

Add the car alternator to solar power system

Can I run alternator and alternator simultaneously?

It should be fine to run them simultaneously. Be sure to use a good quality solar charge controller, and also be sure that your alternator doesn't supply more than about 14.8 volts to the battery when the engine is running - that could cook the battery. First, congrats on 2 years!

Can a service battery be charged with a solar panel?

I want to charge a service battery in the car with the alternator and a solar panel, potentially both providing power at the same time (solar panel on the roof while driving). Obviously, the starter and service battery should be disconnected when the engine is not running to avoid the starter battery from running flat.

Will a battery charger work with a Smart alternator?

They are cheap and simple and do what they say. Yes they might not work with a smart alternator. Yes they might work in a limited fashion with modern batteries (but they will still work to a degree). I use one in an old vehicle with a lithium battery, works fine for my use, which is emergency top up in winter.

Can You charge a lithium battery from an alternator?

One problem you can run into charging them from an alternator is because they have so much less internal resistance than lead acid they can take a huge charge that would ruin a lead acid battery. That also means they can cook your alternator. If you go lithium and want to charge from an alternator I'd suggest a dc-to-dc charger. Greetings!

Should I use a stock alternator?

So--Using the stock vehicle alternator setup may supply less than expected charging capabilities. And idling the vehicle engine can use a lot of fuel and exhaust fumes can be dangerous (if you are sleeping in the vehicle).

Do you need an alternator if you drive a lot?

If you are driving a lot (every few days)--The vehicle alternator can be used to supply a significant amount of your house power... However, if you drive 20 minutes and park for 2 weeks--Then the alternator becomes less useful (in general).

One potential solution is to implement a hybrid charging system that combines both solar and alternator power. By integrating a charge controller or an inverter charger, it ...

The intention is to use DC-DC step up voltage converter to step up from 14V car alternator to let's say 35V and connect converter output to solar controller input. So when I'm driving alternator/converter will be like virtual ...

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The car alternator is not made to charge a battery with low internal resistance. This will lead to overheating of the alternator. Victron Energy, a popular solar system manufacturer, did a test where they charged a lithium ...

At minimum you need a power inverter, a battery isolator, heavy gauge DC wiring (0, 2, 4, 6 ga - depending on the length and power draw) for supplying power to and from the battery isolator to your second battery, and if ...

I would like to add my alternator and an additional battery to this setup. I have been looking at battery isolators but they all just seem like glorified switches, so I'm wondering - can ...

If the alternator provides 50A, and the car uses 40A for lights, fans and so on, your measurement will read 10A into the battery (charging) If you really want to know the cars usage, you need to check both the alternator ...

Switching between solar and alternator power is simple. When you first start your car, the alternator will be powering your accessories. However, once the engine is running and ...

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PROBLEM: I am not electrically minded, so I am struggling with what I need to charge the battery (we will be buying a bigger 230ah battery within a couple of weeks) using both solar and the alternator. As you can see the ...

During the operation of the vehicle's power supply system, there are inevitable deviations due both to malfunctions of system elements (vehicle generator, battery, belt drive) and failures in ...

Ha Second alternator, That's what I figured tonight. The 48v System has come about because of a specific need for a 2kw heating element, I've wound thee element now and ...

I haven't built my system yet, but, while testing, I've reached the point where I have an undersized (20AH of Tesla NCA cells) 24V "house" battery, a slightly larger (38AH ...

I am confirming my Solar/Alternator charging setup/sytem before I install this weekend. I have a stock E-450 Box truck with a 130amp alternator and typical starting battery ...

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Hi I have a 97 Dodge Ram Van 3500 that I've been slowly converting. I got a pv system from Renogy and was wondering how I can connect my alternator to my pv system. I ...

When we install a dual battery system in a car it is wired up to charge from your vehicle's alternator when the car is turned on and running. You can also charge the battery using a 240 volt battery charger plugged into a ...

1. Hybrid Charging System One potential solution is to implement a hybrid charging system that combines both solar and alternator power. By integrating a charge controller or an ...

An alternator is a constant voltage power supply. I have found that 100ah lifepo4 batteries have limited charging current on their own unless force charged at relatively high ...

I have a simple solar system in my car that consists of one 100W solar panel, Victron 75/10 SCC and Li-Time 50Ah battery. The system is used to run a 12V refrigerator ...

Hi all, First time poster, long time lurker. I have a campervan solar setup that looks like: 2x100 watt panels -> charge controller -> 155 AH VMAX 12V AGM battery -> fusebox -> ...

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