

# PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

## 12, 24, 36, 48 VOLTS DC • 5-44 AMP

LOW CURRENT

### 5 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-5, 24-5, 36-5, 48-5



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>5 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	10 amps for 20 sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24, 36, 48 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Two
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	0.28 lbs (0.13 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	3.25 x 3.25 x 1.32

### 9 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-9, 24-9



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>9 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	18 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Two
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	0.28 lbs (0.13 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	3.25 x 3.25 x 1.32

MID CURRENT

### 12 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-12



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>12 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	24 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Two
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	0.88 lbs (0.40 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	4.75 x 3.88 x 1.75

### 16 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-16, 24-16, 48-16



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>16 Amps</b>
Surge Current-	32 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24, 48 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Two
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	0.88 lbs (0.40 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	4.75 x 3.88 x 1.75

### 22 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-22, 24-22



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>22 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	44 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Two
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	0.88 lbs (0.40 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	4.75 x 3.88 x 1.75

FEATURES

#### PATENTED PARALLEL SWITCHING SHUNT

When the maximum charging voltage is reached, the patented parallel switch (U.S. Patent # 4661758) automatically shunts the incoming PV array current.

#### PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

Automatically adjusting to the load requirements and battery age, Pulse Width Modulation brings the battery up to maximum charge without trickle charging. High charge rates maintain current density across the surface of the plates, maximizing battery life.

#### TRANSIENT SURGE PROTECTION

Surge rating of twice the rated input current for 20 seconds. Solid state transient absorbing avalanche diodes protect the regulators from lightning induced surges and inductive load spikes.

#### TEMPERATURE COMPENSATED

To extend battery life and prevent stratification, the PBR Regulators automatically adjust the maximum charge voltage for the temperature of the batteries.

HIGH CURRENT

### 32 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-32, 24-32, 48-32



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>32 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	64 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24, 48 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Four
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	1.625 lbs (0.74 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	7 x 4.75 x 1.75

### 44 AMP PV BATTERY CHARGE REGULATOR

PBR 12-44, 24-44



SPECIFICATIONS	
Rated Input Current-	<b>44 Amps</b>
Surge Rating-	88 Amps for 20 Sec
Voltage Available-	12, 24 VDC
Mounting Holes-	Four
Hole Diameter-	3/16 in
Weight-	1.625 lbs (0.74 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	7 x 4.75 x 1.75

BATTERY CAPACITY METER

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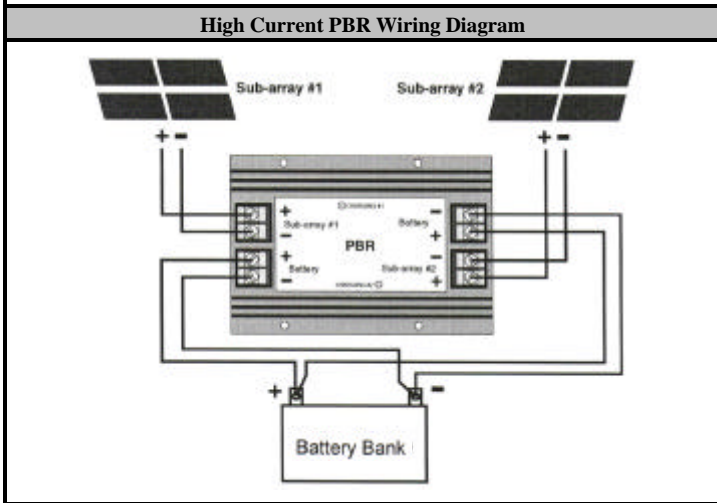
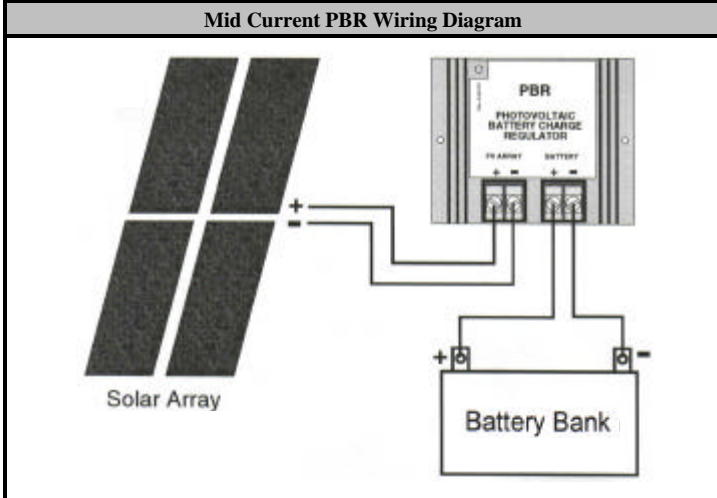
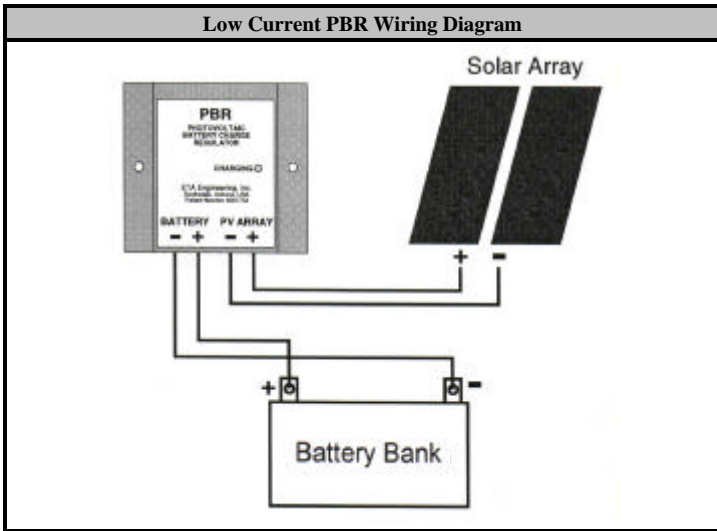
BCM 12, 24, 36, 48



SPECIFICATIONS	
Voltage Available-	12, 24, 36, 48 VDC
Cable Length-	60 in (152.4 cm)
Weight-	0.375 lb (0.170 kg)
Dimensions (inches)-	2.0 x 4.0 x 0.75
Accuracy-	± 0.05 Vdc (12 V dc)

Indicates Battery Capacity, Float, Equalize, Low Voltage

The four function BCM may be used in conjunction with the PBR Battery Charge Regulator or as a separate unit. Utilizing 13 LEDs, the BCM indicates Battery Capacity, Float, Equalize and Low Voltage.



**Installation and Operation Notes:**

1. Bare wire connections under the PBR charge regulator terminal blocks are acceptable. Mid- and High-Current PBR models accept up to two #10 gauge bare wire inputs under each terminal clamp.
2. When the battery reaches the pre-set maximum voltage level at a given temperature, the PV module input will be shorted ("shunted") to a value near zero volts. The battery voltage will gradually drop back to a lower voltage, at which point the regulator will release the PV input, and charging will resume. At this time, the regulator input (module voltage) will be about one-half volt higher than the regulator output (battery voltage).
3. There are no field adjustments. The "Shunt" voltage level is factory set.

<b>PBR Charge Regulator Selection Guide</b>					
Nominal System Voltage		Rated Array Power		PBR Model #	Rated Input Current
12 Vdc		85 Wp		PBR 12-5	5 Amps
		153 Wp		PBR 12-9	9 Amps
		204 Wp		PBR 12-12	12 Amps
		272 Wp		PBR 12-16	16 Amps
		374 Wp		PBR 12-22	22 Amps
		544 Wp		PBR 12-32	32 Amps
24 Vdc		748 Wp		PBR 12-44	44 Amps
		170 Wp		PBR 24-5	5 Amps
		216 Wp		PBR 24-9	9 Amps
		544 Wp		PBR 24-16	16 Amps
		748 Wp		PBR 24-22	22 Amps
		1088 Wp		PBR 24-32	32 Amps
36 Vdc		1496 Wp		PBR 24-44	44 Amps
	48 Vdc	255 Wp		PBR 36-5	5 Amps
		340 Wp		PBR 48-5	5 Amps
		1088 Wp		PBR 48-16	16 Amps
		2176 Wp		PBR 48-32	32 Amps

Vdc - Volts Direct Current, Wp -Peak Watts

**PBR Selection Guide Instructions**

1. **Determine the nominal operating voltage of your PV array and battery system** (this may be dependent on your application, system size or inverter input requirements). We recommend increasing your system operating voltage to 24 Vdc when your PV array is larger than 1 kWp, or 48 Vdc when your PV array is larger than 2 kWp.
2. **Select the rated array power** to the left of the nominal system voltage that is equal to or less than your actual array power rating.\*
3. **The PBR model listed to the right is recommended for use with your system.** If you plan to expand your photovoltaic array in the future, you may choose to select a PBR model with a higher current rating than the one that meets your current requirements.
4. **When ordering your PBR, please indicate the battery chemistry** you have selected for your system. ETA Charge Regulators are factory set to operate with specific battery types, thereby ensuring that your battery life is maximized. \*

\* **Note:** If your actual rated array power is larger than those listed in the selection table for your nominal operating voltage, please see ETA Engineering's PBRX Datasheet to select a PBRX regulator system that will meet your

**Installation Instructions**

When installing your PBR charge regulator, mount or locate the unit in or near the battery storage location. This will allow the charge regulator to approximate the temperature of the battery system and ensures that temperature compensated charging takes place.

**Wiring Instructions:**

1. Ensure that the photovoltaic array is properly wired to match the nominal operating voltage of the regulator and battery system (usually 12, 24 or 48 Vdc). Proper wiring diagrams for PV module/array can be obtained from the manufacturer or system designer. Identify the positive and negative leads of the PV array prior to connecting to the charge regulator.
2. Connect the battery leads to the terminal blocks on the PBR charge regulator labeled "Battery", also ensuring that the polarity of the battery leads are matched to the polarity of the terminal blocks.
3. Due to the regulator's very high efficiency, it will be destroyed if hooked-up improperly. Connect the PV array input leads to the terminal blocks on the PBR charge regulator labeled "PV Array", ensuring that the polarity of the input leads are matched to the polarity of the terminal blocks (**positive to positive, negative to negative**).

**Note:** The regulators are protected if the battery connections are removed and the PV array remains connected. (It will rapidly turn on and off without overheating.)

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