CONNECTING THE BATTERY TO THE INVERTER

Battery POWINVER mini 12.8V 100Ah

POWINVER mini 12.8V 100Ah 1280Wh · LiFePO4 without a communication port (USE setting) · connection to our 12V inverters



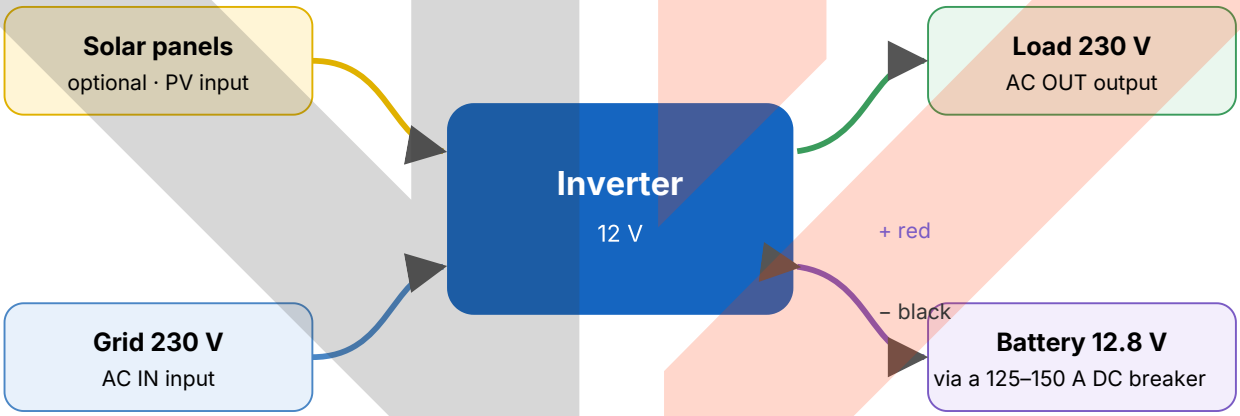
What we connect

- **Battery POWINVER mini 12.8V 100Ah 1280Wh**

What else you will need

- Battery–inverter power cables 25 mm², M8 lugs
- DC breaker / fuse 125–150 A (see table)
- 32 A breaker on the grid input, cable 3×4 mm²
- Screwdriver, 13 mm wrench, multimeter

Wiring diagram



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Compatible inverters

Inverter	Power	DC breaker · cable	In this inverter's menu	Charging current
ECGSOLAX 12V 1kW	1.0 kW	125 A 25 mm²	as in the table below	50 A*
ECGSOLAX HVM 1.2kW 12V	1.2 kW	150 A 35 mm²	17 = CUS · voltages 20, 21, 19	50 A*
EASUN SMT-2KW 12V	1.6 kW	150 A 2×25 mm² per pole	05 = USE · voltages 26, 27, 29	50 A*

* If the inverter does not allow you to set this much, set its maximum. Menu item numbers differ between inverters: the column "In this inverter's menu" follows the manual of this particular inverter; voltage and current values are in the table below. The battery also suits other 12 V hybrid inverters with the USE setting (user-defined battery type).

Key values for this battery

14.2 V
charge voltage (26)

13.6 V
float voltage (27)

12.0 V
cut-off (29)

USE
battery type (05)

50 A
max. total charge current (02)

20–50 A
grid charging (11)

Connection procedure

1. Mount the inverter vertically on a non-combustible wall in a dry place. Leave at least 20 cm of free space above and below for cooling.
2. Make sure everything is switched off: inverter button OFF, battery switch/button OFF, DC breaker off, 230 V grid not connected.
3. Install a DC breaker or fuse rated **125–150 A (see table)** in the positive (red) wire between the battery and the inverter.
4. Connect the power cables (cross-section at least **25 mm²**, M8 lugs): **red** from the battery "+" to the inverter "+ BAT", **black** from the battery "−" to "− BAT". Check the polarity twice: swapping "+" and "−" is guaranteed to damage the inverter.
5. Tighten the terminal bolts firmly (without stripping the thread) and fit the protective caps. A loose contact heats up and melts the terminals.
6. Switch on the battery (button or switch on the case, if any), then the DC breaker.
7. Switch on the inverter with the ON button. The battery voltage should appear on the display. Enter the settings from the table below.
8. Switch off the inverter and connect the 230 V grid to the **AC IN** terminals (L, N, PE) through a separate 32 A breaker.

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9. Connect the load (your socket/distribution board) to the **AC OUT** terminals (L, N, PE). Never mix up AC IN and AC OUT: feeding grid power into the output damages the inverter.
10. If you have solar panels, connect them to the **PV** input last, observing polarity. The open-circuit voltage of the panels (Voc) rises in frosty weather: do not exceed the PV maximum on the inverter label.
11. Switch on the inverter and check: 230 V at the output, the battery charges from the grid (charging icon on the display), the lights stay on when the grid is off.

Important about power from the battery. The battery BMS is usually rated for 100 A of continuous current (the exact value is on the battery label). That is ≈ **1.2 kW** of continuous load from the battery. The inverter delivers full power when there is grid or solar power. If the battery "trips" during a power cut, reduce the number of powerful appliances switched on at the same time.

Inverter settings

Entering the menu: hold the **ENTER** (or **SET**) button for 3 seconds. Use ▲/▼ to select the program number, press ENTER, change the value, press ENTER to save. Exit: **ESC**.

№	Parameter	Value	Why
01	Output source priority	**UTI** (no panels) or **SBU** (with panels)	UTI: we run from the grid and keep the battery full in case of a power cut. SBU: solar first, then battery, then grid.
02	Maximum charging current (total)	**50 A**	Total charging from solar and grid together: 50 A. Charging from the grid alone is limited by program 11.
03	AC input voltage range	**UPS** (from the grid) / **APL** (from a generator)	UPS: fast switchover, computers do not restart. APL: if you run on a generator.
05	Battery type	**USE** (user-defined)	The battery has no communication with the inverter: the charge and cut-off voltages are set manually below. Do not select AGM/FLD: those are for lead-acid batteries.
06	Auto restart after overload	**LTE** (enabled)	The inverter resumes operation by itself.
07	Auto restart after overheating	**TTE** (enabled)	The inverter resumes operation by itself.
09	Output frequency	**50 Hz**	Standard for Ukraine and Europe.
11	Maximum grid charging current	**20–50 A**	Moderate grid charging so as not to overload the wiring and the battery.
12	Back-to-grid voltage (SBU mode)	**12.5 V**	When the battery discharges to this voltage, the load switches to the grid (if available).

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13	Back-to-battery voltage (SBU mode)	**13.4 V**	After recharging to this voltage, the inverter runs from the battery again.
16	Charging source priority	**SNU** (solar + grid)	The battery charges from both solar and grid. Without panels, it charges from the grid.
26	Charge voltage (Bulk / CV)	**14.2 V**	Standard for LiFePO4 4S (12.8 V).
27	Float voltage	**13.6 V**	The battery is not overcharged when it stays on the grid for a long time.
29	Cut-off voltage (Low DC cut-off)	**12.0 V**	The inverter switches off its output so as not to drain the battery to zero and trip the BMS.

The program numbers are given for inverters of this class (the standard hybrid inverter menu). If the number on your screen differs, go by the parameter name and value. After entering the settings, switch the inverter off and on again.

Which mode to choose

- **Backup during power cuts only (no panels):** 01 = UTI, 16 = SNU. The inverter runs from the grid and the battery is always full; when the power goes out it switches to the battery automatically.
- **You have solar panels and want to save:** 01 = SBU, 16 = SNU (or CSO). Solar power by day, battery at night, the grid only when the battery has dropped to 12.5 V.
- **Running on a generator:** 03 = APL, 11 = 20–50 A or less, so as not to overload the generator.

How long it runs on battery

Load	Example	Runtime
100 W	router, lights, chargers	**≈ 10.4 h**
200 W	fridge + lights	**≈ 5.2 h**
300 W	fridge + lights + TV	**≈ 3.5 h**
500 W	fridge, laptop, pump	**≈ 2.1 h**
1000 W	boiler, kettle briefly, several appliances	**≈ 1.0 h**

Approximate: 90% of battery capacity and inverter efficiency ≈90%. A fridge runs in cycles, so the real runtime is longer.

Check after start-up

- Battery voltage on the display: ≈ 13.6–14.2 V when full, ≈ 12.5 V when discharged.
- Switch off the grid breaker: the load must keep running without interruption.
- After 10–15 min of operation, touch the terminals and cables: they must not be hot. If they heat up, a connection is loose or the cable is too thin.

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- A battery below 11.5 V may have gone into BMS protection: charge it from the grid through the inverter.

Safety. Make all connections only with the battery, inverter and grid switched off. Do not short-circuit the battery terminals: the short-circuit current of LiFePO4 is very high. Do not install the inverter in a bathroom, outdoors in the rain or near flammable materials. If in doubt, contact an electrician.

Shutdown and maintenance

- Switch off in reverse order: load → grid → panels → inverter → DC breaker → battery.

- Every 3 months, check that the terminals are tight and the ventilation openings are clean.
- If you do not use the kit for a long time, charge the battery to 50–70% and switch it off.

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