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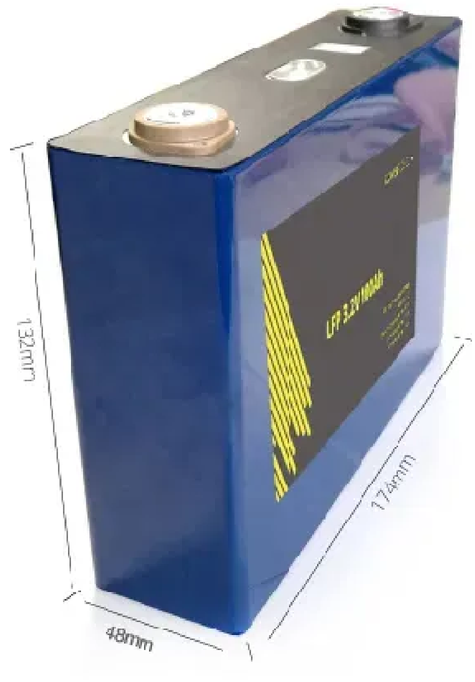
The two solar panels have different voltages



Overview

When your panels have the same current but different voltage, you need to wire your panels in series. This is because the voltage gets added up, while the current stays the same.Do solar panels always have the same voltage?

Solar panels don’t always have the same voltage. They can be wired in various arrangements, such as parallel and series, to increase the voltage and current. For example, a 12V solar panel usually has a voltage of 17.0 Volts, but with a regulator, it can lower between 13 to 15 volts.

Are solar panels rated higher than system voltage?

The solar panels are of voltage rating higher than the system voltage. You have two different higher voltage solar panels, i.e., one 100W/24V and one 200W/24V that you want to connect to the already working 12 V solar power system comprising the two 12V 50 W solar panels connected in parallel from the previous scenario (see the picture above).

Can two solar panels be connected parallel?

On the other hand, if our two solar panels have both different wattage and different voltage, then parallel connection is not possible, since the panel with the lowest voltage would behave like a load, and would begin to absorb current instead of producing it, with the relative consequences. What if we have one 12V panel and two 6V panels?

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How to connect two solar panels with same voltage & power?

If we have two solar panels with same voltage and power, the connection will be very simple. As clearly visible in the picture, it will be enough to wire the positive pole of one panel to the positive pole of the other one and then wire the negative pole of one panel to the negative pole of the other one.

Can a 6V solar panel be wired parallel to a 12V panel?

In this case, it is possible to wire the two 6V panels in series and then wire the resultant array in parallel to the 12V panel. However, the latter type of connection is at the expense of efficiency. It is therefore essential, before making a parallel connection, to carefully check the voltage of the solar panels.

What are the characteristics of a solar panel?

These are current and voltage. As previously mentioned, when we connect solar panels in series, the voltage gets added up. When we wire multiple solar panels in parallel, the current gets added up. Now, how can we use these characteristics to our advantage when we are mixing solar panels?

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