## KD5ZYV'S HURRICANE PROOF RADIO POWER SUPPLY

I use a solar and battery backup for my radio system.

The Batt is a 100 amp hour sealed lead acid.

The solar panel or PV panel is a BP model 3125 (120 watt) @ 7.5 amps

The Charge controller is a Morningstar – Prostar model ps-30

The power supply is just your std. 35 amp power supply

one spdt switch

lots of 10ga wire

and the radios, I have a 706 mkIIg on mine

I have left my radio on the solar / batt for weeks with the radio on 100% of the time. And have yet to have killed the battery..........

The charge controller is very important. Here are some reasons of why that is...

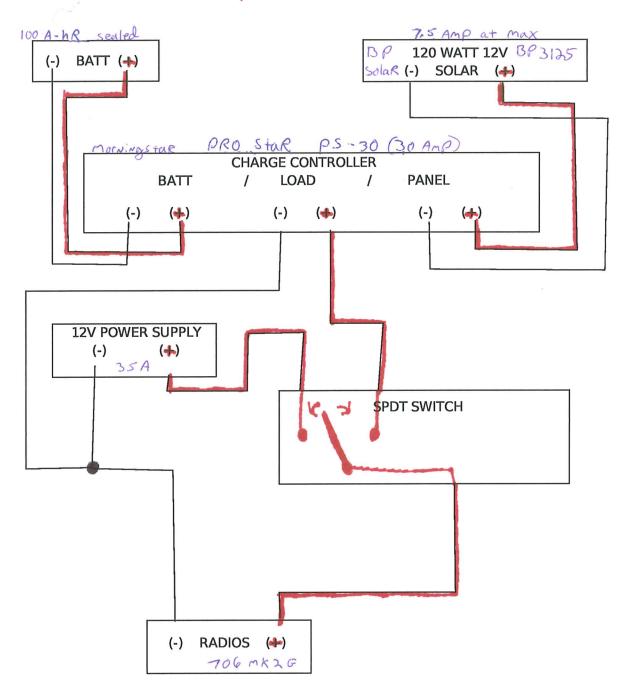
- 1. to keep from cooking the batt.
- 2. To keep the batt from back-feeding into the pv panel at night
- 3. to charge the batt and keep it charged
- 4. load control (when the batt is full, it diverts the pv power to the load)

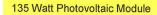
The only bummer to this setup is the manual spdt switch.... one day I will build a relay network that auto switches when the power from the power supply dies.

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KD5ZXV Setup 1/09







High-efficiency photovoltaic module using silicon nitride multicrystalline silicon cells.

### Performance

Rated power (P<sub>max</sub>)

135W

Power tolerance

± 5% (BP3135) ±3% (BP3130 & BP3125) and

± 3% (BP3115 & BP3110)

Nominal voltage Limited Warranty<sup>1</sup>

12V 25 years

### Configuration

S BP 3125S

Clear universal frame with LoPro J-Box and polarized Multicontact (MC) connectors

J BP 3125J

Clear universal frame and standard J-Box

Electrical Characteristics <sup>2</sup> Maximum power (P <sub>max</sub> ) <sup>3</sup>	BP3135 135W	BP3130 130W	BP3125 125W	BP3115 115W	BP3110 110W
Voltage at Pmax (V <sub>mp</sub> )	17.4V	17.4V	17.4V	17.1V	16.9V
Current at Pmax (Imp)	7.7A	7.5A	7.2A	6.7A	6.5A
Warranted minimum P <sub>max</sub>	128.2W	126.1W	121.3W	109.3W	104.5W
Short-circuit current (Isc)	8.4A	8.2A	8.1A	7.5A	7.4A
Open-circuit voltage (Voc)	22.1V	22.0V	22.0V	21.8V	21.6V
Temperature coefficient of Isc	(0.065±0.015)%/°C				
Temperature coefficient of Voc	-(80±10)mV/°C				
Temperature coefficient of power	-(0.5±0.05)%/ °C				
NOCT (Air 20°C; Sun 0.8kW/m²; wind 1m/s)	47±2°C				
Maximum series fuse rating	15A (S); 20A (J)				
Maximum system voltage	600V (ÙS NEC ràting) 1000V (TÜV Rheinland rating)				



#### **Mechanical Characteristics**

Dimensions	S,J	Length: 1510mm (59.4") Width: 674mm (26.5") Depth: 50mm (1.97")		
Weight	S,J	12.0 kg (26.5 pounds)		
Solar Cells	S,J	36 cells (156mm x 156mm) in a 4x9 matrix connected in series		
Output Cables	S	RHW AWG# 12 (4mm²) cable with polarized weatherproof DC rated Multicontact connectors; asymmetrical lengths - 900mm (-) and 800mm (+)		
Junction Box	J	J-Version junction box with 6-terminal connection block; IP 65, accepts PG 13.5, M20, ½ inch conduit, or cable fittings accepting 6-12mm diameter cable. Terminals accept 2.5 to 10mm² (8 to 14 AWG) wire.		
Diodes	S,J	<i>IntegraBus</i> ™ technology includes Schottky by-pass diodes integrated into the printed circuit board bus		
Construction	S,J	Front: High-transmission 3mm (1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch) tempered glass; Back: Polyester; Encapsulant: EVA		
Frame	S,J	Clear anodized aluminum alloy type 6063T6 Universal frame; Color: silver		

1000V (IEC 61215 rating)

corrected to SRC (STC.)

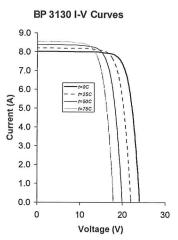
<sup>1.</sup> Module Warranty: 25-year limited warranty of 80% power output; 12-year limited warranty of 90% power output; 5-year limited warranty of materials and workmanship. See your local representative for full terms of these warranties.

2. These data represent the performance of typical BP 3125 products, and are based on measurements made in accordance with ASTM E1036

During the stabilization process that occurs during the first few months of deployment, module power may decrease by up to 3% from typical P<sub>max</sub>.

### **Quality and Safety**

ESTI	ESTI (European Solar Test Installation at Ispra, Italy)
C€	Manufactured in ISO 9001-certified factories; conforms to European Community Directives 89/33/EEC, 73/23/EEC, 93/68/EEC; certified to IEC 61215
TÜV	Framed modules certified by TÜV Rheinland as Safety Class II (IEC 60364) equipment for use in systems up to 1000 VDC
(UL)	Listed by Underwriter's Laboratories for electrical and fire safety (Class C fire rating)
<b>₹M</b>	Approved by Factory Mutual Research in NEC Class 1, Division 2, Groups C & D hazardous locations (U)

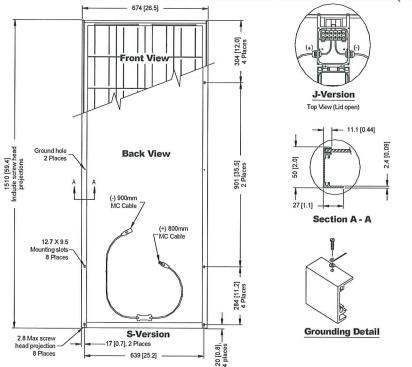


## **Qualification Test Parameters**

Temperature cycling range Humidity freeze, damp heat Static load front and back (e.g. wind) Front loading (e.g. snow) Hailstone impact -40°C to +85°C (-40°F to 185°F) 85% RH 2,400 pa (50psf) 5,400 pa (113psf) 25mm Ø (1 inch) at 23 m/s (52mph)

### **Module Diagram**

Dimensions in brackets are in inches. Un-bracketed dimensions are in millimeters. Overall tolerances ±3mm (1/8")



Included with each module: self-tapping grounding screw, instruction sheet, and warranty document.

Note: This publication summarizes product warranty and specifications, which are subject to change without notice.

Additional information may be found on our web site: <a href="www.bpsolar.com">www.bpsolar.com</a>







Morningstar's **ProStar** is the world's leading mid-range solar controller for both professional and consumer applications. This second generation ProStar:

- Adds new features and protections using highly advanced technology
- Provides longer battery life and improved system performance
- Sets new standards for reliability and self-diagostics

### Standard Features:

- Versions available: 15 or 30 amp
  - 12 / 24 or 48 volt
  - negative or positive ground
- Estimated 15 year life
- PWM series battery charging (not shunt)
- 3-position battery select: gel, sealed or flooded
- Very accurate control and measurement
- Jumper to eliminate telecom noise
- Parallel for up to 300 amps
- Temperature compensation

- Tropicalization: conformal coating, stainlesssteel fasteners & anodized aluminum heat sink
- No switching or measurement in the grounded leg
- 100% solid state
- Very low voltage drops
- Current compensated low voltage disconnect (LVD)
- LED's indicate battery status and faults
- Capable of 25% overloads
- Remote battery voltage sense terminals

### **Electronic Protections:**

- Short-circuit solar and load
- Overload solar and load
- Reverse polarity
- Reverse current at night
- High voltage disconnect
- High temperature disconnect
- Lightning and transient surge protection
- Loads protected from voltage spikes
- Automatic recovery with all protections

# **PROSTAR™**

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### **ProStar Options:**

- Digital meter
  - Highly accurate voltage and current display
  - Low self-consumption (1 mA)
  - Includes manual disconnect button
  - Displays 5 different protection functions and disconnect conditions
  - Self-diagnostics (self-test) provides a comprehensive test of the ProStar —

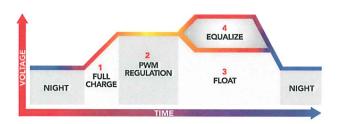
Displays 9 different controller status parameters, including temperature

Displays detected faults

- Positive ground
- Remote temperature probe

# **Optimized Battery Charging:**

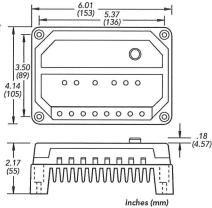
The ProStar has 4 stages of charging to provide increased battery capacity and life.



# Mechanical Specifications:

Weight: 12 oz (0.34 kg)

Wire Size: #6 AWG (16 mm²)



## **ProStar Versions:**

	PS-15	PS-30	PS15M-48V
Rated Solar Current	15A	30A	15A
Rated Load Current	15A	30A	15A
System Voltage	12/24V	12/24V	4 <mark>8V</mark>
Options: Digital Meter	yes	yes	standard
Positive Ground	no	<mark>yes</mark>	yes
Remote Temp. Probe	yes	yes	yes

# Battery Voltage Setpoints\*

Gel	Sealed	Flooded
14.0	14.15	14.4
13.7	13.7	13.7
n/a	14.35	14.9/15.1
11.4	11.4	11.4
12.6	12.6	12.6
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Note: values are for 12V. Use 2X for 24V and 4X for 48V.

# **Electrical Specifications:**

	12V	24V	48V	
Temp. Comp. (mV/°C)*	– 30mV	- 60mV	- 120mV	
Accuracy	40mV	60mV	80mV	
Min. voltage to operate	8V	8V	15V	
Self-consumption	22mA	25mA	28mA	
LVD current coefficient**	– 20mV	– 40mV	– 80mV	
Charge algorithm	PWM, constant voltage			
Operating temperature	- 40°C to + 60°C			
Digital Display:				
Operating temperature - 30°C to + 85°C			С	
Voltage accuracy		0.5%		
Current accuracy	2.0%			
Self-consumption		1 mA		

<sup>\* 25°</sup>C reference

WARRANTY: Five year warranty period. Contact Morningstar or your authorized distributor for complete terms.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> per amp of load