Harvest the Sunpower!

Lithium-iron-phosphate (LiFePO4 or LFP) is the safest of the mainstream li-ion battery types. The nominal voltage of a LFP cell is 3,2V (lead-acid: 2V/cell). A 12,8V LFP battery therefore consists of 4 cells connected in series.

A lead-acid battery will fail prematurely due to sulfation if:

- If it operates in deficit mode during long periods of time (i. e. if the battery is rarely, or never at all, fully charged).
- If it is left partially charged or worse, fully discharged (yacht or mobile home during winter time).

A LFP battery does not need to be fully charged. Service life even slightly improves in case of partial charged of a full charge. This is a major advantage of LFP compared to lead-acid.

Other advantages are the wide operating temperature range, excellent cycling performance, low internal resistance and high efficiency.

LFP is therefore the chemistry of choice for very demanding applications.

LFP batteries are expensive when compared to lead-acid. But in demanding applications, the high initial cost will be more than compensated by longer service life, superior reliability and excellent efficiency.

LFP batteries are easier to charge than lead -acid batteries. The charge voltage may vary from I4V to I6V (as long as no cell is subjected to more than 4,2V), and they do not need to be fully charged. Therefore several batteries can be connected in parallel and no damage will occur if some batteries are less charged than others.



Lithium Iron Phosphate 12V LiFePO4 Battery

In several applications (especially off-grid solar and/or wind), energy efficiency can be of crucial importance. The round trip energy efficiency (discharge from 100% to 0% and back to 100% charged) of the average lead acid battery is 80%.

The round trip energy efficiency of a LFP battery is 92%. The charge process of lead-acid batteries becomes particularly inefficient when the 80% state of charge has been reached, resulting in efficiencies of 50% or even less in solar systems where several days of reserve energy is required (battery operating in 70% to 100% charged state).

In contrast, a LFP battery will still achieve 90% efficiency under shallow discharge conditions.

Saves up to 70% in space Saves up to 70% in weight

Using the most reliable GAMMA BMS Technologies The GAMMA BMS connects to the BTV's and its essential functions are:

- 1. Disconnect or shut down the load whenever the voltage of a battery cell falls to less than 2,5V.
- 2. Stop the charging process whenever the voltage of a battery cell increases to more than 4,2V.
- 3. Shut down the system whenever the temperature of a cell exceeds 50°C.
- 4. Prevent cell under voltage by timely disconnecting the load.
- 5. Prevent cell overvoltage by reducing charge current or stopping the charge process.
- 6. Shut down the system in case of over temperature.

A GAMMA BMS is therefore indispensable to prevent damage to large Li-ion battery banks.

2,000 Cycles at 80% DoD With built-in GAMMA BMS

GAMMA BMS

EFFICIENCY

BATTERY SPECIFICATIONS							
Voltage & Capacity	SPM004LiFePO4	SPM008LiFePO4	SPM016LiFePO4	SPM030LiFePO4	SPM100LiFePO4		
Nominal Voltage	12.8 V	12.8 V	12.8V	12.8 V	12.8 V		
Nominal Capacity @ 25°C	4AH	8AH	I6AH	30 AH	100AH		
Nominal Capacity @ 0°C	3.2AH	6.4AH	12.8AH	24 A H	80AH		
Nominal Capacity @ -20°C	2AH	4AH	8AH	I5AH	50AH		
Nominal Energy @ 25°C	51.2Wh	102.4 W h	204.8 W h	384 W h	1280Wh		
Cycle Life							
80% DoD 0.2C	2,000 cycles						
100% DoD 0.2C	I,500 cycles						
Discharge							
Recommended Continuous discharge current	≤ 4A	≤ 8A	≤I6A	≤30A	≤100 A		
End of discharge voltage	HV	HV	HV	HV	HV		
Operating Conditions							
Operating Temperature	-20°C to +50°C (do not charge when battery temperature < 0°C or higher than 50°C)						
Storage Temperature	-10°C to +40°C						
Charge							
Charge Voltage	14.6±0.03∨						
Float Voltage	13.6V						
Maximum Charge Current	4 A	A8	16A	30A	100A		
Recommended Charge Current	≤ 0.8A	≤ 1.6A	≤3.2A	≤6.0A	≤25A		
Other							
Max Storage time @ 25°C			l year				
Dimensions	140 x 70 x25 mm	144 x 133 x33 mm	200 x 140 x25 mm	290 x 200 x25 mm	580x 400 x 50 mm		
Weight	0.5kg	lkg	2kg	3.5kg	l 2kg		

LIFETIME COST COMPARISON OF SEALED LEAD ACID BATTERY TO LITHIUM BATTERY

	SLA AGM @ 25°C	SLA AGM @ 35°C	SLA AGM @ 45°C	LiFePO4 @ 45°C
System Size	100Ah 12V = 1,200W-hr	100Ah 12V = 1,200W-hr	100Ah 12V = 1,200W-hr	30Ah 12V = 360W-hr
Battery Cost	RM778 (RM0.65/W-hr)	RM778 (RM0.65/W-hr)	RM778 (RM0.65/W-hr)	RM1,258 (RM3.49/W-hr)
Cycle Life	I,400 @ 20% DoD	700 @ 20% DoD	350 @ 20% DoD	2,000 @ 80% DoD
Transportation	RM50	RM50	RM50	RMI5
Installation	RMI5	RM15	RMI5	RMI5
Lifetime Cost	RM0.60/W-hr throughput	RMI.20/W-hr throughput	RM2.41/W-hr throughput	RM0.64/W-hr throughput