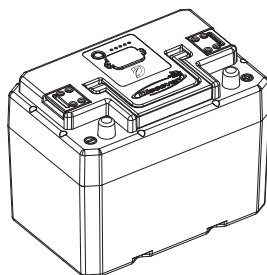


# Operating Manual



**15-24-1000**

**15-36-1000**

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## 1. SAFETY

### 1.1 Warnings, Cautions, Notes and Symbols

**▲ WARNING**

Important information regarding possible personal injury.

**▲ CAUTION**

Important information regarding possible equipment damage.

**▲ NOTE**

Additional information concerning important procedures and features of the battery.

### 1.2 General Warning

**▲ CAUTION**

Important to operate the device with care to avoid undesirable consequences.



Do not throw in the garbage. Do not dispose in fire.



Use personal protective equipment when working with batteries.



Additional information concerning important procedures and features of the battery. Read all the instructions before installation, operation and maintenance.



This product must be recycled and is made of recycled products.

**▲ CAUTION**

Do not disassemble or modify the battery. If the battery housing is damaged, do not touch exposed contents.

### 1.3 Fire Risk

**▲ WARNING**

Risk of fire - No user serviceable parts.

- Battery has a battery management system with integrated solid state relay to reduce fire risk.
- Primary suppression for lithium battery fires is water. Secondary suppression is CO<sub>2</sub>, powder and halon.

### 1.4 Electric Shock Risk

**▲ WARNING**

For wet and electrically uninsulated working conditions, electric shock risk is high, and can cause injury and death.

Model	Nominal System Voltage	Maximum System Voltage
15-24-1000	24 V	29.6 V
15-36-1000	36V	38.4V

## 1.5 Chemical Risk

▲ WARNING
Lithium batteries are chemical risk if misoperated, mishandled or abused.

## 1.6 Do's

- Do protect terminals from short circuit before, during, and after installation
- Do wear electrically insulated gloves
- Do use electrically insulated tools
- Do wear eye protection
- Do wear safety toe boots / shoes
- Do handle battery carefully
- Do secure battery safely
- Do always assume battery terminals are energized

## 1.7 Do Not's

- Do not lift or carry the battery during usage or operation
- Do not operate or store battery outside of operating limits
- Do not short circuit battery
- Do not puncture battery
- Do not expose battery to flames, or incinerate
- Do not open battery case or disassemble battery
- Do not wear rings, watches, bracelets or necklaces when handling or working near battery
- Do not drop or crush battery
- Do not lift battery by the terminal cables
- Do not vibrate battery
- Do not expose battery to water or other fluids
- Do not expose battery to direct sunlight
- Do not dispose of battery
- Do not connect with other types of batteries
- Do not expose battery to high temperatures
- Do not install with other battery types or brands

## 1.8 DC Motor Connection

Direct connection to DC motors without proper safety protection, motor controllers, and external motor voltage clamping systems (such as high power anti-parallel diodes or braking resistor systems) may result in damage to the internal pack protection system which may result in unsafe situations. Please consult Discover technical support before directly connecting any motor loads.

## 1.9 Transportation

If the battery is not installed in equipment, it must be transported in the original package or equivalent.

Batteries are tested according to UN Handbook of Tests and Criteria, part III, sub section 38.3 (ST/SG/AC. 10/11/Rev.5). For transport the batteries belong to category UN3480, Class 9, Packaging Group II.

## 2. OPERATING LIMITS

### 2.1 Battery Operating Limits

The battery should not be operated outside these operating limits.

Operating Limits	15-24-1000	15-36-1000
Discharge and Charge Current	40 A	25 A
Charge Voltage	27.2 V	40.8
Operating Voltage (Min / Max)	22.4 V / 29.6 V	33.6 V / 44.4 V
Charge Temperature (Min / Max)	0°C / 45°C (32°F / 113°F)	
Discharge Temperature (Min / Max)	-20°C / 60°C (-4°F / 140°F)	
Storage Temperature (Min / Max)	-20°C / 45°C (-4°F / 113°F)	

**▲ CAUTION!**

Do not install batteries in series. Select the appropriate AES battery model for the voltage of your system.

**▲ NOTE!**

Intentional bypassing of BMS to operate battery outside maximum and minimum limits voids warranty.

### 3. Design Features & Components

#### 3.1 Battery Management System (BMS)

##### Monitoring

BMS monitors:

- Cell module voltage
- Battery voltage
- Battery current
- Battery temperature
- Battery state of charge (SOC)

##### Module Balancing

- BMS performs balancing of cell modules.

##### Protection & Fault Management

- BMS sounds buzzer when fault limits are reached
- BMS generates fault when maximum operating limits are reached
- Fault events cause switch to open and battery to shut down after a 120s delay

##### Communication Ports

BMS has an isolated RS232 communication port (for service technician use only).

#### 3.2 Fuse

Fuse provides back-up over-current protection.

##### Fuse Replacement

A blown fuse requires service from a qualified technician. Contact your Discover supplier for more information.

#### 3.3 Terminals

Terminals are post-type, M6 female.

**Terminal Torque**

7.0-7.7 Nm / 5.1-5.7 Ft-lb

### 4. Handling

**▲ WARNING!**

Read Safety Section before installing the battery.

- Battery should be off
- Battery cables should be disconnected
- Battery terminals should be protected
- Battery handle should be used to lift battery
- Do not lift or carry the battery during usage or operation

### 5. Installation - Single Battery

**▲ WARNING!**

Read Safety Section before installing the battery.

### 5.1 Tools

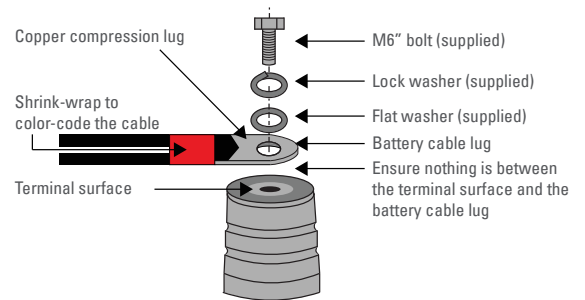
- Insulated tools sized to match nuts, bolts and cables in use
- Voltmeter
- Post cleaner and wire brush
- Personal protective equipment

### 5.2 Securing Battery

- Battery can be strapped in place with non-conductive nylon straps

### 5.3 Installation

- Check that battery is switched off
- If battery circuit has disconnect, open disconnect to isolate battery
- Clean cable connections. Broken, frayed, brittle, kinked or cut cables should be replaced
- Install and secure new battery. Be careful not to ground the terminals to any metal mounting, fixture, or body part
- Connect battery cables. Connect ground cable last to avoid sparks
- Recommended terminal torque is 7.0 – 7.7 Nm (5.1 – 5.7 ft-lb)
- Close circuit disconnect (if open)
- Turn battery switch on



**▲ NOTE!**  
All cables ends must be connected to battery terminals without any washers between terminal bushings and cable ends.

Terminal burnout is caused by:

- Discharge currents exceeding allowable limits
- Improper cable installation
- Improper cable sizing
- Improper terminal torque

**▲ NOTE!**  
Without exception, product experiencing terminal burn out will not be warranted.

## 6. Operation

**▲ NOTE!**  
Review operating limits.

### 6.1 On–Off

- To turn the battery on press and hold switch for 2-3 seconds
- To turn the battery off press and hold switch for 2-3 seconds



### 6.2 Charging

Before operating the charger make sure to read and understand the instructions that come with the charger. Never attempt to charge a battery without first reviewing and understanding the instructions for the charger being used.

**▲ CAUTION!**  
Always make sure the chargers charging curve meets the battery's charging requirement; never charge a visibly damaged battery; never charge a frozen battery.

1. Connect the charger leads to the battery.
2. Make sure that the charger lead, both at the charger and the battery side, connections are tight.
3. Turn the charger on.
4. Turn the battery on (if required).

**▲ CAUTION!**

**NOT ALL CHARGERS ARE CAPABLE OF CHARGING LITHIUM BATTERIES!**

During system design CONFIRM that your chosen charger is not capable of transient spikes that exceed the published MAXIMUM TERMINAL RATINGS of the battery

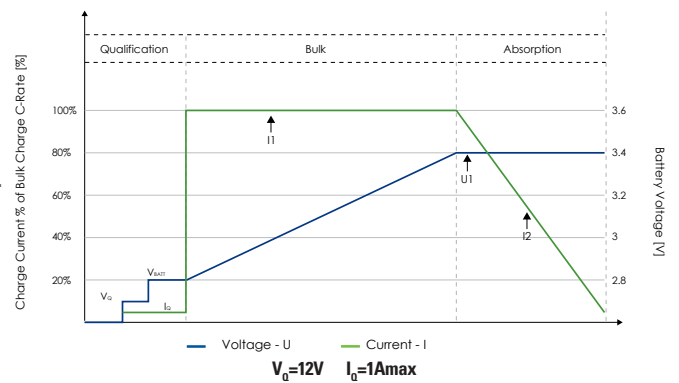
Spikes are fast, short duration electrical transients in voltage (voltage spikes), current (current spikes), or transferred energy (energy spikes) in an electrical circuit. Voltage spikes usually happen when the AC/DC adaptor is plugged in, or charge current is cut off quickly. Multi voltage chargers are made using transformers that may be capable of producing spikes that exceed the maximum ratings of the Discover AES. You must confirm with the charger supplier that the chargers being supplied:

- meet Discover’s recommended charge curve, and
- are not capable of exceeding Discover’s maximum terminal voltages.

### 6.3 Charge Curve

Charge sequence

1. Use Qualification phase for auto-on feature (optional).
2. Charge at constant current to 3.4 Vdc per cell module (Bulk).
3. Maintain constant voltage 3.4 Vdc per cell module (Absorption).
4. Terminate when charge current drops below 2A.



**▲ CAUTION!**

Do not charge battery higher than 3.4 Vdc per cell module.

**▲ NOTE!**

Recommended charge current is 0.5C.

Model	$V_0$	$I_0$	$V_{BATT}$
15-24-1000	Min 20V / Max 24V ( $I_0 < 1A$ )	$< 1 A$	$\geq 20 V$
15-36-1000	Min 20V / Max 36V ( $I_0 < 1A$ )		$\geq 30 V$

Model	Cell Modules in Series	$V_{BATT}$	$I1$	$U1$	Termination Charge Current
15-24-1000	8S	$\geq 20 V$	40 A maximum	27.2 V	$I2 \leq 2 A$
15-36-1000	12S	$\geq 30 V$	25 A maximum	40.8 V	

### 6.4 Discharging

- Turn on battery
- Turn on load

**▲ NOTE!**

Do not discharge battery below recommended minimum operating voltages.

**▲ NOTE!**

Do not discharge battery at rates greater than recommended operating currents.

### 6.5 Storage

Systems should be stored out of direct sunlight under the following temperature conditions:

<b>Minimum Storage Temperature</b>	-20°C / -4°F
<b>Maximum Storage Temperature</b>	45°C / 113°F

Systems should be put into storage at 80% SOC and checked monthly to ensure the system SOC does not fall below 20%. At 20% SOC the battery will self discharge in approximately 2 months.

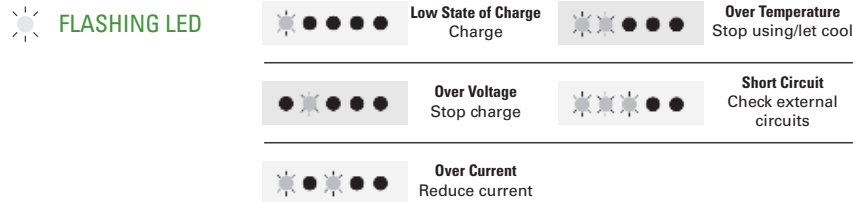
## 7. Protection & Faults

- BMS generates faults when maximum operating limits are reached.
- BMS sounds a buzzer when fault limits are triggered.
- BMS monitors the following information for faults and warning:
  1. Cell module voltage
  2. Battery current
  3. Battery temperature

### 7.1 Faults

In the event of a fault the BMS will sound an audible buzzer warning and the system will shut off after a 120 second delay.

When the operating conditions are within acceptable ranges, the battery can be recovered from Fault by pushing the ON-OFF button.



### FAULT LEVELS

Parameter	Trigger Point
<b>High Temperature in Discharge</b>	60°C / 140°F for 2s
<b>High Temperature in Charge</b>	45°C / 113°F for 2s
<b>High Voltage</b>	3.7 V in any cell module 2s
<b>Low Temperature in Discharge</b>	-20°C / -4°F for 2s
<b>Low Temperature in Charge</b>	-1°C / 30°F for 2s
<b>Low Voltage</b>	2.8V in any cell module for 2s
<b>Over Current</b>	> 45 A for 5 sec.
<b>In-rush Current</b>	200 to 260 A for 640ms

### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

<b>High Temperature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop discharge or charge</li> <li>• Leave the battery to cool</li> </ul>
<b>Low Temperature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop discharge or charge</li> </ul>
<b>High Voltage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If charging stop the charge</li> </ul>
<b>Low Voltage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not discharge the battery. Any discharge current detected will force the battery into Low Voltage Fault</li> <li>• The user can charge the battery in Low Voltage Recovery</li> <li>• If no charge current is detected within 2 minutes the BMS will turn off the battery</li> </ul>
<b>Over Current</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce current</li> </ul>
<b>Low SOC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop discharge</li> <li>• Charge the battery</li> </ul>

## 8. Service & Maintenance

Batteries should be carefully inspected on a regular basis in order to detect and correct potential problems before they can do harm. This routine should be started when the batteries are first received.

### 8.1 Inspection

- Look for cracks in the case
- Check the battery, terminals and connections to make sure they are clean, free of dirt, fluids and corrosion
- All battery cables and their connections should be tight, intact, and NOT broken or frayed
- Replace any damaged batteries
- Replace any damaged cables
- Check torque on terminal bolts

## 9. Troubleshooting

### 9.1 Battery Won't Turn On

<b>Symptom</b>	Does the battery turn on for a short time then turns itself off?
<b>Description</b>	The battery is likely in a low voltage or low SOC state. Check to see if the blue light is blinking. This indicates a low voltage or low SOC condition.
<b>Action</b>	Connect to charger and turn on the battery.

<b>Symptom</b>	Was the battery left on or stored for extended periods of time?
<b>Description</b>	The battery will turn itself off at 5% SOC. If left sitting at a low SOC, the battery may have discharged itself completely.
<b>Action</b>	Do not use. Replace and recycle.

## 10. Recycling and Disposal

Batteries must not be mixed with domestic or industrial waste. Discover's Advanced Energy Systems are recyclable and must be processed through a recognized recycling agency or dealer. Please contact Discover<sup>®</sup> or your servicing dealer for details.





## 11. 15-24-1000 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

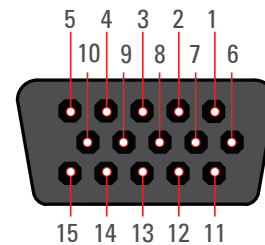
Electrical Specifications	
Nominal Voltage	25.6 V
Charge Voltage	27.2 V
Maximum Voltage	29.6 V
Minimum Voltage	22.4 V
Nominal Capacity	40 Ah
Nominal Energy	1024 Wh
Max Continuous Current	40 A
Fuse	40 A Internal Fuse - provides backup over-current protection
Cell Chemistry	LiFePO4
Cell Modules	8S 8P
Self-Discharge 25°C / 77°F	< 3% per month (battery off)

Fault Limits	
Over Temperature - Discharge Protection	> 60°C/140°F for 2s
Over Temperature - Charge Protection	> 45°C/113°F for 2s
Low Temperature - Discharge Protection	< -20°C/-4°F for 2s
Low Temperature - Charge Protection	< -1°C/30°F for 2s
Over Voltage Protection	> 3.7 V in any cell module for 2s
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Over Current Protection	45 to 200 A for 5s
In-Rush Current Protection	200 to 260 A for 640ms

Mechanical Specifications	
Battery Dimensions (HxWxD)	198 x 167 x 258 mm
Battery Weight	12.4 kg
Shipping Dimensions (HxWxD)	248 x 250 x 340 mm
Shipping Weight	13 kg
Terminal	A2 - M6
Terminal Hardware	M6 Stainless Steel Bolt, Flat Washer, Lock Washer (Supplied)
Terminal Torque	7.0 - 7.7 Nm
Case Material	PC-ABS UL 94 V0 Compliant
Enclosure IP Rating	IP 55
Charge Temperature Range	0°C/45°C (32°F/113°F)
Discharge Temperature Range	-20°C/50°C (-4°F/122°F)
Storage Temperature Range	-20°C/45°C (-4°F/113°F)

Operational Specifications	
Battery Management System (BMS)	Integrated, with Solid State Relay (SSR)
Cell Balancing	Passive balancing during charge when Cell Voltage > 3.35 V
Non-Volatile Memory	Yes
Lifetime Logged Data	Charge Amp-Hours, Discharge Amp-Hours (lifetime)
State of Charge Battery Meter	5 LEDs (> 80%, 60%, 40%, 20%, 5%)
Communication Ports	Isolated RS232 communication port
Communication Connector	DE-15 Female

### FEMALE



Pin 3	RS232 GND	Isolated RS232 Ground
Pin 4	RS232 TX	Isolated RS232 Transmit
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Regulatory Approvals	UN 38.3, IEC 62133, UL2271
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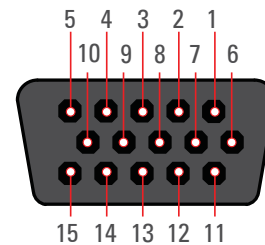
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Nominal Voltage	38.4 V
Charge Voltage	40.8 V
Maximum Voltage	44.4 V
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Nominal Energy	960 Wh
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