



**INBOARD USER MANUAL:** EP-70, EP-100, EP-200

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## **Thank you for purchasing an Elco Electric Inboard Motor.**

Your trust in our company and products is greatly appreciated.

Elco electric inboard motors are powerful, economic, safe and assembled in the USA with advanced technology. Please read this manual carefully before operating your inboard motor. A thorough understanding of the manual will help you to safely operate the product and perform the required maintenance and care. By following the information contained within this manual, your inboard motor will operate for many years.

Elco seeks continuous improvement in product quality. Therefore, while this manual contains the most current product information available at the time of printing, there may be minor discrepancies between your motor and this manual. If there is any question concerning the manual, please consult your local dealer or Elco directly.

Data, illustrations, or explanations in this Operators Manual do not constitute the basis for any legal claim against our company. Please read our limited warranty, which is contained in this manual.

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# 1 Main Components



- 1 Battery Input Connector
- 2 Remote Throttle/Key/Kill Connector
- 3 Adjustable Mounting Flanges
- 4 Isolation Mounts
- 5 Motor Output Shaft
- 6 Lifting Eye (one per side)



## Throttle Control

Top Mount, Side Mount, Dual Top Mount

## General Safety



Read and understand all the instructions prior to installing or starting your electric propulsion system. Failure to follow instructions could lead to system damage, serious injury, or death.

Before performing any maintenance on the system, ensure the area is non-hazardous and disconnect operating power source.

In case of an emergency originating from the system or conditions in the surrounding area, shut off system immediately, if it is safe to do so.

Only qualified and trained personnel should be involved with installation, inspection, and repairs of this system.

Ensure all national, provincial, and local safety codes are followed when installing this equipment.

Make sure all operators of this equipment are trained for safe working practices. Operators must wear safety glasses and any other personal protective equipment necessary.

Excessive voltage can cause personal injury, system damage, or property damage.

Safe handling procedures for all hazardous chemicals must be followed. Safe handling practices must comply with local and national laws and safety code requirements.

### 3 Initial Assembly Instructions



Add height adjusting bolt, locknut, and isolation mount to all four adjustable mounting arms.

## Propeller Selection

The performance of your inboard motor will be critically affected by your choice of propeller, as an incorrect choice could adversely affect performance. Elco dealers stock a range of propellers and can advise you and install a propeller on your vessel that is best suited to your application.

For a greater boat load and a low motor speed, a smaller-pitch propeller is more suitable. Conversely, a large-pitch propeller is more suitable for a smaller operating load as it enables the maximum motor speed to be maintained.



### Elco *DASH* Bluetooth Interface

If you purchase the Elco *DASH* bluetooth interface separately, it will be pre-installed in your Elco outboard. Since operating voltage ranges vary for any/all types and sizes of batteries, it is important to know the specific ranges for your batteries. As such, unless your monitor is hard wired to the batteries, state of charge percentages are estimates and observing battery voltage during use may be the preferred method of estimating remaining run time and current battery state of charge based on the applicable voltage ranges of your batteries.



To Download the Elco Motors App

### App Name: Elco Motors



### Elco NMEA 2000 Gateway

If you purchase the Elco NMEA 2000 gateway separately, it will be pre-installed in your Elco outboard. To ensure everything works smoothly, make sure your depth finder or chart plotter supports NMEA 2000, as features can vary by model. You'll also need to buy a complete NMEA 2000 starter kit for installation. For the best results, consider consulting a marine professional for setup help.

#### Elco NMEA 2000 Gateway power requirements:

a. Voltage Range: 5Vdc-40Vdc LEN1 (<50ma)

#### List of supported PGNs:

- a. 126983 - Alert - Manual
- b. 126985 - Alert Text - Manual
- c. 126993 - Heartbeat - Manual
- d. 126996 - Product Information - Manual
- e. 126998 - Configuration Information - Manual
- f. 127488 - Motor Parameters, Rapid Update - Manual
- g. 127489 - Motor Parameters, Dynamic - Manual
- h. 127490 - Electric Drive Status Dynamic
- i. 127505 - Fluid Level - Manual
- j. 127506 - DC Detailed Status - Manual
- k. 127508 - Battery Status - Manual
- l. 128002 - Electric Drive Status
- m. 128003 - Electric Energy Storage Status



### WARNING

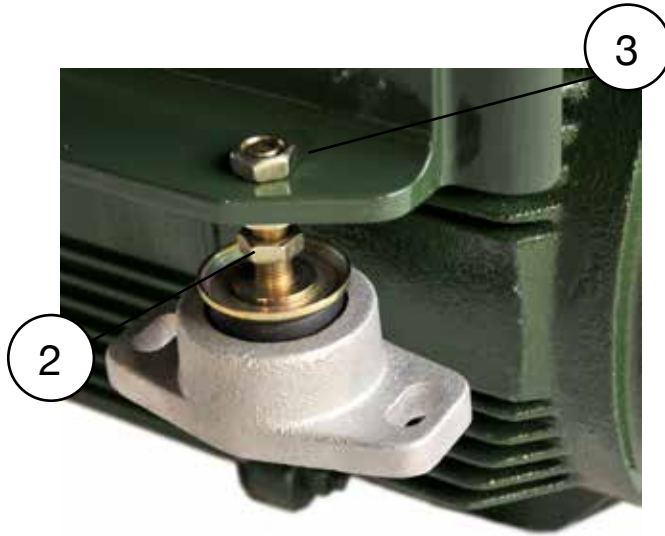
Overpowering a boat could cause severe instability. Do not install an inboard motor with more horsepower than the maximum rating on the capacity plate of the boat. If the boat does not have a capacity plate, consult the boat manufacturer.

Improper mounting of the inboard motor could result in dangerous conditions and injury. For permanently mounted models, your dealer or other expert experienced in rigging should mount the motor. If you are mounting the motor yourself you should be trained by an experienced person.

The information presented in this section is intended as reference only. Proper mounting depends in part on experience and the specific boat and motor combination.

## Adjusting Mounting Height

The new Elco inboard motor has the unique capability to adjust the mounting width and height for non-standard installations. Please follow the below instructions to adjust and fasten your new inboard.



### NOTE:

To adjust mounting height, loosen (2) nut and turn (3) bolt CW to increase height, CCW to lower height. When height is correct re-tighten (2) nut.

NOTICE: Occasionally verify tightness of fasteners (2) and (3).

## 8 Drive Shaft Coupling | Throttle Control Options



1. The coupler needed for shaft connection can be purchased separately. Please contact your Elco sales representative for availability.

Heat Drive Shaft Coupling for ease of installation.



SIDE MOUNT



TOP MOUNT



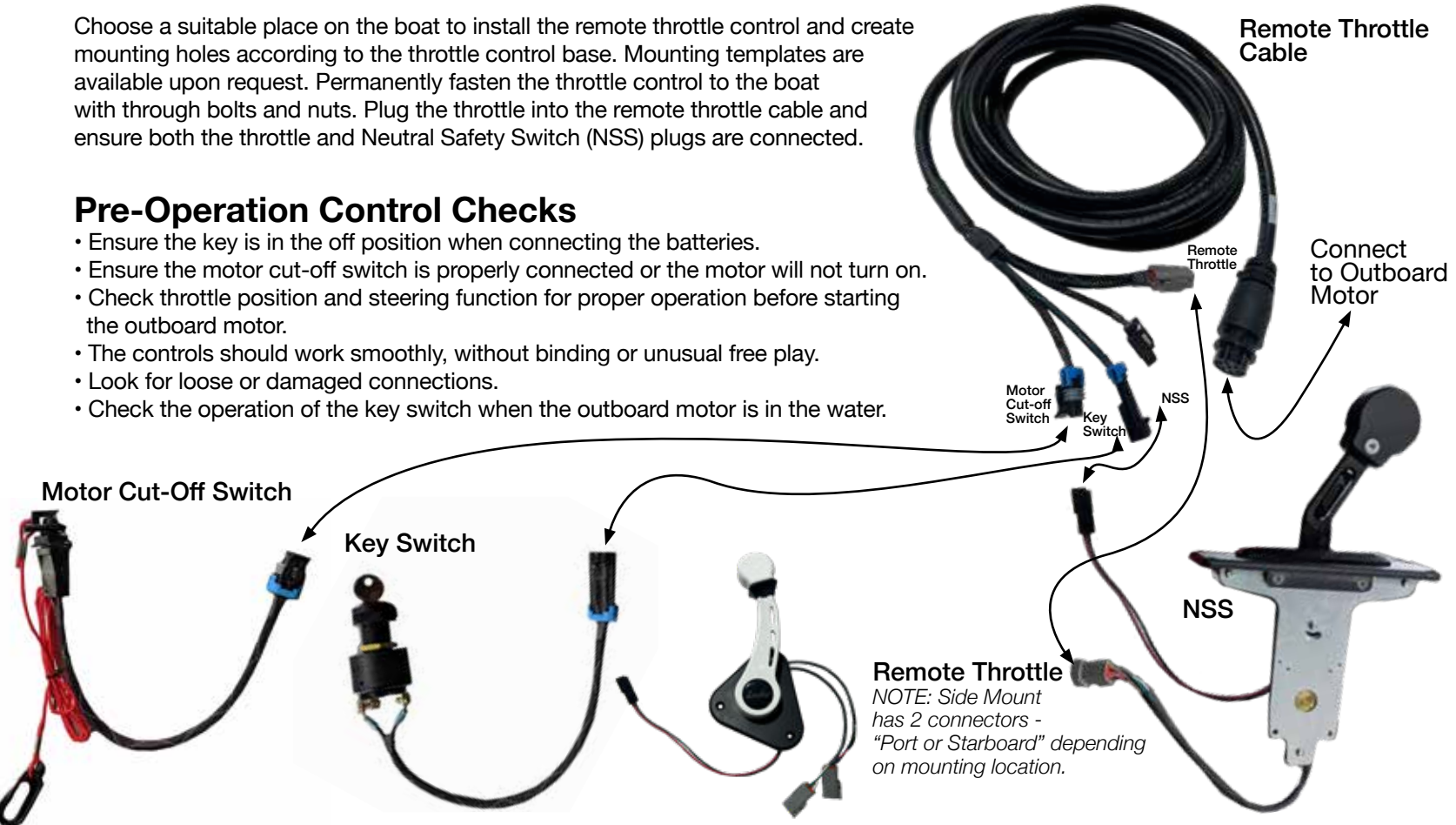
DUAL - TOP MOUNT

## Remote Control Mounting | Pre-Operation Checks

Choose a suitable place on the boat to install the remote throttle control and create mounting holes according to the throttle control base. Mounting templates are available upon request. Permanently fasten the throttle control to the boat with through bolts and nuts. Plug the throttle into the remote throttle cable and ensure both the throttle and Neutral Safety Switch (NSS) plugs are connected.

### Pre-Operation Control Checks

- Ensure the key is in the off position when connecting the batteries.
- Ensure the motor cut-off switch is properly connected or the motor will not turn on.
- Check throttle position and steering function for proper operation before starting the outboard motor.
- The controls should work smoothly, without binding or unusual free play.
- Look for loose or damaged connections.
- Check the operation of the key switch when the outboard motor is in the water.



## Starting the Inboard

1. Check to see that the key switch is in the off position.
2. Attach the lanyard to the cut off switch to the operator's life jacket or a secure place.
3. Connect the power cable to the outboard motor.
4. Verify the throttle lever is in the neutral position.
5. Turn the key switch to on by rotating clockwise.
6. Depress the handle switch on the remote throttle and rotate the remote throttle forward (for forward direction) or reverse (for the reverse direction).
7. Carefully and slowly move the remote throttle to increase or decrease the outboard motor speed.
8. Check for steady flow of water from the cooling water outlet.

### WARNING:

- Before changing direction, make sure there are no swimmers or obstacles in the water near you.
- Shifting from forward to reverse or vice versa is possible at any time, but care must be taken to prevent people and equipment from shifting in the boat.

## Changing Direction/Stopping the Inboard

1. Place the remote throttle in the upright position for neutral.



SIDE MOUNT



TOP MOUNT



DUAL - TOP MOUNT

2. Rotate the remote throttle forward for the forward boat direction and rotate the remote throttle backwards for the reverse direction.

### Stopping the Inboard

1. Return the remote throttle to the neutral position.
2. Turn the key switch to the off position.

#### NOTE:

The inboard motor can also be stopped by pulling the lanyard. In emergency situations, the main power cable connector can also be removed to disconnect power from the inboard.

## Maintenance Table

Frequency of maintenance operations may be adjusted according to the operating conditions, but the following table gives general guidelines.

The “●” symbol indicates the check-ups which you may carry out by yourself.

The “○” symbol indicates work to be carried out by your ELCO dealer.

NOTE: When operating in salt water, turbid or muddy water, then engine should be flushed clean after every use.

Item	Operations	Initial		Every	
		10 hours ( 1 month )	50 hours ( 3 months )	100 hours ( 6 months )	200 hours ( 1 year )
Propeller and cotter pin	Check/replacement		●	●	
Shift link/shift cable	Check/adjustment				○
Throttle link/throttle cable/ throttle pick-up timing	Check/adjustment				○

## Maintenance Record

Date	Service Information

## Emergency Situations

### **Treatment of Submerged inboard**

If the inboard is submerged, immediately take it to an ELCO dealer. Otherwise some corrosion may begin almost immediately.

### **CAUTION:**

Do not attempt to run the inboard motor until it has been completely inspected.

### **Low Battery Shutdown**

You should wait a few minutes for the battery voltage to rise, restart the inboard, and proceed slowly to shore. You can go much farther with a low throttle setting than if you use a full throttle setting.

### **Over-current Protection**

A fuse must be placed at the source of power (batteries) for each circuit or conductor except:

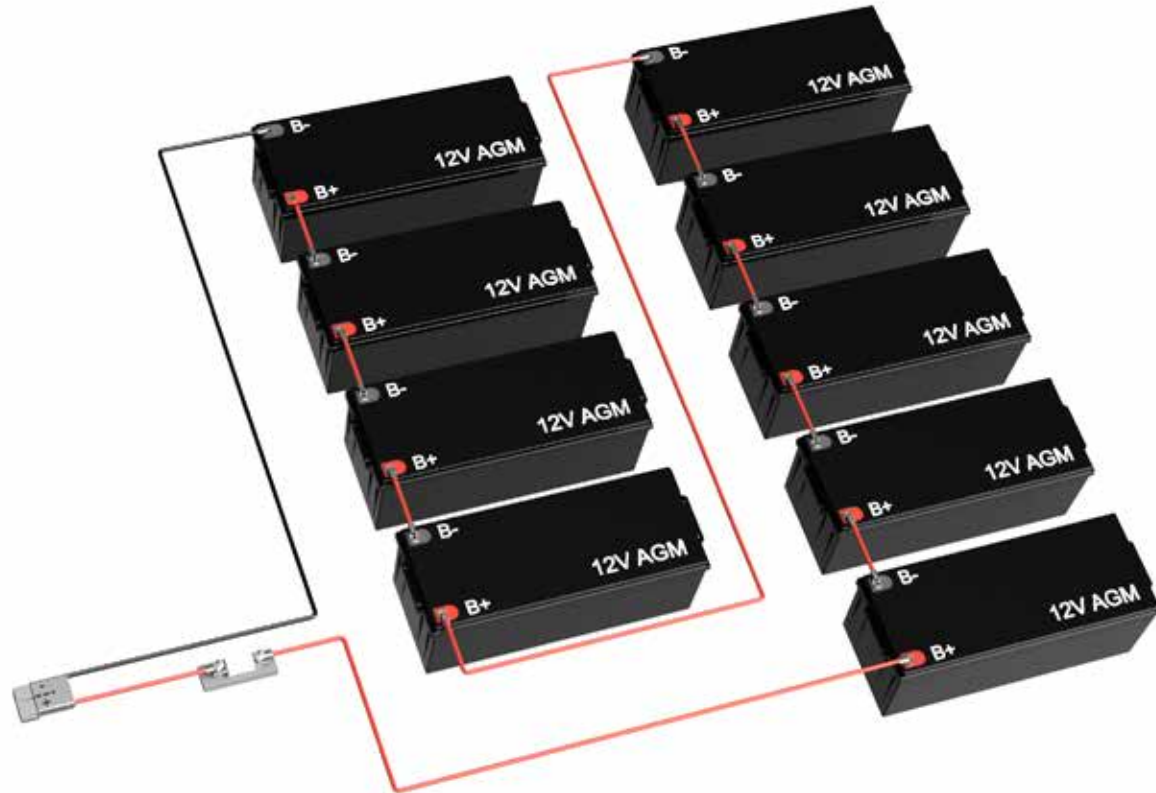
- 1.If it is physically impractical to place the circuit breaker or fuse at the source of power, it may be placed within seven inches of the source of power for each circuit or conductor, measured along the conductor.
- 2.If it is physically impractical to place the circuit breaker or fuse at or within seven inches of the source of power, it may be placed within 40 inches of the source of power for each circuit or conductor, measured along the conductor, if the conductor is contained throughout its entire distance between the source of power and the required circuit breaker or fuse in a sheath or enclosure such as a junction box, control box, or enclosed panel.

## Battery Installation

These diagrams are intended for reference only. Please keep propulsion battery bank separate from house bank. It is highly recommended that batteries be mounted in rugged, covered boxes designed for this purpose.

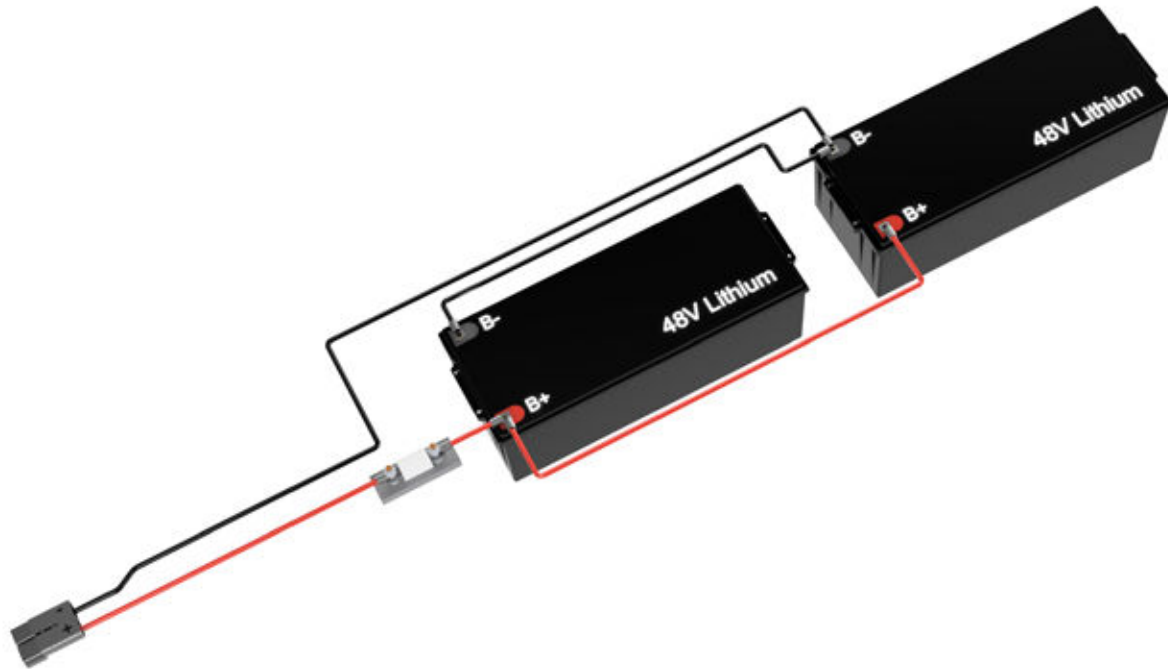
Consult an ABYC certified marine electrical professional for system design and circuit protection. Additional circuit protection devices may be necessary to meet ABYC standards.

Model	Voltage	Suggested Battery Capacity
EP-6	24	90-120Ah (ampere-hour)
EP-12	48	90-165Ah
EP-20	48	130-225Ah
EP-25	72	130-225Ah
EP-40	108	165-225Ah
EP-70	108	220-275Ah
EP-100	144	220-300Ah
EP-200	144	400-600Ah
EP-250	350	210-600Ah

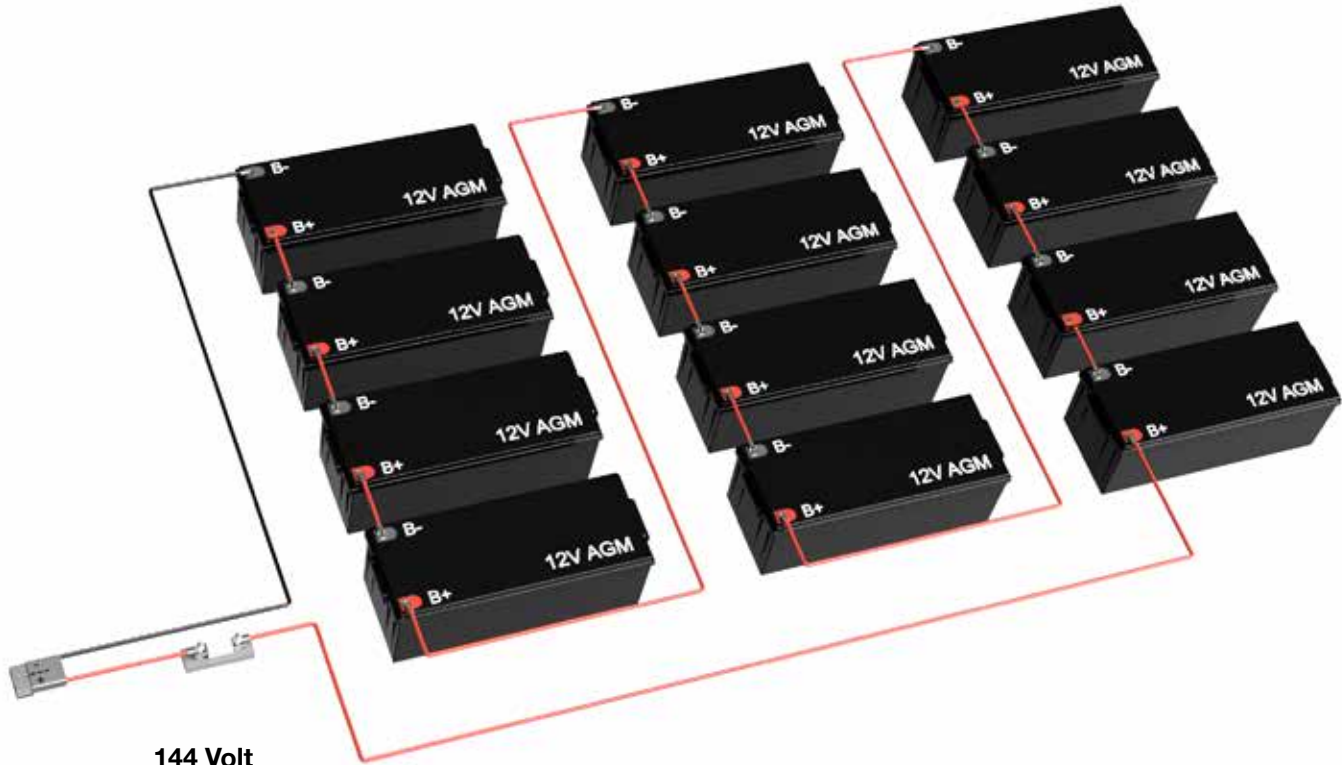


**108 Volt  
Series AGM Battery Configuration**

## Battery Installation

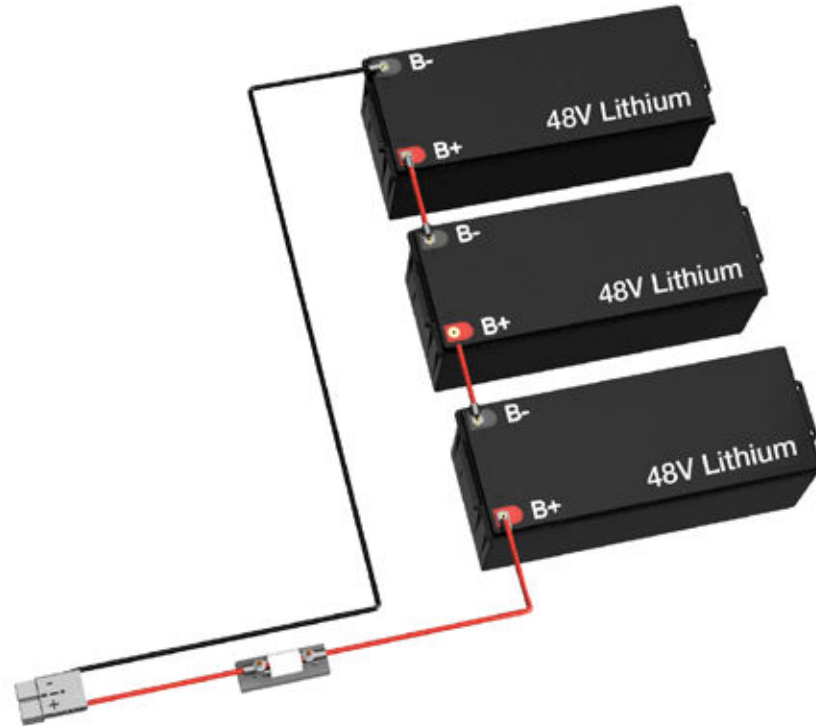


**108 Volt  
Lithium Battery Configuration**

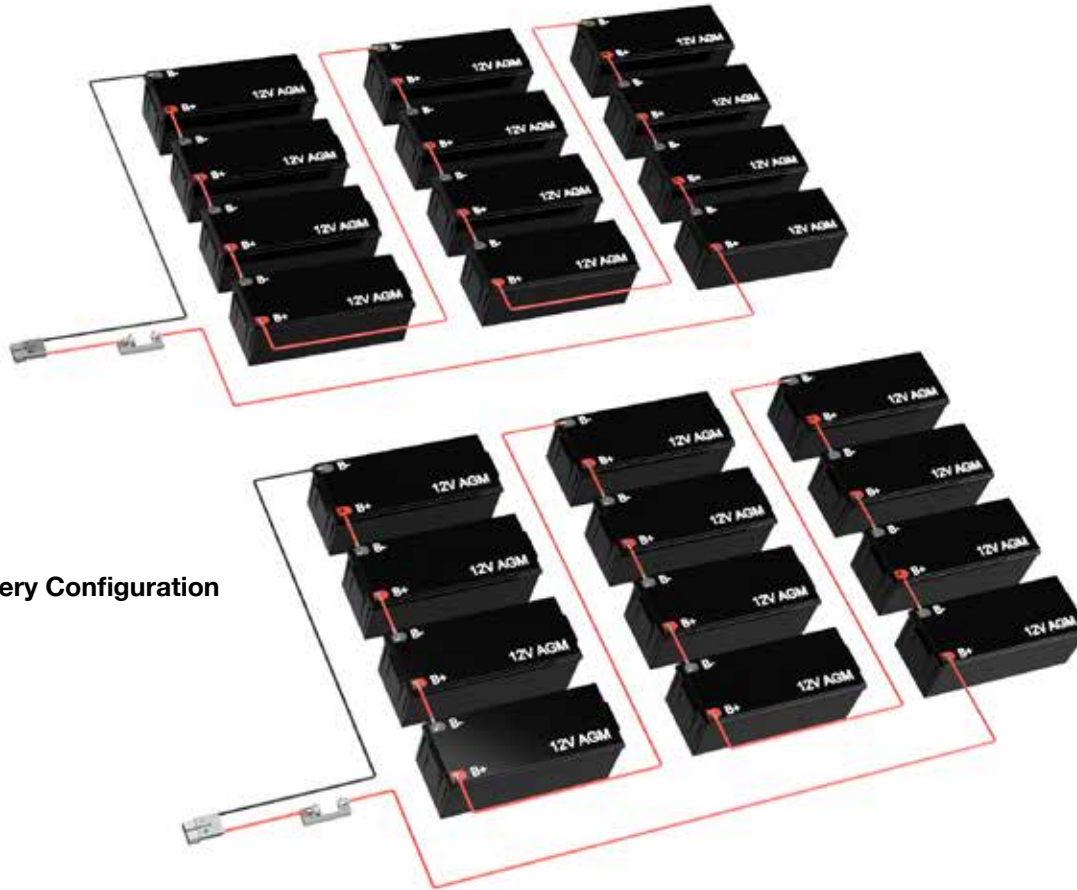


**144 Volt  
Series AGM Battery Configuration**

## Battery Installation

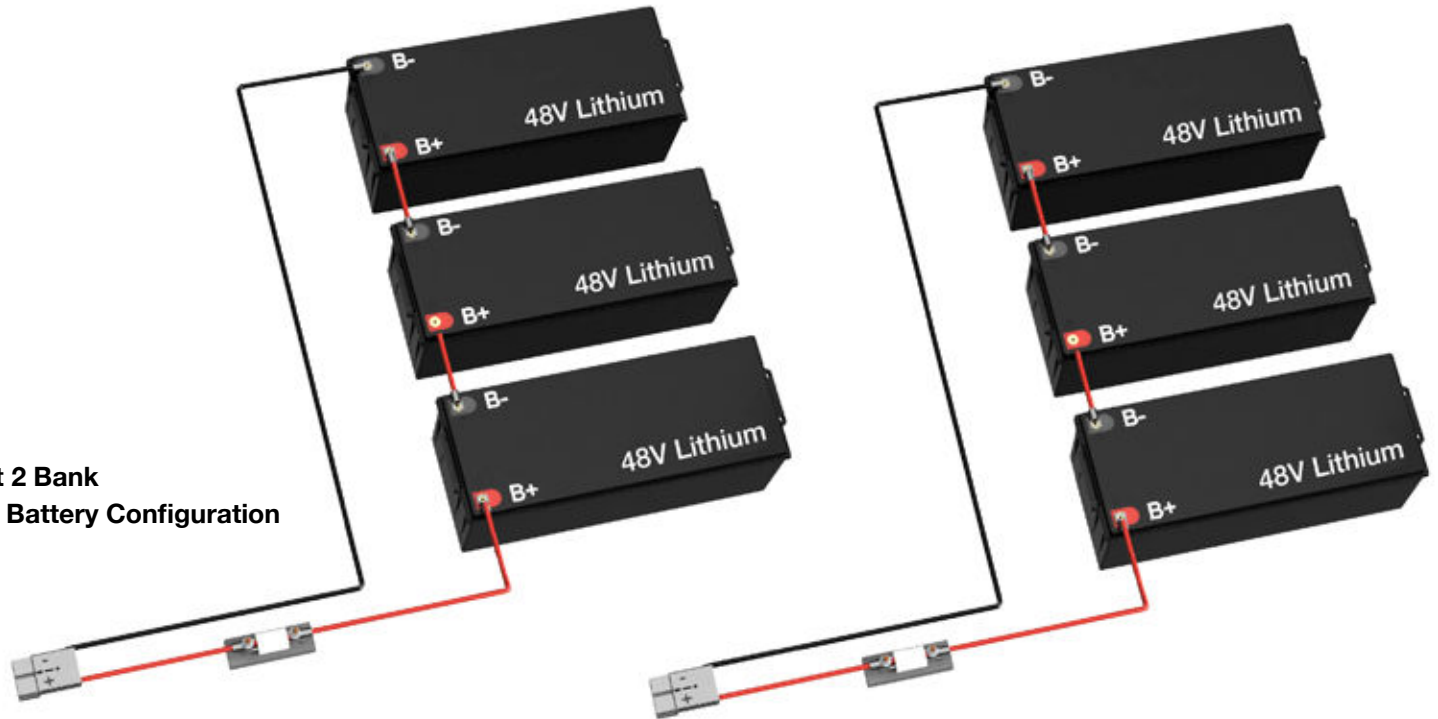


**144 Volt  
Lithium Battery Configuration**



**144 Volt 2 Bank  
Series AGM Battery Configuration**

144 Volt 2 Bank  
Lithium Battery Configuration

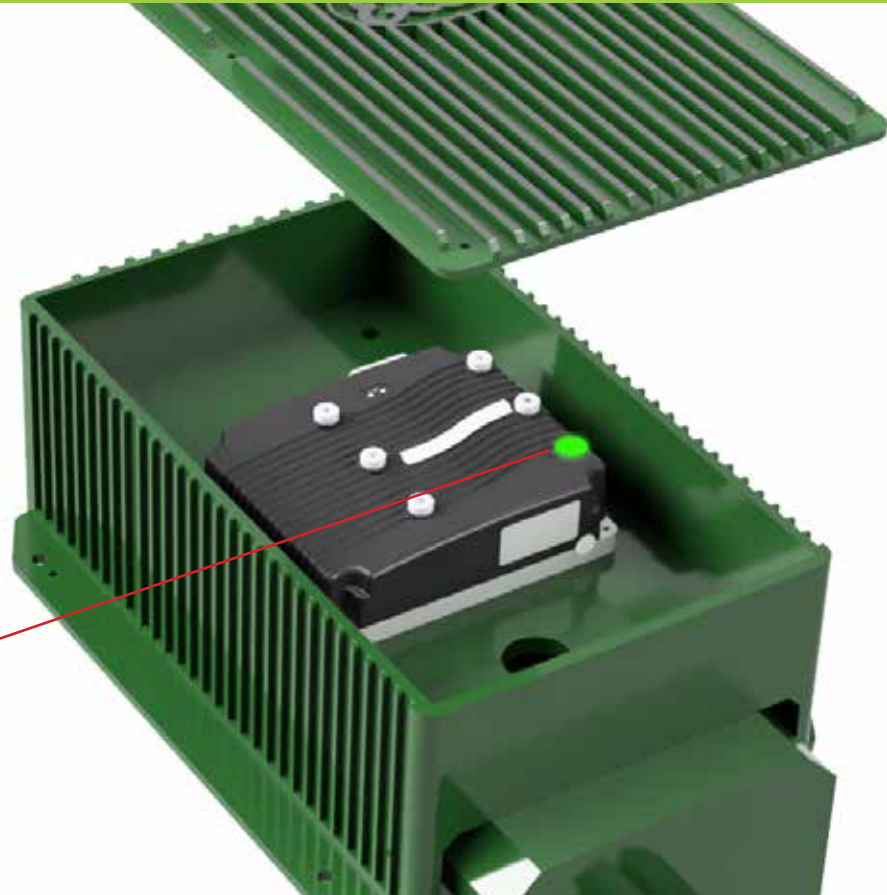


## Troubleshooting: Faults & Warnings

Should any issue in operation become present, the motor controller has an LED indicator which will assist you to diagnose the fault condition. In order to view this, please disconnect the battery connector then remove the enclosure lid. Carefully inspect the internal conditions then if safe reconnect the battery connector and inspect the LED status.

Visit the Curtis website  
[www.curtisinstruments.com](http://www.curtisinstruments.com)  
for troubleshooting information  
and possible causes of any active faults.

LED Indicator



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