

LiFe Series Battery Settings for Victron Products



OVERVIEW

Settings listed are only applicable to battery charge and discharge. All other settings are the responsibility of the integrator.

It is the responsibility of the integrator to have a full understanding of Victron products prior to programming, and it is preferred that they have attended the manufacturer's training or integration course should they be available.

Secondary Charge Source

If a Victron Solar Charge Controller is used with a MultiPlus or Quattro, there can be some conflicts when charging due to cable impedances and charger reaction times. In some instances the displayed SoC can get stuck or create a conflict. You may need to set MultiPlus or Quattro 0.3V below the Solar Charge controller.

ESS Mode

If enabling Low SoC Shutdown (for ESS mode only) in Victron Connect on the MultiPlus, ensure any charge controllers are connected via VE Direct cables to a GX System monitor otherwise SoC may be inaccurate and system may or may not shutdown as required.

SoC 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 and current, and algorithms used to calculate the SOC. 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 as regularly as possible, preferably every one to two days to reset SoC drift.

SoC drift can be addressed in many ways.

Examples:

1. Sufficient solar sized to charge batteries to float on the winter equinox.
2. Backup source installed (grid or generator) to allow charging of batteries during extended bad weather or high load events.

- The use of a BMV is recommended.

How many batteries do I need?

The table below outlines the required quantity of batteries to achieve the full performance of listed Victron products.

The battery quantity is not compulsory, however it's highly recommended as a minimum to reduce possible battery trips due to over current.

For AC coupled systems, a minimum ratio of 2.5kWh (battery) to 1kW (solar inverter) applies. See [Victron whitepaper](#).

Always consult and read the manufactures documentation before designing, installing and programming their devices.

Important: LiFe4838P is not compatible with PWM controllers

Please Note: These settings are for LiFe4838P batteries with serials after LXXXX6000 only, please contact PowerPlus Energy support for legacy settings.

LiFe4838P batteries with serials prior to LXXXX6000 are not compatible with LiFe4838P batteries with serials after LXXXX6000.

These settings are for using the **LiFe4851 in self-managed mode and for confirming operational parameters in managed mode.**

Recommended Minimum Battery Modules for Full Performance of Popular Victron Inverter Chargers

	MultiPlus II 48/3000/35-32	MultiPlus II 48/5000/70-50	MultiPlus II 48/10000/ 140-100	MultiPlus II 48/15000/ 200-100	Quattro 48/8000/ 110-100/100	Quattro 48/10000/ 140-100/100	Quattro 48/15000/ 200-100/100	Multi RS Solar
LiFe4833P	2	3	7	8	5	7	8	3
LiFe4838P	2	3	7	8	5	7	8	3
LiFe4851	1	2	4	6	4	4	6	2

General Overview of Settings for Victron

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
Battery Charge Curve	Fixed			
Capacity	Total Ah Capacity of PowerPlus Energy Battery Bank Installed			
Absorb Voltage	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Absorb Time	4 Hours		2 Hours	1 Hour
Float Voltage Standby (Short Term Float) (Example Solar Application)	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage Standby (Long Term Float) (Example UPS Application)	27.2V to 28V	54.4V to 56V	55.2V	56V
Discharge Voltage "LBCO"	24V 0% SoC 24.75V 10% SoC 25.10 20% SoC	48V 0% SoC 49.50V 10% SoC 50.20V 20% SoC	48V 0% SoC 49.50V 10% SoC 50.20V 20% SoC	
Max Charge Current	0.5C (C2) / 50% of Overall Battery Capacity			
Peukert Exponent	1.02			
Charge Efficiency	0.96			
SoC When Bulk Finished	95%			
Equalise Stage Voltage	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Equalise Current	10%			
Equalise Time	4hrs		2 Hours	1 Hour

MultiPlus and Quattro Inverter Chargers

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
GENERAL				
Enable Battery Monitor	Yes			
Total Battery Capacity	Total Ah Capacity of PowerPlus Energy Battery Bank Installed			
SoC When Bulk Finished	95%			
Charge Efficiency	0.96			
INVERTER				
DC Input Low Shut Down	24V 0% SoC 24.75V 10% SoC 25.10 20% SoC	48V 0% SoC 49.50V 10% SoC 50.20V 20% SoC		
DC Input Low Restart	Set 2V Above Low Battery Shut Down voltage.			
DC Input Low Pre Alarm	Set 1V Above Low Battery Shut Down voltage.			
Low SoC Shutdown	Do Not Use			
CHARGER				
Enable Charger	On			
Charge Current	50% or C2 of Total Battery Capacity			
Absorb Voltage	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage Cyclic (Short Term Float) (Example Solar Application)	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage Standby (Long Term Float) (Example UPS Application)	27.2V to 28V	54.4V to 56V	55.2V	56V
Repeated Absorb Interval	7 Days			
Repeated Absorb Time	4 hours		2 Hours	1 Hour
Maximum Absorb Time	4 hours		2 Hours	1 Hour
Temperature Compensation	Off			
Charge Curve	Fixed			
Battery Type	Lithium – After changing this, go back and check all previously set values.			
Lithium > Yes	Lithium-ion Phosphate			
Battery Charge Curve	Fixed			

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
ASSISTANT (Off-Grid)				
ESS				
Notes	1. ESS should not be used in off grid systems. 2. If you are using ESS mode, you should be familiar with characteristics and programming requirements of Victron equipment. 3. Ensure battery size is adequate to supply loads in backup mode.			
Country / Grid Code Standard	Select Correct Mode			
Battery System	System uses LiFePO4 with other type BMS			
Battery Capacity	Total Ah Capacity of PowerPlus Energy Battery Bank Installed			
VE Configure Battery Type Selection	Do Not Change Battery Type			
Sustain Voltage	24V	48V	48V	
Voltage Discharge 0.005C	25.1V	50.2V	50.2V	
Voltage Discharge 0.25C	24.7V	49.5V	49.5V	
Voltage Discharge 0.7C	24V	48V	48V	
Voltage Discharge 2C	23V	46V	46V	
Restart Offset	1.2V			
PV Inverter	These settings are up to the installer			

Multi RS Solar

	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
General	N/A		
Grid	N/A		
BATTERY			
Battery Capacity	Total Ah Capacity of PowerPlus Energy Battery Bank Installed		
Max Charge Current	50% or C2 of Total Battery Capacity		
Battery Preset	User Defined		
Battery Chemistry	Lithium (LiFePO ₄)		
Expert Mode	ON		
BMS Controlled	OFF		
Shutdown on Low SoC	OFF		
Dynamic Cut-Off	OFF		
Low Battery Shutdown	48V 0% SoC 49V 10% SoC 50.20V 20% SoC		
Low Battery Restart and Alarm	Set 2V Above Low Battery Shutdown		
Charge Detect	52V	52V	
Absorption Voltage	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Equalisation Voltage	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Storage Voltage	57V	55.2V	56V
Re-Bulk Offset	0.4V		
Absorption Duration	Fixed		
Absorption Time	4hr	2hr	1hr
Tail Current	1A		
Repeated Absorption	Every 7 Days		
Repeated Absorption Duration	4hr	2hr	1hr
Equalization Current Percentage	0%		
Equalization Stop Mode	Fixed Time		
Equalization Duration	0m		
Temperature Compensation	Disabled		
Low Temperature Cut-Off	0°C	4°C	
Peukert Exponent	1.02		
Charge Efficiency Factor	96%		
Discharge Floor	20%		
SoC When Bulk Finished	95%		

Victron Phoenix VE.Direct Inverters

Victron Connect	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
Dynamic Cut-Off	OFF			
Low Battery Shut Down	24V 0% SoC 24.75V 10% SoC 25.10 20% SoC		48V 0% SoC 49.50V 10% SoC 50.20V 20% SoC	
Low Battery Restart and Alarm	Set 2V Above Low Battery Shut Down Voltage.			
Charge Detect	26V		52V	

Victron BMV and SmartShunt Settings

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
Battery Capacity	Total Ah Capacity of PowerPlus Energy Battery Bank Installed			
Charged Voltage	28V	57V	55V	55.5V
Discharge Floor	20%			
Tail Current	4%			
Charge Detection Time	1 min			
Peukert Exponent	1.02			
Charge Efficiency Factor	96%			
Curent Threshold	0.1A			
Time to go Averaging Period	3 min			

MPPT and Charge Controllers

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
Battery Voltage	24V	48V	48V	48V
Max Charge Current (C/2)	50% or C2 of Total Battery Capacity			
Charge Enabled	ON			
Battery Preset	User Defined			
Expert Mode	ON			
Absorb Voltage *see note on page 4	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage Cyclic (Short Term Float) (Example Solar Application)	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Float Voltage Standby (Long Term Float) (Example UPS Application)	28V	56V	55.2V	56V
Equalisation Voltage	28.8V	57.6V	55.7V	56V
Re-Bulk Offset	0.4V			
Absorb Duration	Fixed			
Absorb Time	4hr		2hr	1hr
Tail Current	1 Amp			
Equalisation Current Percentage	0%			
Auto Equalisation	Disabled			
Temperature Compensation	Off			
Low Temperature Cut Off	0°C		4°C	
Note	If a Victron Solar Charge Controller is used with a MultiPlus or Quattro, there can be some conflicts when charging due to cable impedances and in some instances the displayed SoC can get stuck on 95%. You may need to set MultiPlus or Quattro 0.3V below the Solar Charge controller			

GX Systems Controller

	LiFe2433P	LiFe4833P	LiFe4838P	LiFe4851
SYSTEM SETUP				
Battery Monitor	Select the SoC Source – Recommend checking the relevant product manual.			
DVCC				
DVCC	ON			
Limit Charge Current	ON			
Maximum Charge Current	50% or C2 of Total Battery Capacity			
Note	Recommend all other DVCC settings off unless systems integrator understands implications.			
ESS				
Note	ESS Assistant MUST be installed in MultiPlus or Quattro before activating this function.			
Mode	Read Product Manual – Recommend Optimised (Without battery life for cycling application). Keep batteries charged (for maximum blackout reserve).			
Minimum SoC (Unless Grid Fails) *Optimised Mode	Recommend >30%			
Limit Charge Power	ON			
Maximum Charge Power	50% or C2 of Total Battery Capacity – NB in Watts			

Installers should ensure an adequate system design is carried out at all times. PPE accepts no responsibility for underperforming system designs. As part of our continued improvement process, settings are subject to change without notice and are correct at time of publishing.