

NEW APPROACHES TO MINI GRIDS

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OutBack Power Technologies

- ▶ Premier developer of off-grid and grid hybrid power conversion systems for renewable & energy systems
- ▶ Member of the Alpha Group of Companies
- ▶ Based in Arlington, Washington USA since founding in 2001
- ▶ International brand & product quality recognition



One of Five Systems installed in 2008 in N'Kau Lesotho Africa

Three 3.0 kW Inverter/Chargers - 9.0 kW Total 230/400 VAC Three Phase



Fishing Village Micro grid on Ndeda Island on Lake Victoria,



One 7kw Radian, 10 kw array , 600 ahr batteries, 100 happy customers!

Gloria's Drinks Factory Kpong, Ghana, Western Africa, 70 KW of Radians 96 x 1000AH 2volt OPZv cells, 100 employees



Gloria's Drinks Factory, Cont.

- ✓ 16 x FM80 charge controllers
- ✓ 95 KW Solar array
- ✓ 12Kms 6mm solar cable



Fully Integrated Solutions

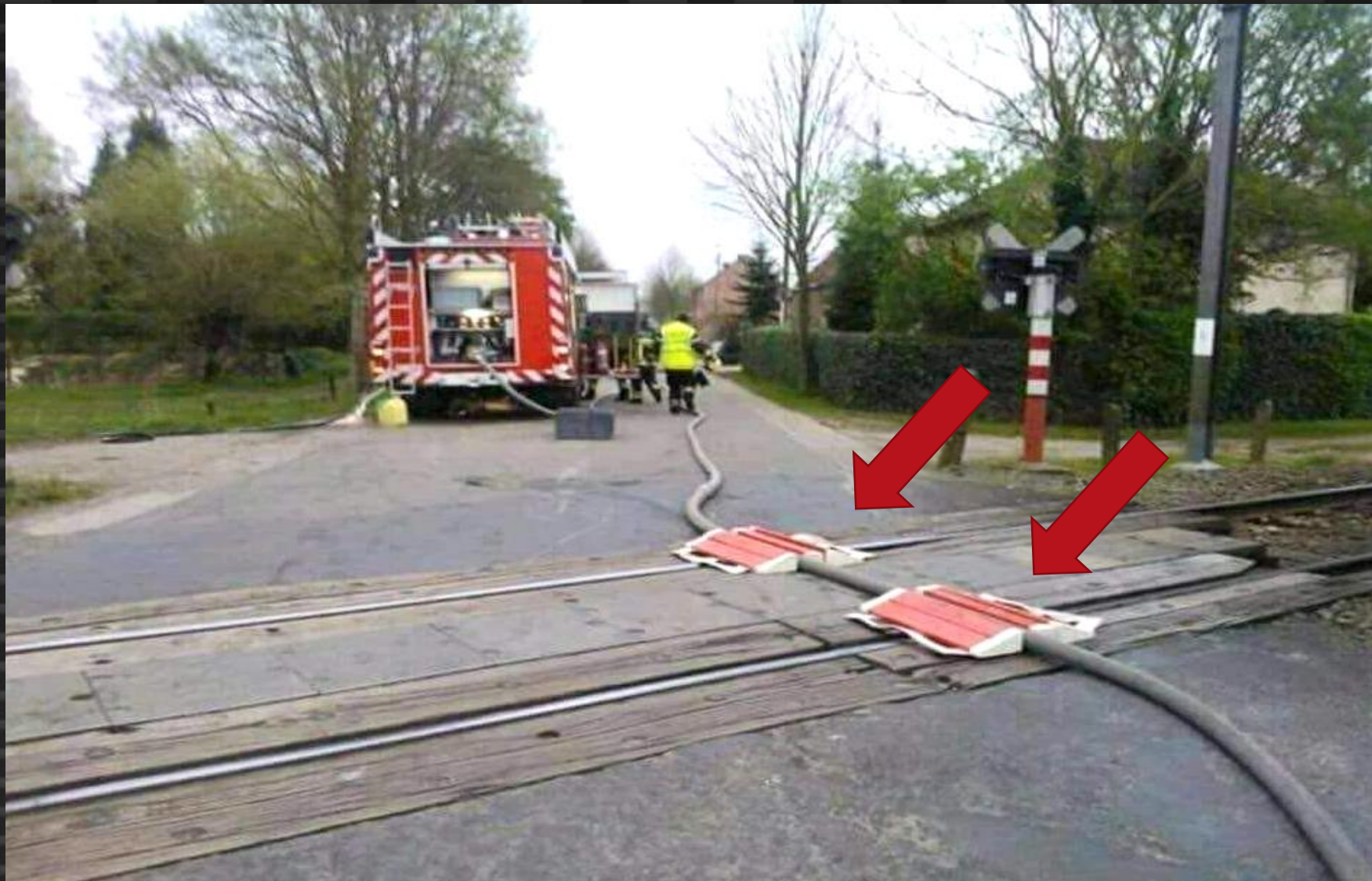


Real World Applications - Tea Plantation, India, Micro Grid

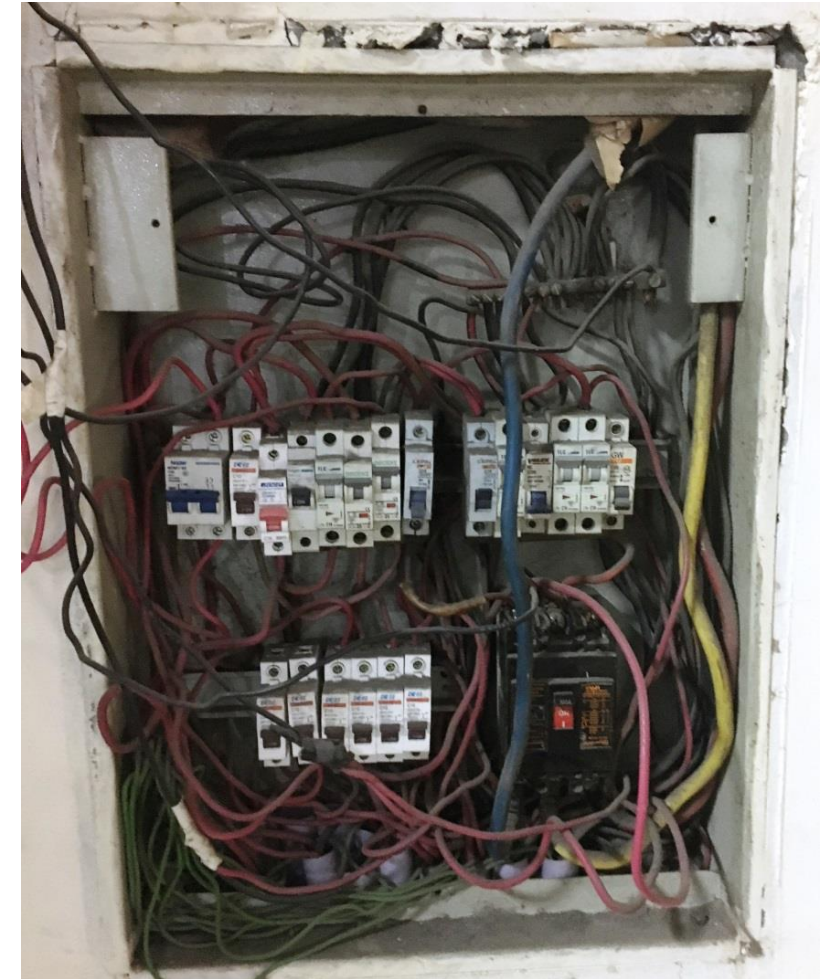
27 kW Inverters,
560 Amps of Charge
Controllers



Safety Concerns



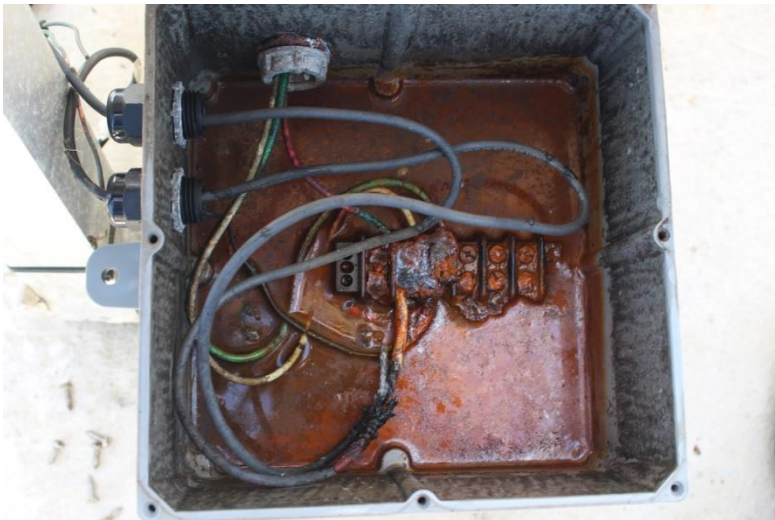
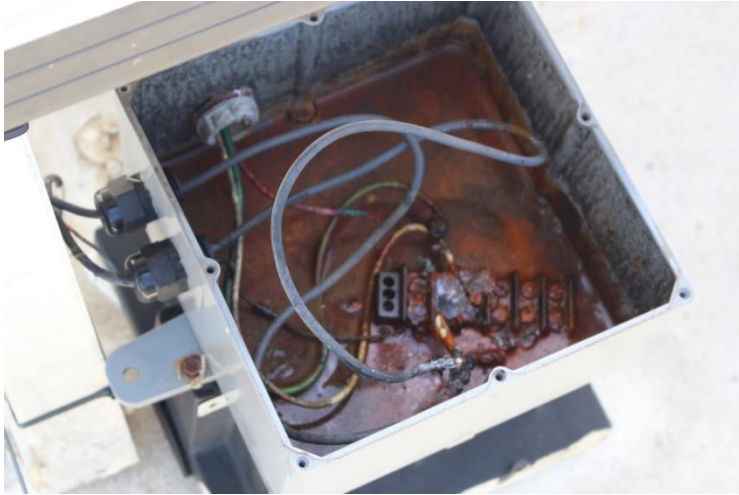
Proper wire management is so important



Take great care in your preparation or ...

Did you take it all into account: Proper materials

SOLAR CAN CREATE SOME AMAZING HEAT WHEN SHORTED



Water penetration into the box caused the combiner boxes to incinerate themselves

Wiring practices and 'Looming'

- ▶ Organized wiring practices
 - ▶ Trouble Shooting
 - ▶ Reduce Damage to wires
 - ▶ Labeling of conductors



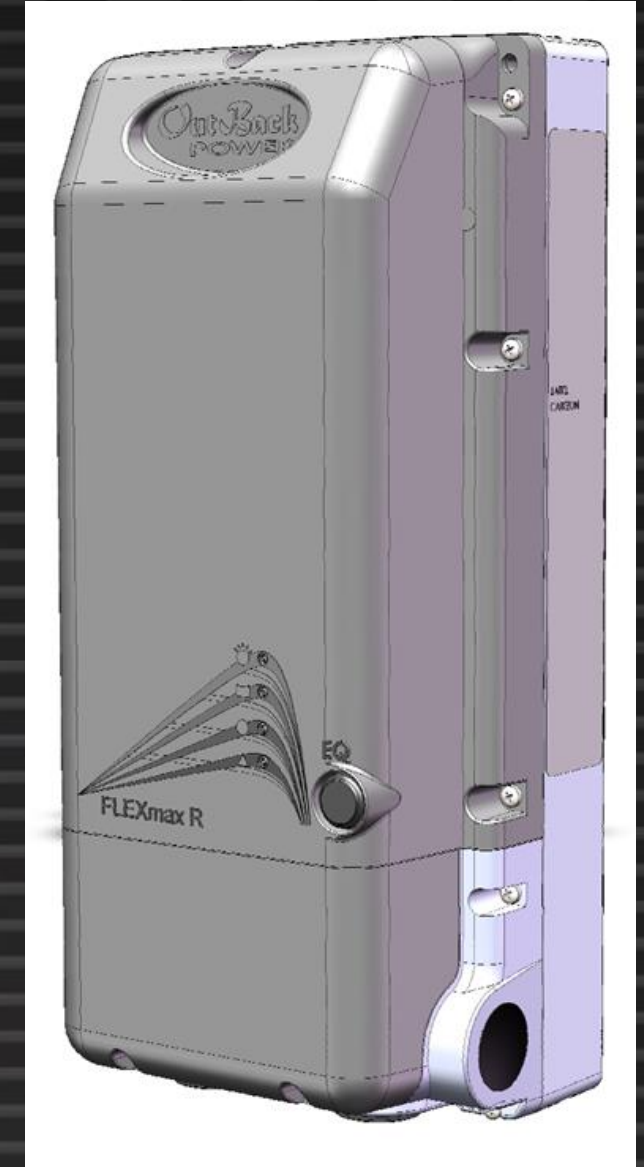
Protection against the elements



<https://youtu.be/VJa8SaINteg?t=254>

OutBack FLEXmax 100

- IP54 sealed design for NEMA 3R rating
- Advanced thermal management with passive cooling
 - No Internal Fans
 - External Fan for 100A operation.
 - 300Vdc PV input
- Improved EMI signature
- Low tare loss of less than 1 Watt
- Advanced communications option using AXS Card Modbus interface





Energy Storage

EnergyCell PLC

PRODUCT LINEUP



**12V Front Terminal AGM
Maintenance-Free**

EnergyCell RE EnergyCell PLC		EnergyCell NC EnergyCell PLC		EnergyCell GH EnergyCell PLC	
12V Top Terminal AGM Maintenance-Free	EnergyCell RE 	EnergyCell NC 			
2V High Capacity AGM Maintenance-Free	EnergyCell RE & OPzV 	EnergyCell NC 			
6V Flooded Lead Acid Maintenance-Required	EnergyCell FLA 				
2V High Capacity Flooded Lead Acid Maintenance-Required	EnergyCell FLA 				

Competitive Analysis

SPEC COMPARISON/EFFECTIVE COST PER KWH

Best
Value

Lowest
cost

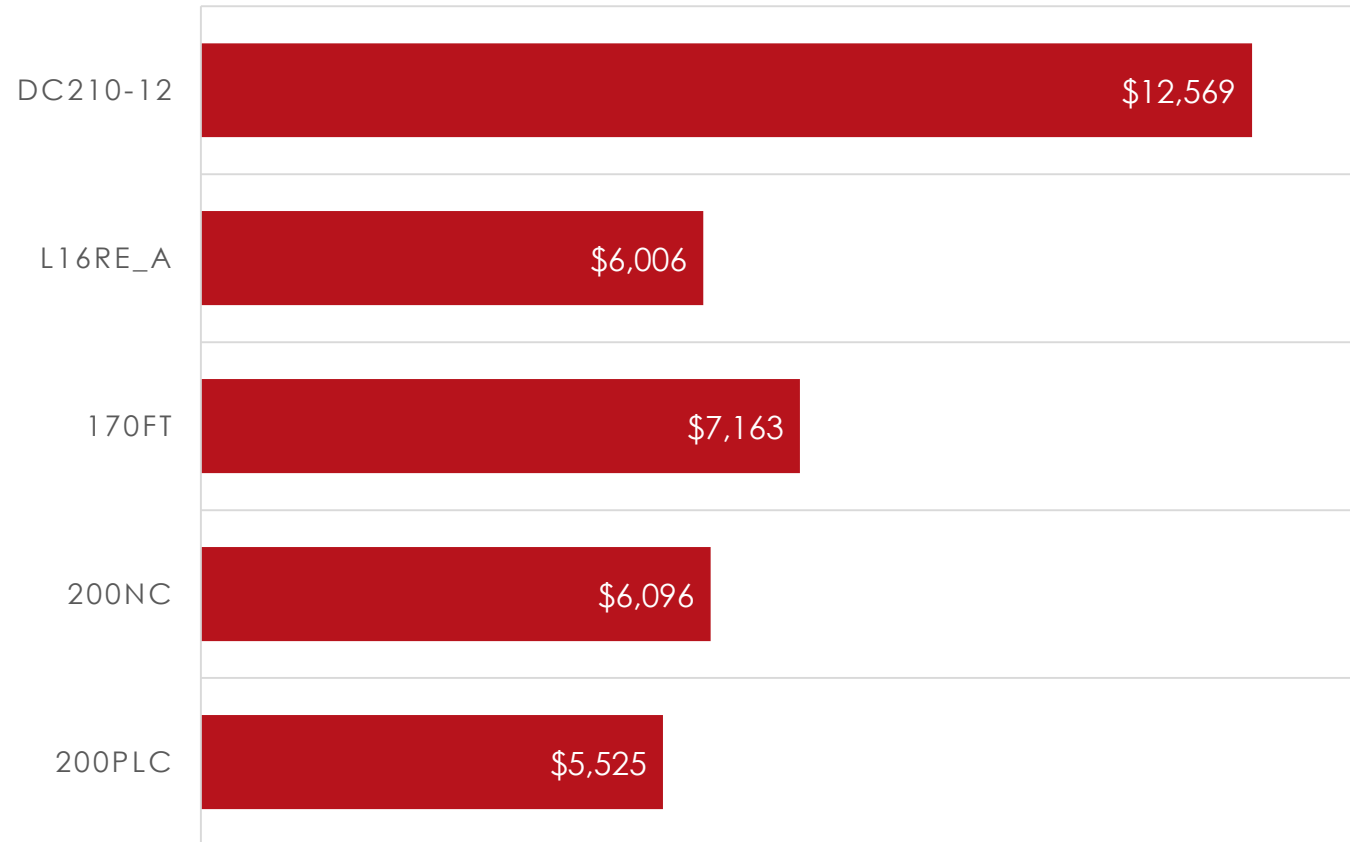
Lowest
cost per
Kwhr

Brand	OutBack	OutBack	North Star	Trojan	Full River	Simpliphi	LG Chem
Model	200PLC	200NC	NSB 170FT Blue+	L16RE-A	DC210-12	PHI 3.4kWh	RESU10H
Technology	VRLA Pure Lead Carbon	VRLA AGM Carbon	VRLA Pure Lead Carbon	FLA Carbon	VRLA AGM	Li-phosphate	Li-ion NMC
Voltage	12V	12V	12V	6V	12V	48V	400V
20hr Rate	178	178	181	325	210	-	-
Cycles at 50% DoD	3,000	2,600	2,050	1,600	1,300	11,000	6,000
Operating Temp Range	-40° to 149°F	-10° to 140°F	-40° to 149°F	-4° to 113°F	-4° to 113°F	-4° to 140°F	14° to 113°F
Terminal Type	T11	Threaded copper alloy insert	M8	LT	LT	-	-
Dimensions LxWxH (in)	22 x 4.92 x 12.6	22.01 x 4.95 x 12.6	22 x 4.9 x 12.6	11.67 x 6.95 x 17.56	20.87 x 8.23 x 8.58	13.5 x 8 x 14	8.94 x 17.8 x 19.2
Weight (lbs/kg)	130/59	131/60	132/60	115/52	133.38/60.5	75.5	214
Warranty	6 year full replacement	2 year full replacement	2 year full replacement	2 year full replacement	2 year full replacement	10 year full replacement	10 year full replacement
Shelf Life @ 25°C	24 months	6 months	24 months	6 months	6 months	12 months	12 months
Qty batteries needed ~8-10 kWh 48V Bank	8	8	8	8	8	3	1
Avg Retail Price (excl. delivery/installation)	\$4,586.32	\$4,389.36	\$4,011.60	\$2,642.48	\$4,525.36	\$12,178.59	\$6,425.71
Effective kWh Size (20hr Rate)	8.54	8.54	8.69	7.8	10.08	10.2	9.3
Total Effective kWh Delivered	25,620	22,204	17,814.5	12,480	13,104	112,200	55,800
Effective Cost Per kWh Delivered	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.35	0.11	0.12

The least expensive battery with similar Ahr capacities is typically the most costly per Kwhr delivered

Competitive Analysis

10 YEAR COST OF OWNERSHIP – 10 kWh 48V BATTERY BANK



Brand Model	OutBack	OutBack	North Star	Trojan	Full River
	200PLC	200NC	NSB 170FT Blue+	L16RE-A	DC210-12
Effective Cost Per kWh Delivered	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.35
life in years w/ daily cycle @ 50%	8.3	7.2	5.6	4.4	3.6
10 year cost of ownership	\$5,525	\$6,096	\$7,163	\$6,006	\$12,569

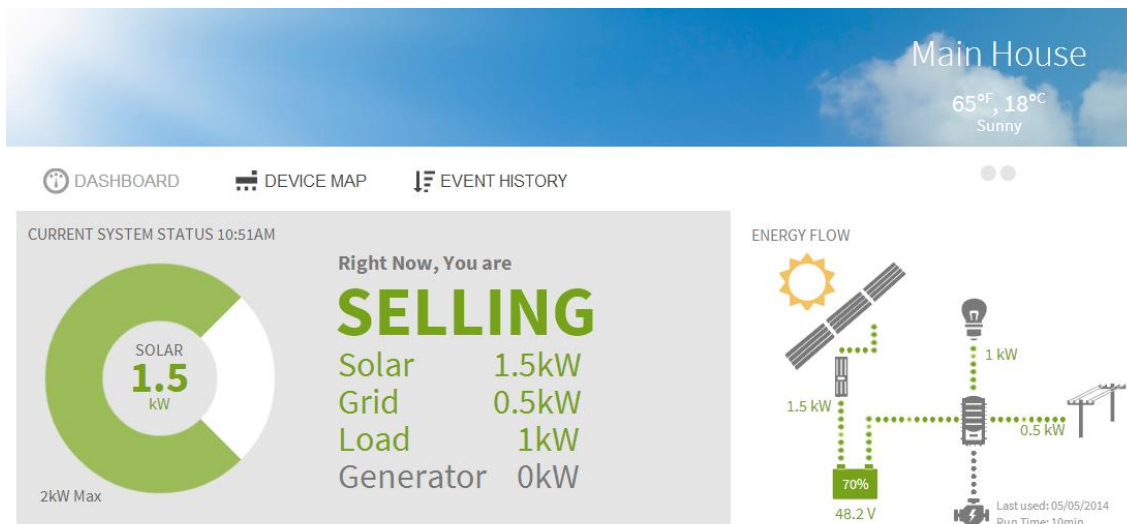
Real World Applications – 34 KW Radians & Simplify Li-ion Batteries



Monitoring and Serviceability

OutBack Product Overview

Optics



TOTAL ENERGY SINCE SYSTEM INCEPTION

7,619.45 kWh

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594.32 gallons of gas saved[†]



TOTAL ENERGY SINCE SYSTEM INCEPTION

213.3 kWh

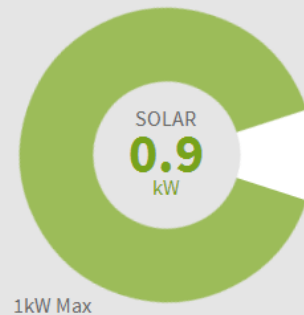
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16.64 gallons of gas saved[†]



DASHBOARD DEVICE MAP EVENT HISTORY

CURRENT SYSTEM STATUS 11:51AM

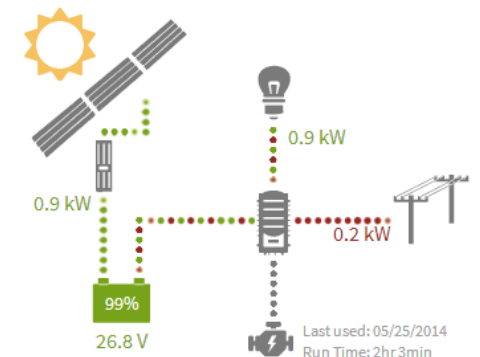


Right Now, You are

BUYING

Solar	0.9kW
Grid	0.2kW
Load	0.9kW
Generator	0kW

ENERGY FLOW



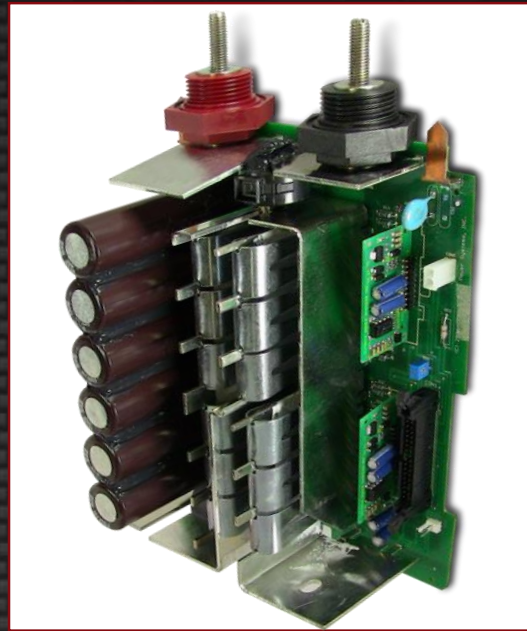
Service Ability

Keeping Spares for Projects

Improved Service

Turn around of less than an hour

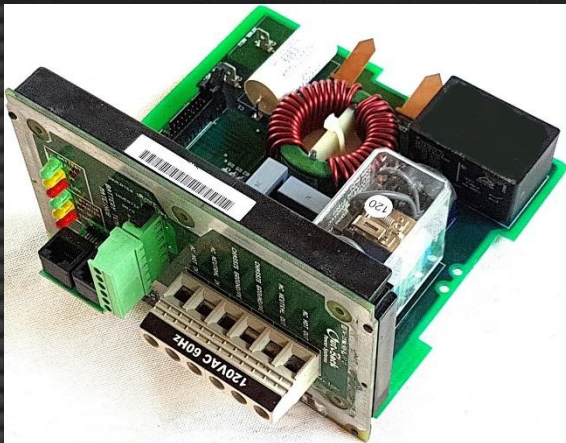
Online video for board replacements



1. FET Board

2. Control Board

3. AC Board



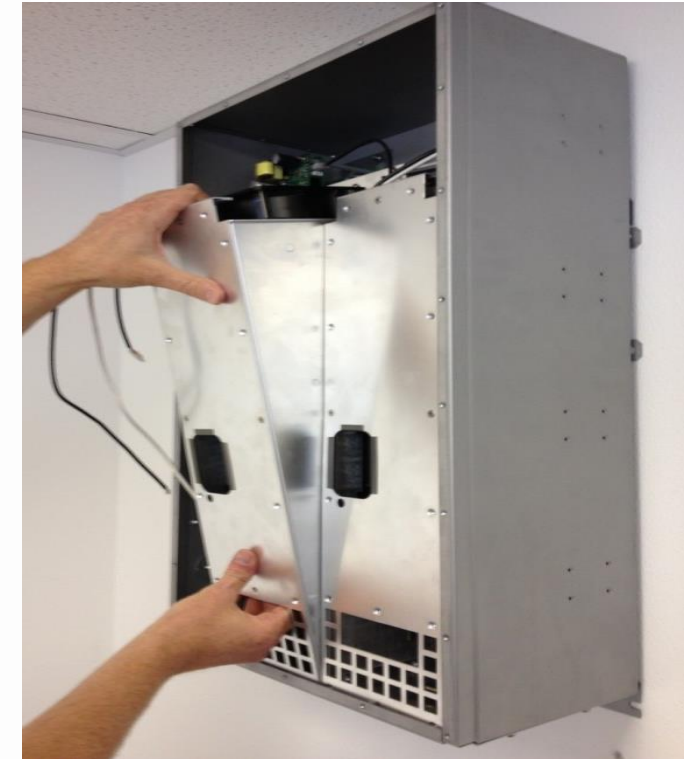
OutBack Product Overview

Radian Field Servicing

Two identical 3.5 kW power blocks
Separate control and AC board stack

Dual Power Module Benefits:

- Better efficiency in low power
- Low tare loss - 30 W
- Redundancy & Ease of Servicing
- Field Serviceable
- Field upgradeable firmware



New Products

Alino sizes 50hz 230 Vac

- 1.4KVA, 24 Volts, 40 amp MPPT
- 2.6KVA, 48 Volts, 40 amp MPPT
- 3.3KVA, 48 Volts, 40 amp MPPT
- AVR Ac Input Voltage 165 to 275 Vac = 230 Vac +/- 10%
- AC Battery Charger ~ 20 amps DC



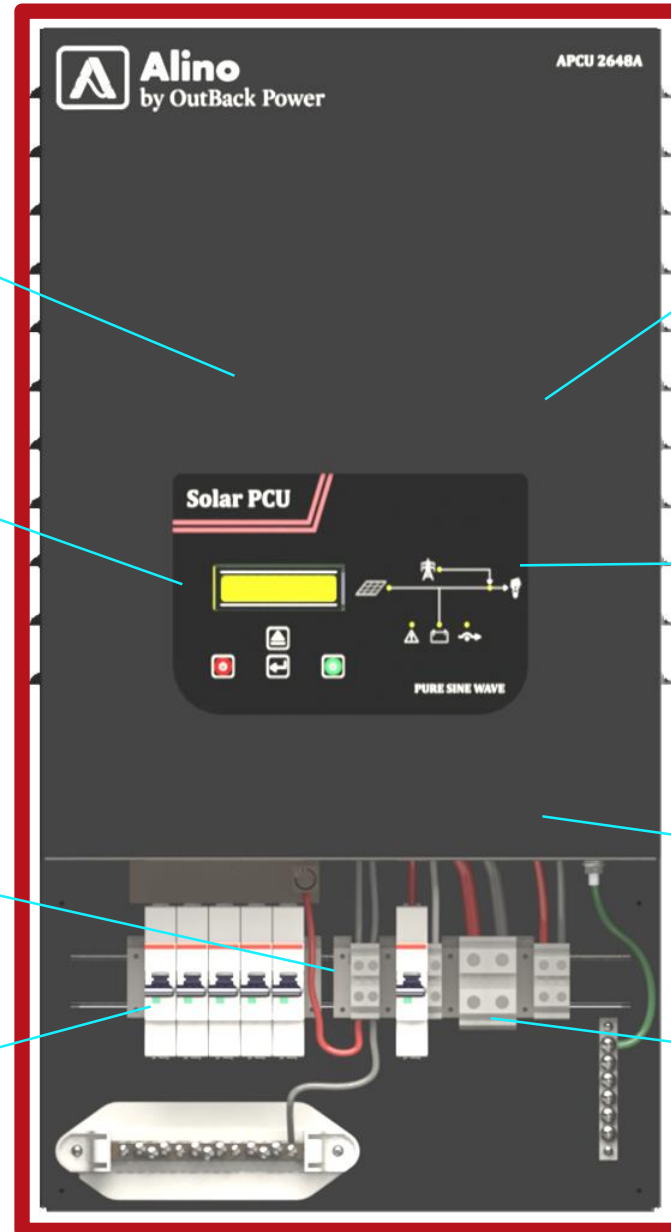
ALINO Overview

Conformal Coating

Front panel LCD
for Monitoring and
controlling

Integrated AC
breaker

Built in Wire box
with terminals and
bus bar



Power Conditioning and
backup unit in a single
solution

System diagram shows
where the power is
coming from and AC
source

Built in 40A solar charge
controller

Input and Output
terminals

Thank You!

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