure to securely house our batteries in an outdoor environment. The cabinets are suitable to be installed indoor or outdoor. The cabinet comes fully assembled for easy battery fitting on site. No extra wiring is required on site and is all plug and play.

- The cabinet should be installed on level, solid surface. The surface should be concrete, brick, masonite or similar.
- Securely mount the battery enclosure to the wall using appropriate fastening. Your fastening types will vary depending on wall surface and substrate.
- The wall should be rated to support all equipment, including up to 342kg plus the weight of other PCE's and balance of system installed.
- The feet should be adjusted to level and stabilise the cabinet.
- Choose cable entry position to suit your application. Cable entry can be positioned anywhere around the cabinet to suit the application.
- Ensure suitable glands or similar are used to protect the cables after forming cable entry hole. Glands are not supplied and should be of the same or higher IP rating of the cabinet.
- Ensure all fillings from forming holes are removed from cabinet
- The busbar assembly (including DC isolator) can be removed for ease of battery installation or batteries can be manoeuvred around.
- Batteries can be slid into place on their side with their battery terminals face outwards.
- Using a 2 person lift, slide the batteries into the cabinet starting from the bottom shelf at the rear and working your way to the front and the repeat on next shelf and finally the upper shelf.
- Secure the busbar assembly back in to place.
- Connect corresponding Amphenol cables to batteries.
- PCE main cables or System main DC isolator can be connected to the main 250Amp (adjustable) integrated cabinet isolator.



# 6. Battery Operation

Now that you have installed the batteries you are almost ready to energise the system. First you should check your installation to ensure the below:

- Check polarity of all battery connections to be correct.
- Check that there is no damage to cables.
- Check that all system breakers are in the off position.
- Check for adequate air flow as per your installation requirements.
- Check for local installation compliance if applicable.

Starting up the battery system should be done in conjunction with the PCE manufacturer's recommendations as well as this manual and any local or government safety requirements.

Each battery in the system is powered up separately by turning the double pole breaker to the ON position. Once powered up, voltage will be present at the DC terminals and the Main Status LED light will glow blue.

## 6.1. Main Status LED

The Main LED Status indicator is used to understand the operation of the battery and the state of the BMS.

Status	Operational State
ON	Battery is ON and allowing charge and discharge.
OFF	Battery circuit breaker is in the OFF position.
OFF	Battery BMS is in low voltage protection mode - Charge will still be accepted, however discharge will not be permitted until battery cell voltage is sufficient.
OFF	Battery is in high voltage protection mode - Charge will not be accepted, however discharge will continue
OFF	Battery is in temperature protection mode, the BMS has detected cell temperature outside of our operation window of MAX 65°C. Charge or discharge will be disabled until cell temperature reduces.

## 6.2. Battery Power up / Shut Down Procedure

Each battery has an integrated DC circuit breaker to protect the battery in the event of a system fault and is also used to power the battery ON and OFF.

### Important:

If the power system has been shutdown or charging source removed, the battery should have its circuit breaker cycled to the Off position within 48hrs to alleviate battery discharge from self discharge or system standby discharge.

The below procedures should be used in conjunction with the system start up/shut down procedure

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### 6.2.1. Battery Startup

The battery system should be started following the startup procedure supplied with the system.

The Eco Batteries do not provide an output voltage until they are turned on. In most cases powering on the battery will be one of the first steps of starting your power system.

- Locate and ensure you main system Isolation point is OFF.
- Check all battery connections to be correctly installed.
- Individually (working in a systematic approach), turn battery circuit breakers to the ON position (cycle to the right when looking at the front face of the battery face on).
- Main Status LED will illuminate indicating voltage is present at the battery terminals.



Battery Circuit Breaker OFF



Battery Circuit Breaker ON

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## 6.2.2. Battery Shut Down

The battery system should be shutdown following the shutdown procedure supplied with the system.

The Eco Batteries will provide an isolated output when they are turned off. In most cases powering off the battery will be one of the last step of shutting down your power system.

### Important:

The Eco Batteries should be be shutdown as soon as possible or within 6 hours of a system shutdown, system fault or charging source being removed.

- Locate and ensure you main system isolator is OFF.
- Individually (working in a systematical approach), turn battery circuit breakers to the OFF position (cycle to the left when looking at the front face of the battery face on).
- Main Status LED will turn off indicating voltage is no longer present at the battery terminals.



Battery Circuit Breaker ON



Battery Circuit Breaker OFF

## 6.3. Full Recharge Upon First Installation



Our batteries are delivered and shipped in a partial state of charge. Prior to discharging the battery it should be fully charged to the float stage.

### Important:

This first initial charge will allow the battery BMS to perform a cell balancing process and ensure all cells are at the same state before regular cycling. It will also allow the external SoC (State of Charge) counter to set itself to known battery SoC (some SoC counters may take a few cycles to learn the SoC).

## 6.4. Calibration to 100% (Weekly recharge to 100%)



Internal cell balancing of the Eco P Series battery happens during the end of the charging process. It is important for the health of the battery and to ensure the battery capacity does not slip over time that the batteries are charged to 100% at least once every 7 days as a minimum.

## 6.5. SoC (State of Charge) Drift

State of Charge drift happens when the product that is calculating SoC builds up an accumulative error. This error is generally due to tolerance of components that measure voltage & current and algorithms used to calculate how full the battery is. Most products will reset its accumulative error when the system gets to 100% SoC or Float.

It is important that a well designed battery storage system reaches Float stage or 100% as regularly as possible, preferably every 2 to 3 days to reset SoC drift, however can be extended if required.

SoC drift can be addressed in many ways, and some examples are below.

1. Sufficient solar sized to charge batteries to Float or 100% on the winter Solstice
2. Backup source installed (grid or generator) to allow charging of batteries during extended bad weather or high load events.
3. Ascertain from PCE manufacture the accuracy of the SoC calculator. If a higher more accurate shunt can be used with the PCE to monitor system SoC, then this should be considered.



# 7. Troubleshooting

The BMS only enters alarm state when the operation of the battery is outside of the limits of the battery to operate safely.

During normal operation there will be a voltage across the terminals of the batteries. If the BMS activates its protection circuit, once the fault is cleared the battery should restart without external assistance.

The scenario where this may not occur is on low volt disconnect (battery cell voltage low). In this instance the battery will keep its discharge circuit open and will only allow a charge. The battery output will read <4V.

Note: Your installer or PowerPlus Energy should be consulted if your battery will not activate.

## 7.1. Over Discharged Battery Recovery

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### 7.1.2. BMS Threshold Soft Shutdown

Soft shutdown occurs if the voltage in the battery reaches a designated LOW level. In the soft shutdown state, the battery will not provide a DC voltage at its terminal (voltage will be <4V) until the system has been reset.

The battery will not deliver power to a load from its DC terminals until the battery module reaches a designated recovery voltage.

### 7.1.3. Soft Shutdown Recovery

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This procedure is a guide and should be performed by suitably qualified person.

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1. Shutdown system following your shutdown procedure.
2. Ensure all loads are switched off.
3. Turn off battery/s via DC circuit breaker and wait 30 seconds.
4. Turn on battery/s via DC circuit breaker.
5. Wait for battery Main Status LED to illuminate.
6. Connect and turn on site PCE.
7. If the PCE starts up, please action a full charge cycle to occur.
8. If battery will not turn on or remain on long enough start a PCE charge. Please follow Hard Shutdown Recovery.

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### 7.1.3. BMS Threshold Hard Shutdown

Hard shutdown occurs if the voltage in the battery is too LOW to activate the internal BMS. This is a hardware triggered response.

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### 7.1.4. Hard Shutdown Recovery

Required Equipment:

1. External DC Charger/Current Limited Power Supply (Available from PowerPlus Energy).  
50V Charger/Current Limited Power Supply for Eco4840P
2. Cold Start dongle

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1. Turn off Battery/s via on board DC breaker.
2. Connect DC Charger/Current Limited Power Supply to battery/s.
3. Check DC Charger is set to battery Nominal Voltage specified in the this manual (See Specification).
4. Turn on battery/s via DC breaker.
5. Turn on external charger.
6. Wait for Main Status LED to turn on.
7. Reconnect on site PCE to the recovered battery and action a full charging cycle enabling the battery to balance at Continuous Charge Voltage (See Specification) for at least 4 hours.

#### Important:

It is recommended to check the battery status once a month for 3 months after battery recovery has occurred to ensure reliable operation of the battery module.



## 8. Maintenance

The battery does not require maintenance itself, however as part of your overall system maintenance, some checks can be carried out.

- Check for any obstruction placed around the battery or battery enclosure.
- Check for animals, insects or creatures nesting in or around the battery solution.
- Check for build up of any foreign objects in or around the cabinet.
- Check battery connections and cables for secure fitting or damage.
- Check battery breaker by turning it off and on again.
- Check LED indicators.

## 9. Upgrading Battery Capacity

It is possible to add additional batteries to an existing Eco P Series installation at a later date. If you are to add extra capacity the battery must be of the same type, part number, and specification, unless advised by PowerPlus Energy.

Before adding the new battery the original battery bank and the new battery must be bought up to within 0.2VDC of each other.

This is achieved by one of the below:

- By charging both the new battery and the existing battery to fully charged separately before combining them into the same battery system.
- Insert the new battery to a partially discharged battery bank ensuring the new battery and the battery bank are within 0.2V of each other. Charge bank up and maintain our recommended continuous charge voltage for 6 hours before floating or allowing load to be applied.

Ensure all PCE's have had relevant charge current and battery capacities revised to suit new increased storage solution.

# 10. Capacity Testing Battery

The battery capacity can be measured and verified by following the below test procedure. This should be performed using calibrated test equipment and performed by a suitably qualified person.

To determine the battery capacity, the below process should be conducted by a suitably qualified professional and performed at an ambient temperature of 25°C:

- Discharge the battery at 0.5C until the low voltage cut-off is reached, this will be determined by the BMS going open circuit.
- Charge the battery at the recommended continuous charge voltage and 0.5C rate and hold at that voltage for 6 hours.
- Discharge the battery with a constant load at 0.5C until the low voltage cut-off is reached. This will be determined by the BMS going open circuit.
- Record the number of hours it takes to reach low voltage cut-off point.
- Charge the battery at the recommended continuous charge voltage and 0.5C rate for 6 hours.

The State of Health of the rated capacity can now be calculated as below and as a % of original capacity:

$$(((Ah*0.5)*Discharge\ hrs)/Ah)*100 =$$

Ah = Amp Hour Capacity.

0.5 = 0.5C constant load discharge.

100 = Conversion to %.

Example:

Eco4840P Ah Capacity = 78Ah

Battery time to discharge under test = 1.85hrs

$$= (((78*0.5)*1.85)/78)*100$$

$$= 92.5\%$$

# 11. End of Life

When a PowerPlus Energy battery is removed from service it can be returned to PowerPlus Energy for recycling.

Due to the stability and longevity of LFP cylindrical cells, returned batteries will be refurbished and checked so they can be repurposed for low power applications and made available for community, education and charity projects.

Any Lithium cells not suitable for repurposing will be sent to a licensed recycling facility, where all ferrous and non ferrous metals are separated and then forwarded to our metals recycling partner.

# 12. Warranty

PowerPlus Energy will protect this product under warranty when it is installed as written in this manual and used as set out in the warranty documents. Any product not being used or installed as outlined will be in violation of the terms and will render the product void of any warranty.

PowerPlus Energy does not cover warranty or any liability for damages or defects caused or from the following:

- Incorrect storage or transportation.
- Incorrect installation and wiring.
- Installed not according to this manual.
- Incorrect operation.
- Inappropriate environmental conditions when operating the battery.
- Failure to follow safety requirements.
- Tampering of or opening the battery.
- Unauthorised repairs or modifications.
- External influences such as physical damage, over charging or electrical damage.
- Used outside of warranty terms and conditions.