

## SolarMax Energy Systems

# Inverter needs to pre-charge the battery



**51.2V 300AH**

## Overview

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You need to precharge any inverter 2000W or above. It's important to do this any time that you've disconnected the batteries for a prolonged period. Smaller inverters have smaller capacitors that charge even quicker than those in larger inverters. Do I need to pre-charge my inverter?

All of our large inverter and inverter/charger kits include the required resistor to allow you to safely pre-charge it. If you have a lithium battery bank, it's really important to pre-charge your inverter (2000W+) to protect your BMS. Nevertheless, pre-charging is still necessary if you have AGM batteries.

Why do I see 'precharge inverter'?

I usually see 'precharge inverter' when connecting a large one (say 3kW) to the batteries to avoid arcing from the sudden current in rush (due to the large capacitors taking a charge) when connecting the wires. I think it's more of a safety issue when connecting wires.

How do you precharge an inverter?

Precharge is done by using a large resistor as a jumper from the hot wire to the wire lug, hold for a few seconds, then you can connect the wire to the lug without even a tiny spark. Which batteries and inverter do you have?

While I understand having a main disconnect on the inverter, why use that every time vs just turning the inverter itself off?

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Do inverters use a high power resistor?

I've watched Will Prowse and other's on Youtube pre-charging the capacitors on their inverters before connecting them to the battery. Generally, they use a high power resistor to ease the current in without a big spark.

What happens when you connect a battery bank to an inverter?

When you connect a battery bank to the inverter, a surge of current known as an inrush current flows to fill the capacitors. Initially, the voltage in the capacitors is zero, and they offer no resistance. So, for a very short amount of time, the connected components act as if they were short-circuited.

How do you precharge a battery?

Turn on the breaker to the inverter, turn on the breaker from one battery, then turn on the battery on/off switch. It does the pre-charge. Then turn on the inverter, then all the other breakers then the batteries one at a time. If the battery doesn't have a on/off switch you need to use a resistor to pre-charge the inverter capacitor first.

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### Inverter pre-charge resistor size?

Unfortunately, :cry: I ordered a 20 ohm 100w resistor before discovering the invaluable guid in resources about how to design a pre-charge inverter switch by the wonderful ...



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### Inverter pre-charge device

No, I've got the inverter turned off. The main switch to the battery is off, and the power-switch built in to the inverter is off. Start-up order would be press-and-hold pre-charge ...

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Pro tip: If the battery voltages are significantly different, wire the batteries in parallel without communication cables and only turn on the lowest voltage battery. Use the inverter or external ...

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## Resistor size for precharge circuit , DIY Solar Power Forum

Do you have the inverter power switch in the OFF or in the ON position when you are doing pre-charge? Try it with inverter power switch is OFF while monitoring the Voltage at ...

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## Inverter Pre-charge circuit

Hi this is Rick I'm new here and enjoying many hrs of reading past questions and posts. I have read everything I can find about pre-charging the inverter before connecting to ...

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## What Happens if You Connect a Battery to an Inverter without pre

If you have built a DIY Solar Generator, I'm sure you are familiar with how you



use a resistor to pre-charge the capacitors in an inverter. But what if you d

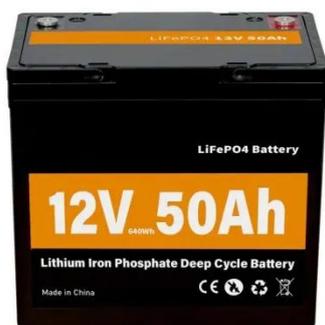
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## How to pre-charge an inverter easily

In this mini-article, we will explain why you need to pre-charge some inverters, when it is required and how to do it. We'll keep things quick and simple so you can get your inverter up and ...



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## Pre-charging inverter capacitors?

I've seen videos that say you need to pre-charge the inverter capacitors using a resistor when starting up a system that has Lithium ion batteries to prevent a rush of power.

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## Will this work for pre-charging inverter capacitors?

I'm thinking I could build a parallel pre-charge circuit between the battery and the inverter. This would have smaller

wire, an appropriate resistor, and a momentary button.

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In this video, I walk you through the process of building and wiring an inverter pre-charge circuit to prevent sparks and inrush current when connecting an inverter to a battery bank.

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## Necessary to pre charge inverter?

I've been reading a lot about the need to pre charge an inverter, and I was wondering how necessary it really is, and if it is dependent upon the way it is installed or not.

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## Should I pre-charge Inverter after turning off the battery

Per the SOK manual, I need to turn off all loads (MPPT, Inverter, etc), then turn the battery off, and finally turn the BMS off.

After that, I can connect the communication cables, ...

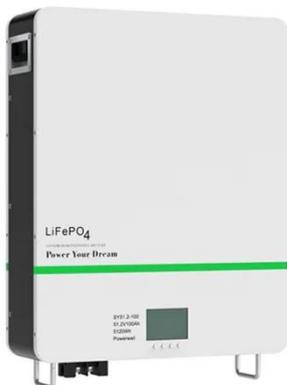
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## Pre-Charge inverter

Also, depending on the system, pre-charge you'll have to do pretty fast, so a low resistance resistor, because users might start up and start pulling power. So it's something ...

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## Precharge Circuits, How to Protect High Voltage ...

High voltage pre-charge control circuits, a must-have design to protect electrical power system in electric vehicles. It consists of precharge ...

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## Idea to safely charge inverter capacitors

I'm planning an automatic pre-charge for my 1500w inverter (for a DIY solar generator): Parts: - 12v time delay relay

- 12v Lifepo4 battery - 12v 1500w inverter - Anderson ...

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## Pre-Charging an inverter

Before connecting an inverter to your electrical system, disconnect or isolate your battery. Avoid live electrical work, even on low voltage systems, and use insulated tools for safety.

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## Pre-Charge Circuits in High-Voltage Systems

In Figure 1, the two high-current capable contactors, HV positive and negative, are open. The HV battery is disconnected from the load at both terminals and the DC link ...

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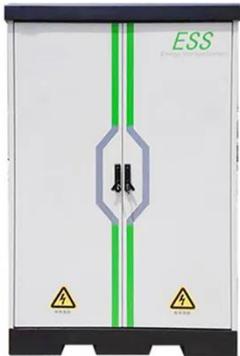


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**Push button for inverter pre charge switch? Momentary switch ok??**

My Push Button Pre-Charger Install for the SW 4024 Inverter Up until Last week I had never heard of pre-charging a larger inverter before connecting the battery cables. I just ...

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