

# HELIOS ESS INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL

**BATTERY MODEL** 

52-48-16000 | 900-0077

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#### Introduction

A battery from Discover Energy Systems (Discover), the HELIOS ESS is a high-capacity, low-voltage battery that can operate independently or in a battery bank configuration where multiple batteries are connected in parallel.

### AUDIENCE, MESSAGES, WARNINGS, GENERAL SAFETY, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

#### 1.1 Audience

Configuration, installation, service, and operating tasks should only be performed by qualified personnel in consultation with local authorities having jurisdiction and authorized dealers. Qualified personnel should have training, knowledge and experience in:

- Installing electrical equipment
- Applying applicable installation codes
- Analyzing and reducing hazards involved in performing electric work
- Installing and configuring batteries
- Installing and configuring systems activated by rela

### 1.2 Warning, Caution, Notice, and the Messages

Messages in this manual are formatted according to this structure.



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



Important information regulding hazardous conditions.

### **A WARNING**

Importar info nation regarding hazardous conditions that may result in personal injury or de on.

### **A** CAUTION

Important information regarding hazardous conditions that may result in personal injury.

#### NOTICE

Important information regarding conditions that may damage the equipment but not result in personal injury.

#### NOTE

Ad hoc information concerning important procedures and features unrelated to personal injury or equipment damage.

### 1.3 General Warnings



Do not crush, disassemble or dispose of the battery in fire or the garbage.



This product is made of recyclable materials and must be recycled.









# **▲** WARNING

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD**

- This equipment must only be installed as specified.
- Do not install the battery in series.
- Do not disassemble or modify the battery.
- If there is damage to the battery case, do not a charge contents.
- There are no user-serviceable parts inside

Failure to follow these instructions record in death or serious injury.

### A WARNING

#### CHEMICAL HAZARD

Do not touch the expose corrents a Lithium cell.

Failure to follow these in crucions may result in death or serious injury.

### **A WARNING**

#### ELECTRY SHOCK A .D FIRE HAZARD

Do not lay to s or other metal parts across the terminals.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in death or serious injury.

### **A** CAUTION

#### **HEAVY OBJECT**

Two-person or three-person lift is recommended for the battery.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

### **A** CAUTION

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD**

- Do not touch the energized surfaces of any electrical component in the battery system.
- Before servicing the battery, follow all procedures to fully de-energize the battery system.
- Follow the Safe Handling Procedures below when working with the battery.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

### 1.4 Safe Handling Procedures

Before using the battery, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the unit and all appropriate sections of this manual.

- Use appropriate personal protective equipment when working with but teries.
- Do not dispose of the battery in a fire.
- Promptly dispose of or recycle used batteries following local regulations.
- Do not disassemble, open, crush, bend, deform, puncture of three
- Do not modify, re-manufacture, or attempt to insert foreign ob, its into the battery, immerse or expose the battery to water or other liquidative motosion, or other hazards. If the user suspects damage to the batter, due water, heat, or other reason, take it to a service center for inspection.
- The battery should only be used for its intended urpose.
- Do not lift or carry the battery while in attack
- The battery is heavy. When lifting the battery follow appropriate standards.
- Only lift, move, or mount followil to tregulations.
- Take care when handling battery ter inacs and cabling.
- Do not expose the battery to jigh transperatures.
- Do not submerge the patt y.
- Install the battery only the rientation specified in this manual.
- Only use the latter with a charging system that meets specifications. Using a
  battery or charge that does not meet specifications may present a risk of fire,
  explosion, legislage, or other hazards.
- Do not she -circuit a battery or allow metallic conductive objects to contact battery terminals.
- Replace the battery with only another battery that meets the specifications of the system. Using a battery that does not meet specifications may present a risk of fire, explosion, leakage, or other hazards.
- Do not drop the device or battery. If the device or battery is dropped, especially on a hard surface, and the user suspects damage, take it to a service center for inspection.

### 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment

When handling or working near a battery:

- Use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, including clothing, glasses, insulated gloves, and boots.
- Do not wear metal rings, watches, bracelets, or necklaces.

### 1.6 Emergency Procedure

#### Unusual Odor

- If there is a burning smell
  - Turn OFF the power conversion equipment.
  - Call the installer and schedule an immediate inspection.

#### Fire

- If there is smoke or other signs of fire:
  - Call 911 (or the emergency phone number in your area).
  - If there is an emergency STOP button, press it to shut down e system.
- Do not attempt to put out the fire.
- Do not spray water or other fire retardants.

### 2. ITEMS SHIPPED IN THE BOX

Confirm the contents of the box. Discover s it hes to maintain quality and accuracy in the shipment of its products. If anything is no haged or missing, please contact customer support immediately.

Table 2-1, HELIOS ESS Box Contents

Items	Descrir ion
1	Batter
1	AEI DS ES Installation and Operation Manual
2	T6 Cable (1.5 m, 59 inch)
1	Wall-mount bracket
2	Rope handle

### 3. SPECIFICATIONS

All specifications in this document are published @25°C / 77°F.

### 3.1 Electrical Specifications

### Table 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications

52-48-16000   900-0077
51.2 V
16,080 Wh
314 Ah
55.2 – 56.8
55.2 – 5
,5, V
A
48. <sub>V</sub> V
43.2 V
200 A
200 A
300 A RMS
≤ 25 mA
≤ 4 mA
Single-Pole (positive only) 200 A breaker (CVP-RH-P2BD5-D200-LT)
4.92 kA (500 ms) / 2.46 kA (500 ms)
1.064 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
239 mm (9.41 in)

<sup>(</sup>a) Charge termin ion current is permitted to be less than specified.

### **NOTE**

Reduce the charge termination current to increase the time available for the internal balancing function.

<sup>(</sup>b) Low Voltage Disc, nnect is based on 2.7 VPC under load. In no load conditions, do not allow the battery to self-discharge below 3.0 VPC.

<sup>(</sup>c) The max continuous charge and discharge currents are the ratings for a full charge and discharge cycle with no rest and without tripping overtemperature protection at 25°C (77°F) ambient.

### **3.2 Mechanical Specifications**

Table 3-2, HELIOS ESS Mechanical Specifications

Mechanical Specifications	52-48-16000   900-0077
Chemistry	LiFePO <sub>4</sub>
Height	900 mm (35.43 in)
Width	465 mm (18.31 in)
Depth (body only)	247 mm (9.72 in)
Depth (including Wall-Mount bracket)	271 mm (10.7 in)
Terminal	Quick Connect Plug and Pull Terminal
Weight	136 kg (299.83 lb)
Shipping Weight (includes Wall-Mount Bracket, cables, bolts, and rope handles)	150 kg (320 ₹ lb)
IP Rating	795
Case Material	nlvar ed Steel Sheet
Color	tone Gray 3C

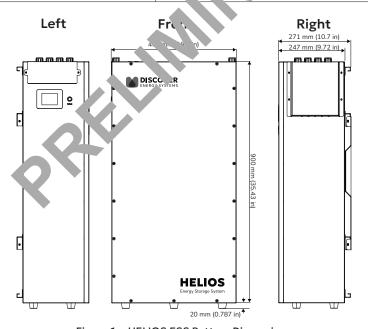


Figure 1. HELIOS ESS Battery Dimensions

Table 3-3, HELIOS ESS Wall-Mount Bracket Specifications

Specifications	Wall-Mount Bracket
Height	497 mm (19.57 in)
Width	363 mm (14.29 in)
Depth	22 mm (0.87 in)
Weight	3.8 kg (8.4 lb)
Material	Galvanized Steel Sheet

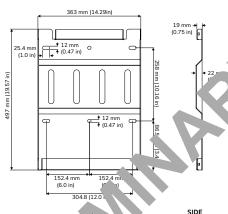


Figure 2. W. M. nt pracket Dimensions

### 3.3 Environmental Specifications

### Table 3-4, HELIOS ES En ronmental Specifications

Environmental per ications	52-48-16000   900-0077
Rated Altitu	Altitude of up to 2,000 m (6,561 ft) does not affect operating characteristics
Relative Hum. *v	5 to 95% (Non-condensing)
Charge Operating Temperature Range (b)(c)	4°C to 55°C (39.2°F to 131°F)
Discharge Operating Temperature Range <sup>(b)</sup>	-25°C to 55°C (-13°F to 131°F)
Internal Heater Operating Temperature Range <sup>(d)</sup>	-25°C to 8°C (-13°F to 46.4°F)
Storage Temperature (1 month) (e)	-20°C to 55°C (-4°F to 131°F)
Storage Temperature (6 months) (e)	-10°C to 30°C (14°F to 86°F)

<sup>(</sup>a) Consider reducing charge parameters on power conversion equipment at higher altitudes.

<sup>(</sup>b) Specifies the temperature of the cells and not the ambient temperature. Ambient temperature and cell temperature may not be the same.

<sup>(</sup>c) Although the Battery Management System (BMS) does not allow charging when cells are below 4°C (39.2°F), the battery has a heater that warms the battery to a temperature that enables charging to resume at 4°C (39.2°F).

<sup>(</sup>d) When the HELIOS ESS battery cells are between -25°C (-13°F) and 5°C (41°F) and either connected to a charging source or the battery SOC is 50% or more, energy is diverted to the internal heater until the battery reaches 8°C (46.4°F).

<sup>(</sup>e) Storage outside of specified temperatures will result in permanent capacity loss and void the warranty.

### **3.4 Protection Specifications**

Table 3-5, HELIOS ESS Protection Specifications

Protection Specifications	52-48-16000   900-0077			
Overvoltage				
Protection (a)	Above 58.08 V for 3 seconds			
Recovery (a)	Recovery after 120 seconds and less than 55.2 V			
Undervoltage				
Protection (b) Less than 43.2 V for 5 seconds				
Recovery (b)	No automatic recovery. The battery shuts down aft 120 seconds.			
Over-Charge Current				
Protection	Greater than 200 A for 10 seconds			
Recovery	Remove source. Recovery after 120 second			
Over-Discharge Curre	nt			
Protection (c)	Greater than 200 A for 15 seco. Is			
Recovery (c)	Remove load. Recove aft. 120 seconds			
Over-temperature in (	Charge			
Protection (d) Cell temperates by exp°C (131°F) for 5 seconds				
Recovery (d) Cell tempers are a low 51°C (123.8°F)				
Under-temperature in	Chai			
Protection (d)	cell *em, ture below 4°C (39.2°F) for 5 seconds and charge entire etected.			
Recovery (d)	Revery after 120 seconds and cell temperature 4°C (39.2°F) or gher. Note: Discharge is available to -25°C (-13°F).			
Over-ter pera ure i I	Discharge			
Protection (c	Cell temperature above 55°C (131°F) for 5 seconds			
Recovery (d)	Cell temperature below 51°C (123.8°F)			
Under-temperature in	Under-temperature in Discharge			
Protection (d)	Cell temperature below -25°C (-13°F) for 5 seconds			
Recovery <sup>(d)</sup> Cell temperature above -23°C (-9.4°F)				
Load Qualification Pro	Load Qualification Protection			
Protection	Mixed System Voltage, Short Circuit, Reverse Polarity, Input Capacitance Overload			
Recovery Re-qualify after 120 seconds. After ten failed attempts to que the battery switches OFF.				

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<sup>(</sup>d) Specifies the temperature of the cells and not the ambient temperature. Ambient temperature and cell temperature may not be the same.

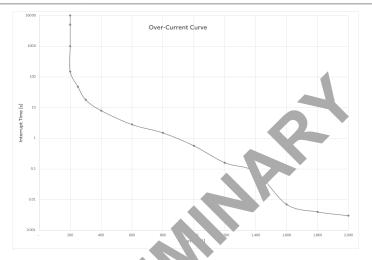


Figure 3. B. ske Protection Time Curve

### 3.4.1 Breaker Delay Spe 'fications

Table 3-7, Breaker Dela

Rating [° ]	Current	Delay Time (seconds) (1)
100	200 A	Breaker should not trip
100 .25	200 - 250 A	Breaker may trip
	300 A	18
200	400 A	8
300	600 A	2.8
500	1000 A	0.57
800	1600 A	0.007

<sup>(1)</sup> The delay time is approximate due to the breaker tolerance range.

<sup>(</sup>a) Overvoltage protection monitors individual cell voltages. Protection is triggered when any cell is over 3.63 VPC and recovers when all cells are below 3.45 VPC for 120 seconds. Voltages are provided for guidance only.

<sup>(</sup>b) Undervoltage protection monitors the voltage of individual cells. Protection is triggered, and the battery is set to OFF when any cell is at or below 2.7 VPC. Manually set the battery ON to recover. Voltages are provided for guidance only.

 $<sup>^{(</sup>c)}$  For time versus current interrupt details, refer to  $\underline{\text{Figure 3. Over-Discharge Protection Time Curve}}$ .

### 3.5 Internal Heating Specifications

Internal heating is available on all HELIOS ESS (52-48-16000 | 900-0077) batteries.

Table 3-8, HELIOS ESS Internal Heating Specifications

Internal Heating Specifications	52-48-16000   900-0077
Heating Power	250 W
Heating On <sup>(a)</sup>	Below 5°C (41°F), and Either charge detected or SOC is 50% or more
Heating Off (a)	Temperature above 8°C (46.4°F), or  No charge current detected and SOC is less than 50%

<sup>(</sup>a) Specifies the temperature of the cells, not the ambient temperature. Ambient temperature and cell the perature may not be the same.

### 3.6 Minimum Specifications for Battery System

Install HELIOS ESS batteries in parallel in a battery bank configu. Jon to increase system capacity. Overall battery system capacity must be a county and to meet the requirements of the load and account for:

- Total Max Continuous Charge Current
- Total Peak Current
- Total Max Continuous Discharge Currer

The total charging capacity of all charges to the system should not exceed the Max Continuous Charge Current operating limit of all the batteries in the system. The same is true for discharge. The total charging capacity of all loads in the system should not exceed the Max Continuous buscharge Current operating limit of all the batteries in the system.

If the Max Continuous Congression of Max Continuous Discharge Current is exceeded for any factory in the system, the BMS in that battery will trigger the overcurrent protection and imponnect. The charging system's maximum charge current must be below the congression of installed batteries or be curtailed.

The sum could are Peak Current values for the attached loads must be less than the Peak Current of the attery system, including inrush current values, for any motors and surge values for any inverters.

For HELIOS ESS batteries installed in parallel in a battery bank configuration, the sum of all battery capacities provides the overall capacity value for the battery system. <u>Table 3-9, HELIOS ESS DC Capacity Values for Sample Battery Systems (@25°C, 77°F) (a)</u> provides DC capacity values for sample Discover systems.

#### NOTICE

- Exceeding the Max Continuous Current of all the batteries in the system will lead to triggering the battery BMS over-temperature protection quicker, resulting in disconnection of all batteries in the system.
- Disconnection will result in a voltage spike (Load Dump), which may damage any
  component electrically attached to the battery system.

### NOTE

The maximum number of batteries installed in a closed-loop configuration with a LYNK Gateway device is 36.

Table 3-9, HELIOS ESS DC Capacity Values for Sample Battery Systems (@25°C, 77°F) (a)

Parallel System	Peak Current	Max Continuous Discharge Current	Max Continuous Charge Current	Usable Capacity
1 battery	300 A	200 A	200 A	16 kWh
2 batteries	600 A	400 A	400 A	32 kWh
3 batteries	900 A	600 A	600	-3 k Wh

<sup>(</sup>a) Table 3-9 specifies the upper performance values in a 1 battery, 2 battery, and 3 batters, sy chieve these performance numbers, all the components in your system, including cables and inverters as the sized appropriately.

### 3.7 Regulatory

Table 3-10, HELIOS ECC Deg 'at y

Regolator
UN393Ti 12 ortagion
11-7-3
1 <u>9</u> 540A

## 4. TRANSPOR 47.0N

Transport it in the constraint and provided in equipment. Per the classification of Tests and Criteria, batteries are tested to part III, subsection (S. SG/AC.10/11/ Rev. 5). For transportation, the batteries belong to category 13/10, Class 9.

#### 5. HANDLING

Before handling:

- Keep the battery away from sparks and flames
- Disconnect the cables from the battery
- Protect battery terminals from short-circuiting and touch
- Do not lift or carry the battery while it is in use or in operation
- Do not lift the battery by attached battery cables
- Set the battery breaker in the OFF (Open) position

### 6. FEATURES

### **6.1 Battery Features**

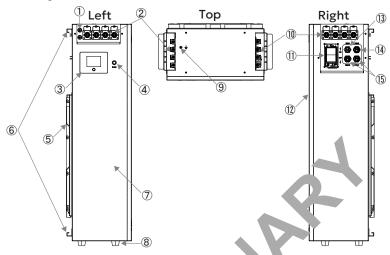


Figure 4. HELIOS ESS Ba

Item	Description		
1	Breather valves		
2	4 x Battery negative termin. 's (-, '-)lack (with quick connects)		
3	LCD display (SOC, 1. It/warping, voltage level, amperes)		
4	ON/OFF key		
5	Wall-more branet		
6	Bracke for with rope handles		
7	Fubb fee		
8	Ba ry casing		
9	Grounding screw		
10	4 x Battery positive terminals (+) orange (with quick connects)		
11	Single-Pole (positive only) 200 A breaker		
12	Front casing cover		
13	USB Type-C port for diagnostics and technical support		
14	COM2: CAN port for closed-loop communication with supported inverters. For information about the COM2 port and which inverters support direct communication, see <u>6.6 COM 2 (CAN Port)</u> .		
15	COM3, COM4: 2 x LYNK ports for connecting batteries in parallel		

### 6.2 Conduit Box (Optional Accessory)

Available as an option, conduit boxes provide seamless connections between an inverter and the HELIOS ESS battery.

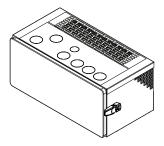


Figure 5. Conduit Box

#### Table 6-1, Conduit Boxes

Description	Part Num.
HELIOS ESS Sol-Ark 15K 2P-N Conduit Box	95 -0' 0,

### 6.3 Battery Breaker

The battery breaker protects the electronic mp. perils of the battery's internal BMS from high, externally generated currents.

### NC TICE

The breaker and the BMS are in eppendent. Setting the breaker to the ON (Closed) position does not switch the BMS ON. Settlement breaker to the OFF (Open) position does not switch the BMS OFF. In or indently set the BMS ON or OFF with the ON/OFF key.

### NOTE

Additional actional in fusing may be required to protect the battery cables from DC overcurrence are to meet installation codes.

### 6.4 Battery ON/OFF Key

- 1. To turn ON the battery, first switch the breaker to the ON (closed) position.
- 2. Briefly press the battery's ON/OFF key to switch the battery ON. The LED lights up green.
- 3. To turn OFF the battery, briefly press the ON/OFF key. The LED turns OFF.
- 4. If desired, switch the breaker to the OFF (open) position.

### NOTICE

The breaker and the BMS are independent. Setting the breaker to the ON (Closed) position does not switch the BMS ON. Setting the breaker to the OFF (Open) position does not switch the BMS OFF. Independently set the BMS ON or OFF with the ON/OFF key.

### 6.4.1 Battery ON/OFF Key LED States

LED	Description
Off	Battery is OFF.
On	Battery is ON.
Pulse	Battery breaker is either open or the battery is warning of an approaching protection limit.
Flash	Battery has faulted. Use LYNK Access software to identify and diagnose the issue.
Double-flash	Battery is identifying itself after the <b>Identify</b> command was issued from LYNK Access software.

#### 6.5 LCD DISPLAY

### **WARNING**

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD**

- Always assume the battery's main relay is ON (Closed), even if mean DI display shows that it may be off.
- Verify the terminal voltage with a voltmeter before and installing the battery.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in a thor serious injury.

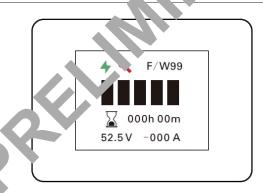


Figure 6. LCD Display

Table 6-2, LCD Display Icons and Values

Icon	State	Description
4	Charging	This icon indicates the battery bank is charging and the Remaining Time is an estimate of how much time remains to fully charge all the batteries in the battery bank.
4	Fault/ Warning	This icon indicates either a fault or a warning. The "F/W" number identifies the actual fault or warning. For descriptions about each fault or warning, refer to <a href="#">Table 6-3</a> . <a href="#">Fault/Warning Table</a> .

Icon	State	Description
	State of Charge	State of charge of all the batteries in the battery bank. A full charge is indicated when all the bars are displayed.
∑ 000h 00m	Remaining Time	The remaining time is an estimate of how much time remains until:
		<ul> <li>(Charge) All the batteries in the battery bank are fully charged.</li> <li>(Discharge) All the batteries in the battery bank are fully</li> </ul>
		discharged based on the current load.
52.5 V	Volts	This value identifies the voltage level of all the batteries in the battery bank.
000 A	Amps	This value identifies the total charge or disciprege current, in amps, of all the batteries in the battery but.

### **NOTE**

The LCD Display shows the state of all the batteries in t

Table 6-3, Fault/Warning Table

Number	Fault/Warning	Re ive
1	Under voltage	battery is shut down. Connect the charger and turn ON the battery for it to charge.
2	Over voltage	Decrease charge voltage and automatically recovers after 120 seconds.
3	Under to per jure	Connect a charger to turn ON the internal heater.
4	Overtem, ature	Automatic recovery after the battery cell temperature drops to an acceptable level.
5	O. discharge current	Disconnect the load. Try again in 120 seconds.
6	Over-charge current	Disconnect the charger. Try again in 120 seconds.
7	Load qualification	The battery failed load qualification at startup. The load qualification could indicate reverse polarity, short circuit, mixed voltage system, or a large capacitive load
8	Breaker	Breaker is open. Turn off the battery and use a DMM to confirm the battery is OFF. Follow all safety precautions as defined in <u>1.4 Safe Handling Procedures</u> . Confirm why the breaker was switched OFF (open) and resolve the issue. Close the breaker and turn ON the battery.
9	BMS over-temperature	Pause charging for 5 minutes to allow the BMS to cool down. Consider derating the charge current before continuing.

Number	Fault/Warning	Recovery
10	Under-temperature in charge	Leave the charger connected to engage the internal heater.  Charging will continue after the battery cell temperature reaches 4°C (39.2°F) or higher.
13	Over-temperature in charge	The battery stops charging and will continue charging only after the battery temperature is below the recovery threshold.

For information on protections, refer to <u>3.4 Protection Specifications</u>.

### **NOTICE**

Damage to the LCD display due to sunlight exposure is not covered by the warranty.

### 6.6 COM 2 (CAN Port)

The COM2 port on the HELIOS ESS enables closed-loop communication without using the LYNK II Communication with some brands of inverters (see Line only. Using the LYNK II Communication Gateway enables communication with all apported inverter brands. The LYNK II Gateway also enables using LYNK AC ES Intware for battery diagnostics and connects to LYNK CLOUD for remote attention monitoring.

Table 6-4, Closed-Loop Communication with Intercent

Inverter	Closed Loop LYNK II	wit. 7.	Closed Loop with	LYNK ACCESS	LYNK CLOUD
	Straight cah's	Crc te your n cable	LYNK II	with LYNK II	with LYNK II
Deye SUN 3-16K single-phase Hybrid Inverters SUN 5-12K three-r use Hybrid Inverters	Ye	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Luxpower LXP-LB-US 1 /12K Hybrid Inverter SNA-US 6000 ECO Hybrid Inverter	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
NOARK 3K - 8K single-phase and 5K - 12K three-phase low-voltage Hybrid Inverter	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Schneider Electric XW Pro 6848 NA 120/240 XW Pro 6848 NA 120 XW Pro 8548 IEC 230 MPPT 60-150 MPPT 80-600 MPPT 100-600	No		Yes	Yes	Yes

Inverter	Closed Loop without LYNK II		Closed Loop with	LYNK ACCESS	LYNK CLOUD
	Straight cable	Create your own cable	LYNK II	with LYNK II	with LYNK II
Schneider Electric (Legacy) Conext XW+ 5.5/6.8 Conext XW+ 7.0/8.5 Conext MPPT 60-150 Conext MPPT 80-600 Conext MPPT 100-600	Ν	lo	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sol-Ark 5K to 15K-P (Outdoor) and 12K to 15K-2P (Outdoor)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sol-Ark (Legacy) 8K - 12K Hybrid Indoor inverters	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SUNSYNK  3K - 16K single-phase and  8K - 12K three-phase low-voltage Hybrid Inverters	Yes	No		Yes	Yes
Victron Energy Color Control GX Venus GX VE.CAN Devices	No	195	Yes	Yes	Yes

# 6.6.1 COM2 Port RJ45 F > Assignment

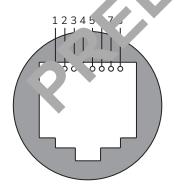


Figure 7. HELIOS ESS COM2 Pins

Pin Number	Function
1	(Do not use)
2	(Do not use)
3	(Do not use)
4	CAN High
5	CAN Low
6	CAN Ground
7	(Do not use)
8	(Do not use)

#### 6.6.2 Closed-Loop Communication Without LYNK II (Straight Cable)

The HELIOS ESS supports closed-loop communication with the following inverters through a CAT6 or higher cable. Refer to <u>Table 6-4</u>, <u>Closed-Loop Communication with Inverters</u>.

- Sol-Ark 5K to 15K-P (Outdoor) and 12K to 15K-2P (Outdoor)
- Deye SUN 3-16K single-phase, 5-12K three-phase Hybrid Inverters
- Luxpower LXP-LB-US 8/10/12K Hybrid, SNA-US 6000 ECO Hybrid Inverters
- NOARK 3K 8K single-phase and 5K 12K three-phase low-voltage Hybrid Inverters
- SUNSYNK 3K 16K single-phase and 8K 12K three-phase low-voltage Hybrid Inverters

Connect the CAT6 or higher cable from the battery's COM2 port directly to the battery port on the inverter.

### NOTICE

- Use a straight-through cable. Do not use a cross-over cable.
- Isolate unused pins. Crossing pin functions may cause sys , 'amag...
- Do not terminate unused wires to ground, power, or other to cons.
- Mixing this communication line with the LYNK Network ay sult in equipment malfunction and damage.

# 6.6.3 Closed-Loop Communication . "ith. vt LYNK II (Create Your Own Cable)

The HELIOS ESS supports closed-topic minimization with the following inverters through a modified CAT6 or higher ca. 3. Refer to <u>Table 6-4, Closed-Loop</u> Communication with Inverters

#### Legacy Sol-Ark

• (Legacy) Sol-Arl - 1 / prid Indoor inverters

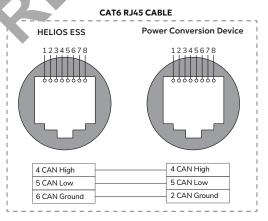


Figure 8. Create Your Own Cable (Legacy Sol-Ark)

### Victron Energy

• Victron Energy Color Control GX, Venus GX, VE.CAN Devices

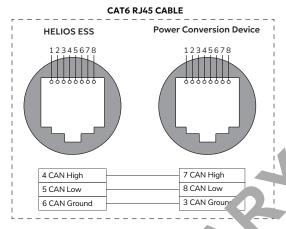


Figure 9. Create Your Own Cable (Vi Fne., y)

### 6.7 COM3/COM4 (LYNK Port)

The COM3 and COM4 ports enable multiple is contributeries to communicate and interact in a closed-loop network. The CO' (CC '4 ports enable multiple HELIOS ESS batteries to work together in a closed-loop on munication system with other networked devices, such as inverter-chargers. A color op system enables safety and optimizes system performance.

### 6.7.1 LYNK Port Commu. 'cation RJ45 Pin Assignment

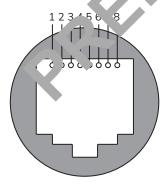


Figure 10. LYNK Port Communication RJ45 pin assignment

Pin Number	Function
1 (1)	Reserved. Do not use.
2 (1)	Reserved. Do not use.
3 (1)	Reserved. Do not use.
4	CAN Low
5	CAN High
6 (1)	Reserved. Do not use.
7	CAN Ground
8	CAN Ground

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  Do not populate. Do not terminate to power. Do not terminate to ground. Do not terminate to CAN\_L or CAN\_H.

### NOTICE

- Use a straight-through cable. Do not use a cross-over cable.
- Isolate unused pins. Crossing pin functions may cause system damage.
- Do not terminate unused wires to ground, power, or other functions.
- Mixing the LYNK Network with other networks may result in equipment malfunction and damage.

#### 7. THEORY OF OPERATION

### 7.1 Ingress Protection IP65

Ingress protection rates the degree of protection provided by mechanical casings and electrical enclosures against intrusion, dust, accidental contact, and water under specified conditions.

The IP65 rating indicates that the product is protected against:

- Dust
- Accidental contact, such as from fingers or tools
- Water, such as low pressure water jets, condensation, and water spray.

### NOTE

The battery is not protected against high province viter jets or submersion in water.

IP codes guide suitability for use under the order or tenvironmental conditions. IP ratings do not indicate fitness for purpose or conference or purpose or conference guarantee.

### 7.2 Internal Heating (F. TLIOS ESS)

The HELIOS ESS batter is equipped with internal heating. When the battery's internal temperature is below  $5 + 1^{\circ}$ F' and the battery is either connected to a charging source or SOC is 50% or for entry is diverted to the internal heater to avoid the undertemperature fault

The heating strong which:

- 1. The batter internal temperature reaches 8°C (46.4°F).
  - Once the cell temperature reaches this threshold, all the energy is directed to charging the cells.
- 2. No charge current is detected and SOC is less than 50%.
  - After the heating stops, if the battery's internal temperature drops below 5°C (41°F) and the battery is connected to a charging source, the heater turns ON again.

For information about internal heating, refer to Sections <u>3.4 Protection Specifications</u> and <u>3.5 Internal Heating Specifications</u>.

### NOTE

Charging and heating can occur simultaneously. However, the BMS will not allow charging to continue when cell temperature drops below 4°C (39.2°F) for 5 seconds.

### 7.3 Battery Management System

#### 7.3.1 Battery Management System Protections

The Battery Management System's (BMS) primary function is to monitor cell module voltage, temperature, and battery current. The BMS uses this information to maintain cell operation within operating specifications. If a parameter falls outside of operating specifications, the BMS will disconnect and protect the battery from:

- 1. Overvoltage: Charge voltages that are too high.
- 2. Undervoltage: Discharged voltage that is too low.
- 3. **Overcurrent:** Current is too high when powering up a load (high inrush current) or from a sustained charging or discharging current above the specified limit.
- 4. Over-temperature: Cell temperature that is too high during charge and discharge.
- 5. **Under-temperature:** Cell temperature that is too low during charge and discharge.
- 6. **Load Qualification:** Protection may occur when switching the back. N. The protection qualifies the load attached to it to prevent switching. V into a everse polarity, short circuit, mixed voltage system, or large capacity expressions.

For trigger and recovery values, refer to Table 3-5, HELIC SS Presction Specifications.

The BMS reconnects when it hits recovery threshold. Man, My switch the battery ON if the BMS disconnects due to low voltage protection. In Joy voltage fault is constantly affecting the system, there may be a constant hara itic area. To prevent the low-voltage fault when the battery is not in use, a physical account of switch is recommended.

After a load qualification fault, there is 12 L se and delay until you can switch ON the battery again.

### NOTE

- Charge and discharge ave aifferent operating temperature limits.
- If the BMS disconnects a response to temperature or current limits, the battery automatically restar only are 120 seconds elapse and the temperature or current reaches normal around limits.

### 7.3.2 B. S.F. e-Charge System

Turn on all the atteries in the battery bank before energizing any inverter-chargers to prevent tripping a breaker in the battery bank while trying to pre-charge the system.

The battery has a Pre-Charge System to energize external capacitive loads before switching the main relay ON. The maximum input capacitance for a single battery should not exceed the values in <u>Table 3-1</u>, <u>HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications</u>.

### **NOTICE**

When switching ON batteries, the inrush current may cause the batteries to fault as they energize external capacitive loads. If the battery fails to turn ON, it retries up to 10 times. Verify the cables and connections, then switch ON the batteries again.

#### 7.3.3 Battery Management System Load Qualification

When the battery switches from the OFF state to the ON state, the battery BMS will qualify the external load before switching ON the main relay. Load qualification will reject switching ON into short circuit, reverse polarity, mixed voltage systems, or capacitive loads that exceed the batteries limits.

The battery will attempt Load Qualification a maximum of ten times. After ten failed attempts at Load Qualification, the battery switches OFF.

During Load Qualification, or when a load is disqualified, the ON/OFF key flashes and displays fault code 7 on the LCD display (see <u>Table 6-3</u>, <u>Fault/Warning Table</u>).

#### 7.3.4 Battery Management System Cell Balancing

The cell balancing circuits in the battery compare all cells in a battery and balance the cell voltage at the end of the charge. When there is a network of battery over the LYNK port, all battery cells are balanced as an entire system, not as individual batteries.

#### 7.3.5 Battery Charge and Discharge Settings

The HELIOS ESS supports direct closed-loop communication with some brands of power conversion devices. Other types of inverters, such as Some der XW+ and XW Prowith Xanbus, require a LYNK Communication Gateway. The LYNK II provides other benefits such as monitoring provides, programmable relays, and LYNK CLOUD. For further information, the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the convergence of the convergence of the LYNK II Gateway Communication User Manual available from the convergence of the

Refer to the appropriate LYNK II Con. unition Gateway Application Note available from <u>discoverenergysys.com</u> for the set of closed-loop parameters and integration with specific brands of solar invester of argers and solar charger controllers.

### 7.4 LYNK Nety rk am nunication

Discover batteric us CAN communication over the LYNK Network to coordinate performance of the her batteries and communicate with accessories such as the LYNK II Communication Gateway.

#### NOTICE

The battery has intelligent CAN termination. Terminating resistors are not required when deploying the battery in a LYNK Network.

#### 7.4.1 LYNK Network Power

A Discover battery provides the LYNK network power through the LYNK port (COM3/COM4). Discover documentation specifies how many batteries are required to provide sufficient power for the LYNK network and compatible accessories. Some accessories may require more than one battery to provide sufficient power.

### **NOTICE**

Do not use an external power source to power devices over the LYNK Network.

### NOTE

The LYNK II Communication Gateway is required for diagnosis of the batteries and to use the LYNK Cloud web service.

#### 7.4.2 LYNK Network Size

One LYNK Network can support up to 36 HELIOS ESS Batteries. The total length of the LYNK network cables must not exceed  $36\ m$  ( $118\ ft$ ).

#### 7.4.3 LYNK Network Cables

CAT6 or higher cables (included with HELIOS ESS batteries) network DS ESS batteries.

### 8. OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

The following optional accessories are available for the HL IC LS battery.

#### Table 8-1, HELIOS ESS Accessories

Accessory	Part Number
LYNK II Communication Gateway	950-0025
HELIOS ESS Sol-Ark 15K Conduit Bu	950-0067
<ul> <li>HELIOS ESS Battery to Inverter Power Colles</li> <li>2 pairs of 200 A cables with lug decick connect:</li> <li>2/0 AWG Positive Power Cable (1.0 m, 39.37 inch)</li> <li>2/0 AWG Negociae Power Cable (1.0 m, 39.37 inch)</li> </ul>	950-0070
<ul> <li>2 pairs of 150 / Source of lug and quick connect:</li> <li>1/0 A / O osit Power Cable (1.0 m, 39.37 inch)</li> <li>1/0 A / O Negative Power Cable (1.0 m, 39.37 inch)</li> </ul>	950-0071
HELIOS ESS F. allel Wire Kit (battery to battery)  • 1 pair of 200 A cables with quick connects:  • 2/0 AWG Positive Battery Cable (1.35 m, 53 in)  • 2/0 AWG Negative Battery Cable (1.35 m, 53 inch)  • CAT6 Cable (1.35 m, 53 inch) (COM3/COM4)	950-0068
HELIOS ESS Terminal Connector Set	950-0072
HELIOS ESS Battery Lifting Handles	950-0069

#### 9. INSTALLATION

The following instructions describe how to connect single or multiple batteries in parallel to an inverter.

### **A WARNING**

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD**

- This equipment must only be installed as specified.
- Do not disassemble or modify the battery.
- Do not touch exposed contents if the battery case has been damaged.
- There are no user-serviceable parts inside.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in death or serious injury.

### NOTICE

- Some chargers and inverters support temperature-compensated charging on the charger or inverter
- Do not use or install a battery temperature sensor.

### NOTE

It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that the constant and standards are met.

#### 9.1 Tools

- Insulated tools sized to match nos, bots, disables
- True RMS Voltmeter
- Wall stud finder
- Appropriate personal rote stive quipment

### 9.2 Location

The HELIOS FSS. tery can be installed indoors or outdoors.

Install the property in locations that meet the following requirements:

- 1. **Wall mou** The battery is designed to be wall mounted. Secure the batteries so that at least 4 bolts of the Wall-Mount Bracket are supported by wall studs.
- 2. **Spacing.** If installing one battery only, allow spacing of at least 300 mm (11.8 in) to each side to access the various ports and terminals and view the battery information.

When installing batteries in parallel, space the batteries at least 305 mm (12 in) between each other. If your installation requires the batteries to be spaced farther apart, you may need to create your own cables with the HELIOS ESS Connector Kit (950-0072).

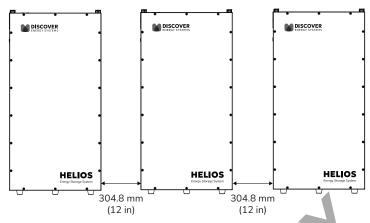


Figure 11. Battery spacing

3. **Do not install in direct sunlight.** Avoid installing the batt  $\sqrt{n}$  in place with high ambient temperature.

#### NOTICE

Damage to the LCD display due to sunlight experience of covered by the warranty.

- 4. **Moderate temperature.** The ambient tem, or at the should be between 4°C and 40°C (39.2°F and 104°F). Ambient tem, the tune of 15°C to 20°C (59°F to 68°F) are ideal for extending battery life.
- 5. **Ventilation.** If housing the battle is a noom, add vents to allow airflow to the outdoors.
- 6. Away from water. Do not stall ir locations that are susceptible to flood or water leakage. If flooding is a danger stall above the ground.

  The rubber feet prove the lattery with 20 mm (0.787 in) of clearance above the ground. Check with local equirements on whether the installation requires extra space below.
- 7. **Orient** To Institling the battery with its feet pointed towards the ground is the recommended orientation. **Never install the battery upside down (feet pointing up).** If you install the battery using any other orientation, ensure the battery is securely mounted and supported to prevent movement and stress on the connections.

### **NOTE**

- Do not use the battery in a location with excessive vibrations.
- The battery has not been evaluated for seismic environments.
- Using this product in a location that does not meet requirements will void the warranty.
- Using this product in any orientation except the recommended orientation may affect performance and the warranty. If you use an alternative orientation, regularly monitor the battery to check for abnormalities.

### 9.3 Attaching the Battery onto a Wall

### **A** CAUTION

#### **HEAVY OBJECT**

Two-person or three-person lift is recommended for the battery.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

The following instructions are based on installing the battery onto a wall. Instructions on installing the inverter itself are provided in the inverter manufacturer's documentation.

- Use a stud finder to locate the wall studs.
   Identify a location that optimizes usability and support for the inverter and battery.
   The battery's Wall-Mount Bracket requires at least 4 bolts supported by wall studs.
- 2. Attach the rope handles to the battery and using a two/three-person let, move the battery to the installation location.

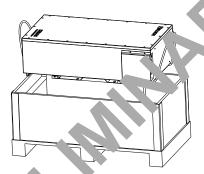


Fig e 1. Use ope handles to lift battery

The Wall-Mount Brook is attached to the back of the battery.

- 3. Remove the sew affix of the Wall-Mount Bracket to the battery. Put the screws aside in a safe and several series of the Wall-Mount Bracket to the battery.
- 4. If installing elbertery off the ground and if the wall studs are not in ideal locations, consider using appropriate structural supports to spread the weight of the 136 kg (299.83 lb, pattery.
- Use the dimensions in the following diagram to mark the location of holes for the HELIOS ESS battery Wall-Mount Bracket. Verify the holes are level and at the right height.

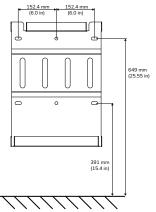


Figure 13. Wall-Mount Bracket Drill Holes

- 6. Drill the holes for the Wall-Mount Bracket.
- Secure the Wall-Mount Bracket to the wall using appropriation is that can support the battery's weight and are compatible with the materal of the wall or studs.
- 8. Attach the HELIOS ESS battery to the Wall-Moun. Rrac at.
  - a. Using a two/three person lift, lift the battery contact attery lifting handles (950-0069), hydraulic lift, or other industrial equations t and hook it onto the Wall-Mount Bracket.

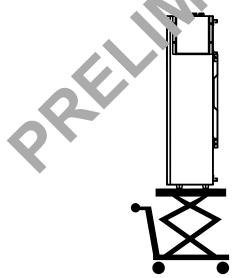


Figure 14. Hydraulic Lift to Mount Battery onto Wall-Mount Bracket

b. From the right and left sides, secure the battery to the Wall-Mount Bracket with the screws that you put aside in step 3.

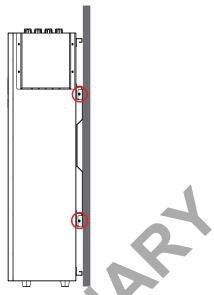


Figure 15. Secure Battery to Wall- Your Adapter

9. Install the inverter near the battery. Refer to the linear manual for instructions.

10. Next, wire the batteries and the inverted

### 1/2 LF

The cover plate protecting the battery will sand COM ports is installed inside out for shipping purposes. Please keet this in minut when re-attaching the cover plate after wiring the battery and communication calles

### 9.4 Wiring

### 9.4.1 DC Cab.

### **A** CAUTION

#### FIRE HAZARL

Undersized cables can become hot and may potentially catch fire.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

Use the Battery to Inverter Power Cables 2/0 AWG (950-0070) or 1/0 AWG (950-0071) to wire the batteries to the inverter. Select the cables compatible with your inverter and inverter settings. You can also use your own DC cables by using the HELIOS ESS Connector Set (950-0072) if the cables are rated for the maximum voltage of any circuits sharing the same wiring space, sized according to local codes, and meet the following requirements.

Copper-stranded cable. DC cables must be stranded, copper, and rated 90 °C
minimum. Terminate the cables on one side with lugs that fit the DC terminals on the

- inverter, and use the quick connect on the other side of the cable for the positive or negative battery terminal.
- 2. **Minimum and equal cable lengths.** Select a location that minimizes the length of battery cables to reduce voltage drop from the impedance leading to reduced performance. If installing multiple batteries in parallel, the length of all the battery cables should be the same.
- Appropriate cable gauge. The cables should be capable of carrying the normally expected current, plus a margin of safety.
- 4. **Proper polarity.** Positive (+) is connected to positive (+), and negative (-) is connected to negative (-). Verify the polarity of all connections before energizing batteries.

#### 9.4.2 DC Protection

### **A** CAUTION

#### **FIRE HAZARD**

- Undersized fuses and disconnects may become overloaded and partially cause a fire.
- Fuses and disconnects are required to open before the call sches as maximum current carrying capability.

#### Failure to follow these instructions may result in inju.

Each battery comes equipped with an integrated by ker that opens the positive pole. When multiple batteries are installed in proceeding the positive pole. In the positive pole with a state of the positive pole. It is a state of the positive pole with a state of the positive pole.

- 1. **Appropriate size.** Size the fuse and list innects following local codes to protect the wiring in the system. The fuses and list innects are required to open before the cable reaches its maximum current carrying capability.
- 2. **Install protection in the positive cable.** The fuse and disconnect should be located close to the battery of installed in the positive cable. Local codes may limit how far the protection can be firm the battery.

### **NOTE**

- AC circuit cakers and DC circuit breakers are not interchangeable. Check the label on the circuit breakers to ensure it is the correct type and rating. Use only DC circuit breakers.
- The local electrical code in your area may require both positive and negative DC disconnect switches. Refer to your applicable code and check with the authority having jurisdiction to confirm local requirements.

#### 9.4.3 Terminal Connections and Hardware

Plug and pull quick connects are used to mate with the plug and pull terminals on the HELIOS ESS battery.

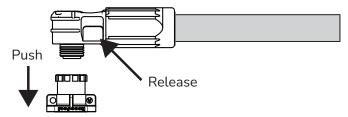


Figure 16. Plug and Pull Quick Connect

- 1. Plug the connector into the plug and pull terminal.
- 2. Gently pull the connector to confirm it is snapped in place.
- 3. To disconnect, press the release button on the side of the connect.

### 9.5 Single Battery Installation

Install equipment following the standards set by the local ut ..., having jurisdiction.

### A CAUT

#### FIRE HAZARD

Use cables that meet specifications. Unclarsized bles can become hot and potentially catch fire.

Failure to follow these instructions ay . sult in injury.

To optimize performance, battle 'cable' (battery to load and battery to charger) must meet the following requirements.

- 1. **Minimum cable len** Se<sup>2</sup> ct a location that minimizes the length of battery cables to reduce the older edre.
- 2. **Equal cable g** ge. me battery cables should be the same gauge.
- 3. **Equal** able eng. 1. The battery cables should be of equal length.

### 9.5.1 Sing. Battery Installation Procedure

### **A** CAUTION

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD**

- Take precautions to avoid bridging the terminals.
- Do not contact the terminals with metal mountings, fixtures, or body parts.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

Install equipment following the standards set by the local authority having jurisdiction. The following instructions assume the battery and inverter have been attached to the wall.

- 1. Prepare the inverter and battery for wiring.
  - a. If the inverter is wired to a power source, open the disconnect and set the inverter OFF
  - b. Use a DMM or other voltage measuring device to confirm the circuit is de-energized.
  - c. If the circuit in which the battery is installed has a disconnect, open the disconnect to isolate the battery.
  - d. Set both the battery BMS and the breaker to the OFF position.
  - e. Use a DMM or other voltage measuring device to confirm the circuit is de-energized.
- 2. Wire the inverter.

The Battery to Inverter Power Cables 2/0 AWG (950-0070) or 1/0 AWG (950-0071) are available to wire the batteries to the inverter. Select the cable compatible with your inverter and inverter settings.

- a. Ensure the cable connections are clean and in working order.
- b. Connect the positive battery cable to a positive battery term at on the overter.
- c. Connect the negative battery cable to a negative terminal arter.

### **NOTE**

The following example uses two pairs of cables between the battery and the inverter.

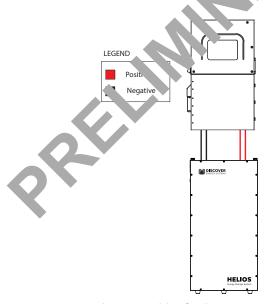


Figure 17. Wiring for One Battery

 Connect the positive battery cables to the receiving pins of the positive battery terminals and push down to enable the connection. Refer to <u>9.4.3 Terminal</u> <u>Connections and Hardware</u>.

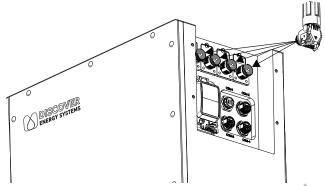


Figure 18. Connect Cables to Battery Terminals

- 4. Connect the negative battery cables to the receiving pins of the pattery terminals and push down to enable the connection.
- 5. Connect the CAN communication cable.

### Closed-Loop Communication with the LYNK II Communication Gateway

If you are using the LYNK II Communication Gater ay, concert the CAT6 communication cable from the inverter to the LYNK (evic) and then to the battery.

a. Attach the CAT6 or higher cable from the 'nve' er to me LYNK II Communication Gateway's CAN port.

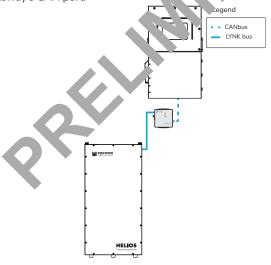


Figure 19. Closed-Loop Communication with LYNK II

b. Attach another CAT6 or higher cable to the LYNK port on the LYNK II, then attach the other end of the CAT6 or higher cable to COM3 or COM4 (LYNK port) on the battery. For more information about LYNK network connections, refer to <u>9.8 LYNK Network</u>.

#### Closed-Loop Communication Without the LYNK II Communication Gateway

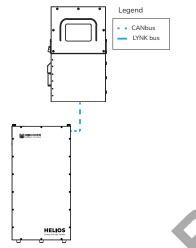


Figure 20. Closed-Loop Communication hout NK I

Closed-loop communication **without** the LYNK II communication Gateway is available with select inverters. Refer to <u>6.6 CCM 2 to North</u> for the list of supported inverters and the specifications on to capture equired to communicate with the inverter.

- a. After confirming the HELIOS ESS support. CAN communication with your inverter without the LYNK II, and after cett. The appropriate CAT6 or higher cable, attach it from the inverter's CAN support to the battery's COM2 port (CAN port).
- 6. Set the battery breaker O' (close).
- 7. Set the battery BMS (N (ON, F' key).
- 8. Close the disconnect first or en.

#### NOTICE

- Avoid ort c cuits. Short circuits will damage the battery and void the warranty.
- Failure to urely lock the ends of battery cables to the receiving pins on the battery will
  increase resistance and lower voltage, leading to burnout of the terminals and voiding of
  the warranty.
- Some inverter-chargers support temperature-compensated charging. Disable temperature compensated charging on the charger or inverter.
- Do not use or install a battery temperature sensor.

### 9.6 Parallel Battery Installation

### **A** CAUTION

#### FIRE HAZARD

Use cables that meet specifications. Undersized cables can become hot and may potentially catch fire.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

Batteries used in a parallel system must meet the following requirements:

- a. Same model. Batteries must be the same model.
- b. **Equal voltage.** The battery has a Pre-Charge System that allows you to connect batteries at different SOC. The best practice is to confirm batteries are within 50 mV (0.05 V) of each other before installing them in parallel.

Cables interconnecting the batteries must meet the following requirements a optimize performance:

- Minimum cable length. Select a location that minimizes the togeth or battery cables to reduce voltage drop from the impedance.
- 2. **Equal cable gauge.** The interconnection cables should less same gauge.
- 3. **Equal cable length.** The interconnection cables should be of equal length.
- 4. **Connectors.** Battery terminal connections quil specific connectors. Refer to 8. OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES.

### 1.7 E

To connect HELIOS ESS batteries in partiel, use either the HELIOS ESS Parallel Wire Kit (950-0068) or busbars.

### 9.6.1 Parallel Batt y Installation Procedure (Parallel Wiring Kit)

The following instructors are using the HELIC (ESC Parallel Wire Kit (950-0068). One kit is required to parallel two batteries. Two kits are required to parallel three batteries.

### **A** CAUTION

#### ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD

- Take precautions to avoid bridging the terminals.
- Do not contact the terminals with metal mountings, fixtures, or body parts.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

#### NOTICE

#### **UNBALANCED BATTERY CELLS**

Paralleling more than three batteries using the Parallel Wiring Kit may lead to unbalanced battery cells.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in equipment damage.

Install equipment following the standards set by the local authority having jurisdiction.

- 1. Prepare the inverter and battery for wiring.
  - a. If the inverter is wired to a power source, open the disconnect and set the inverter OFF.
  - b. Use a DMM or other voltage measuring device to confirm the circuit is de-energized.
  - c. If the circuit in which the battery is installed has a disconnect, open the disconnect to isolate the battery.
  - d. Set both the battery BMS and the breaker to the OFF position.
  - e. Use a DMM or other voltage measuring device to confirm the circuit is de-energized.
- 2. Wire the inverter.

The Battery to Inverter Power Cables 2/0 AWG (950-0070) or 1/0 AWG (950-0071) are available to wire the batteries to the inverter. Select the cable contails with your inverter and inverter settings.

- a. Ensure the cable connections are clean and in working order
- b. Connect the positive battery cable to a positive battery tending inverter.
- c. Connect the negative battery cable to a negative terminal on an inverter.

## When using ONE Set of Battery to Inverter cable

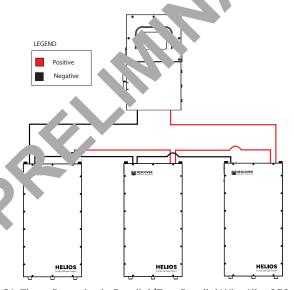


Figure 21. Three Batteries in Parallel (Two Parallel Wire Kits 950-0068)

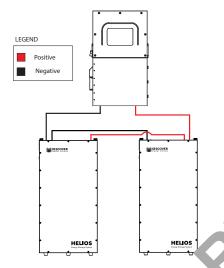


Figure 22. Two Batteries in Parallel (One Parall Wire 950-0068)

3. Connect the positive (+) battery cable in the HELIOS E. 3 F. model Wire Kit (950-0068) to a receiving pin of the positive battery term hals in a battery at one end of the battery bank. Push the ends of cables again ceiving pins to secure the connection.

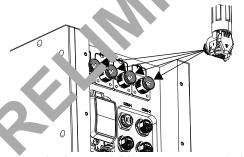
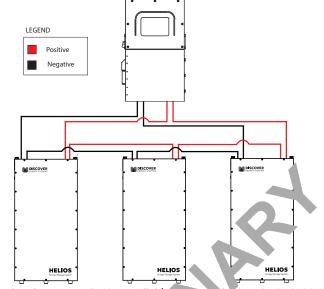


Figure 23. Connect Cables to Battery Terminals

- 4. Connect the negative (-) battery cable to a receiving pin of the negative battery terminals on the battery at the other end of the battery bank. Push the ends of cables against the receiving pins to secure the connection.
- 5. Connect the positive (+) and negative (-) battery cables in the HELIOS ESS Parallel Wire Kit (950-0068) to the receiving pins of the positive and negative battery terminals on batteries as shown in the diagrams below. Push the ends of cables against the receiving pins to secure the connection.

## When using TWO Sets of Battery to Inverter cables



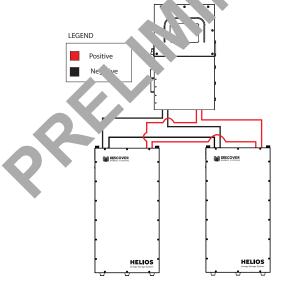


Figure 25. Two Batteries in Parallel (One Parallel Wire Kit 950-0068)

3. Connect one of the positive battery cables from the inverter to a battery on one end of the battery bank, and connect the other cable to the battery on the other end of the battery bank. Push the ends of cables against the receiving pins to secure the connection. Refer to Section 9.4.3 Terminal Connections and Hardware.

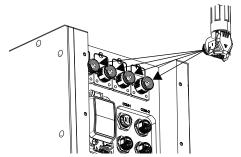


Figure 26. Connect Cables to Battery Terminals

- 4. Connect one of the negative battery cables from the inverter to a battery on one end of the battery bank, and connect the other cable to the battery on the ther end of the battery bank. Push the ends of cables against the receiving pinete secure the connection.
- 5. Connect the positive (+) and negative (-) battery cables in the HF JOS ESS Parallel Wire Kit (950-0068) to the receiving pins of the positive and regative battery terminals on batteries as shown in the diagrams that the Push the ends of cables against the receiving pins to secure the connection.
- 7. Connect the CAN communication cables.

## Closed-Loop Communication with the NNK Communication Gateway

If you are using the LYNK II Communica of Gat, vay, connect the CAT6 communication cable from the inventor he LYNK device and then to the battery bank

- a. Attach the CAT6 or higher cable from the inverter to the LYNK II Communication Gateway's CAN port
- b. Attach another C/ 6 conighe cable to the LYNK II Communication Gateway's LYNK port, there attail the other end of the CAT6 or higher cable to COM3 or COM4 (LYNK port) on the battery. For more information about LYNK network connections, refer to 98 Lowework.
- c. Atta CA 5 or ugher cables between all the batteries. Attach a CAT6 or higher cable c. OM3 or COM4 (LYNK port) on the first battery and to COM3/COM4 on the next b. ttery, and so on, until all the batteries are connected.

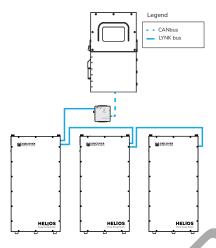


Figure 27. Closed-Loop Communication wit. 'Y

#### Closed-Loop Communication without the LYNK II ununitation Gateway

- a. After confirming the HELIOS ESS poor to SAN communication with your inverter without the LYNK II, and after thin up a appropriate CAT6 or higher cable, attach it from the inverter's CAN to the battery's COM2 (CAN port).
- b. Interconnect all the batter is by attaching CAT6 or higher communication cables (straight cable) to the batter of M3 or COM4 ports (LYNK port).

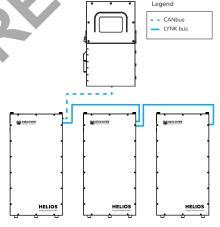


Figure 28. Closed-Loop Communication Without LYNK II

- 8. Set all battery BMS to ON (ON/OFF key).
- 9. Energize the system by setting all battery breakers to ON (close).
- 10. Close the circuit disconnect if it is open.

## NOTICE

Failure to securely lock the ends of battery cables to the receiving pins on the battery will increase resistance and lower voltage, leading to burnout of the terminals and voiding of the warranty.

## NOTE

- Whenever replacing an old battery in a parallel string, use a battery of the same age, model, capacity, and voltage.
- Before installing the battery in parallel, charge each module to 100% SOC. ppen battery breakers may result if the batteries are not at the same SOC.

#### 9.6.2 Parallel Battery Installation Procedure (Busba

This parallel installation method (busbar) is required whe parallely go four or more HELIOS ESS batteries. The following instructions describe for connect batteries in parallel through busbars. Size the busbars so that they are capable of handling the maximum total charge and discharge current capable in beloads and batteries.

The inverter connection is not identified as this in very depending on the inverter type, number of inverters, and distance from the leafurn.

# C. UTION

## ELECTRIC SHOCK AND FIRE YAZARD

- Take precautions to avo' oridg. "t' terminals.
- Do not contact the terminals with metal mountings, fixtures, or body parts.

Failure to follow in result in injury.

#### NOTICE

All DC position and DC negative cables from the busbar to each battery should be the same gauge and same length.

Install equipment following the standards set by the local authority having jurisdiction.

- 1. Prepare the battery for wiring.
  - a. If the circuit in which the battery is installed has a disconnect, open the disconnect to isolate the battery.
  - b. Set both the battery BMS and the breaker to the OFF position.
  - c. Use a DMM or other voltage measuring device to confirm the circuit is de-energized.

#### 2. Wire the batteries.

You can use the Battery to Inverter Power Cables 2/0 AWG (950-0070) or 1/0 AWG (950-0071) to wire the batteries to the busbar.

- a. Ensure the cable connections are clean and in working order.
- b. Confirm the power cables are capable of carrying the normally expected current in the system, plus a margin of safety.

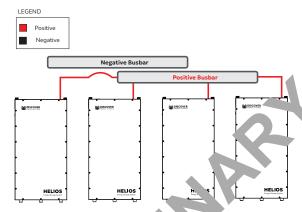


Figure 29. Wiring Battery Positive Terrainals to Positive Busbar

- c. Push the ends of the positive (red +) proceeds to the receiving pins on each battery's positive terminals to see the connection. Refer to Section <u>9.4.3 Terminal</u> Connections and Hardware.
- d. Connect the other end (lugs) of the positive battery cables to the positive busbar.
- e. Push the ends of the reg. 've (black –) power cables to the receiving pins on each battery's negative hattery terminals to secure the connection. Refer to Section <u>9.4.3</u>

  Terminal Connection and Pardware.
- f. Connect the cine end ligs) of the negative battery cables to the negative busbar.
- g. Repeat until " are sufteries are connected to the busbars.

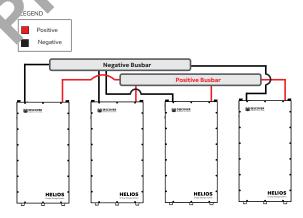


Figure 30. Wiring Battery Negative Terminals to Negative Busbar

# 9.7 Grounding

At the top of the HELIOS ESS battery is a grounding screw.

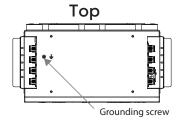


Figure 31. Grounding Screw at Top of HELIOS ESS Battery

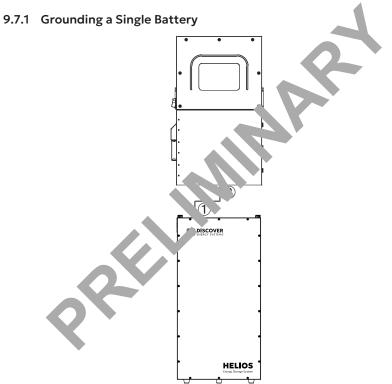


Figure 32. Grounding a Single Battery

- Secure an appropriately sized grounding wire to the grounding screw on the battery.
   Refer to your applicable code and check with the authority having jurisdiction to confirm local requirements.
- 2. Pass the wire from the battery to the grounding port on the inverter.

### 9.7.2 Grounding Multiple Batteries

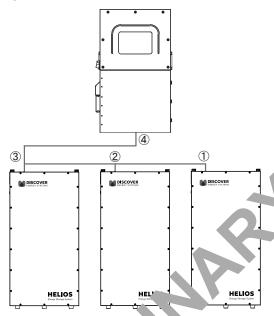


Figure 33. Ground M. Hipi Batteries

- 1. **Grounding the first battery.** Secondary, repriately sized grounding wire to the grounding screw on the farthes battry. For to your applicable code and check with the authority having jurisdiction to confirm ocal requirements.
- 2. **Grounding the second by 'tery.** Pass the wire from the first battery to the second battery and secure the wire to the grounding screw. Secure another grounding wire to the grounding screw in the battery. If this is the last battery in the system, jump to step 4. Otherwise no test p 3.
- 3. **Grounding** et a more batteries. Pass the wire from the previous battery and secretive ire to the grounding screw on this battery. Secure another grounding wire to the councing screw on the battery. Repeat until all the batteries are wired.
- 4. **Ground** the inverter. Pass the wire from the last grounded battery to the inverter's grounding port.

#### 9.8 LYNK Network

#### 9.8.1 Network Layout

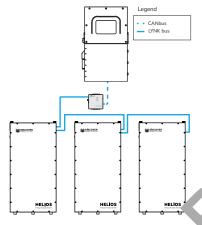


Figure 34. Inverter and Batteries Connected Throu YNK. Communication Gateway

#### 9.8.2 Network Installation

Networking Guidelines:

- Separate data and power cables. All viors paration between data and power cables. Avoid data interference by vine ne work cables separately from power cables.
- Allow for LYNK Network cable sla. Linsure that LYNK Network cables are slack and not in tension.
- Isolate the LYNK Network. Deapt mix other networks with the LYNK Network.

## **NOTICE**

Mixing the LYNK work with other networks may result in equipment malfunction and damage.

#### NOTE

- Termination resistors are not required when networking with the LYNK Network.
- Refer to the <u>LYNK II Installation and Operation Manual (805-0033)</u> for information on setting up the LYNK II Communication Gateway for your particular inverter-charger.

#### 9.8.3 Installation Procedure

- Before beginning a network installation, mount the devices according to their instructions.
- 2. Attach a CAT6 or higher cable to the LYNK port (COM3/COM4) on a battery.
- Connect the other end of the cable to the LYNK port (COM3/COM4) of the following battery.
- 4. Repeat until all batteries are connected.
- Network with other devices and accessories, such as the inverter and LYNK II Communication Gateway, as needed.

#### 9.8.4 Testing and Verification of the LYNK Network

Perform network verification with the LYNK II Communication Gateway (950-0025).

- If the LYNK Network Bus indication LED is illuminated, power and communication for the LYNK network are active
- Use LYNK ACCESS software through a computer to confirm \* en mber or batteries in the LYNK network.
- Use LYNK CLOUD to remotely monitor and troubleshow the barries.

#### 10. OPERATION

The BMS prevents battery operation outside of specific perating conditions.

Understand each of these protections and low see perating conditions.

Table 3-5, HELIOS ESS Protection Specific loss.

## N. TICE

Intentional bypassing of the B. S to operate the battery outside maximum and minimum limits void the warranty.

# 10.1 Low Vo¹ a, ≥ C + Off

As controlled by Sapple ation, program the low voltage cut-off at or above the Low Voltage Disconnect. Table 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications. This action disconnect the load before the BMS enters low voltage protection.

# 10.2 State of Charge

A voltage-based battery meter designed for lead-acid batteries will not provide an accurate state-of-charge (SOC) for lithium batteries. The LYNK II Communication Gateway (950-0025), available from Discover, can be used to communicate an accurate state of charge to other devices.

#### **NOTICE**

Storing or leaving the battery at 0% SOC will lead to irreversible damage and void the warranty.

## 10.3 Charging

Each electrical system will have different characteristics and balance-of-system components. Charger settings may require modifications to optimize system performance.

#### NOTICE

- Confirm that the charging device cannot produce transient spikes that exceed the published terminal voltage limits for the battery.
- Confirm the charging curve meets the battery's charging requirement.
- Never charge a visibly damaged or frozen battery.
- If the battery is stored in a cold environment, it may become frozen and may not accept a charge. Be aware of the supported Charge Temperature range (refer to Section 3.3 Environmental Specifications) for your battery and recharge before it approaches 0% SOC.

#### 10.3.1 Closed-Loop Charging

Closed-loop charging is a method whereby the battery community can the a charger and requests a specific charge voltage. Closed-loop charges a reduce scharge time and increases balancing efficiency compared to open-loop charging

The HELIOS ESS battery can communicate over a CAT or higher cable to support closed-loop charging with the inverters listed in 6. A CALL of Loop Communication Without LYNK II (Straight Cable). By using a stanized wire pin outs for the RJ45 connectors of a CAT6 or higher cable, the highest SS battery can communicate with the inverters listed in 6.6.3 Closed-Loop (1992) icc. ion Without LYNK II (Create Your Own Cable).

The HELIOS ESS supports clared-loop coarging with many other inverter-chargers when combined with the MK. Communication Gateway. Refer to the appropriate Application Note available from discoverenergysys.com for the set up of closed-loop parameters and integration with specific brands of solar inverter-chargers and solar charger controlled.

#### 10.3.2 What o Carge the Battery

- Opport ni\* charging is OK. Charging the battery after every use will not reduce its life.
- Partial State-of-Charge is OK. If the battery SOC is greater than 10% at the end of discharge, it does not require an immediate charge. However, do not continually leave the battery in a partial state of charge as that will reduce its performance as battery cells will become unbalanced.
  - Every 4 cycles, fully charge the battery so the inverter-charger reaches the charge termination criteria. This ensures the battery cells are balanced and that each battery cell is fully charged.
- Charge if below 10% SOC. If the battery has been discharged below 10% SOC, it must be charged within 24 hours to avoid permanent damage to the battery.
   Otherwise, irreversible damage to the battery cells will occur in a very short period of time.

- Low charge current extends life. Charging at 50% of nominal current or lower helps extend the battery cycle life.
- Charge within the proper temperature range. Ensure that charging is within
  the charge temperatures specified in <u>Table 3-4, HELIOS ESS Environmental</u>
  Specifications.

### NOTICE

- The battery must be charged within 24 hours if discharged below 10% SOC. Otherwise, irreversible damage to the battery cells will occur in a very short period of time and void the warranty.
- Do not continually leave the battery in a partial state of charge as that will unbalance the battery cells. Fully charge the battery every 4 cycles so each battery cell is fully charged.
   If the end of charge criteria is not regularly performed, multiple balancing charges may be required to fully charge each battery cell.

The following are two ways to perform a balancing charge.

- Reduce charge termination to 100 mA and maintain 54.4 V for 10 h urs.
- Charge in a closed-loop configuration.

#### NOTE

When the HELIOS ESS battery cells are between  $25^{\circ}$ C ( $43^{\circ}$ F) and  $5^{\circ}$ C ( $41^{\circ}$ F) and either connected to a charging source or SOC is 50% ( $46.4^{\circ}$ F). In the battery cells reach  $8^{\circ}$ C ( $46.4^{\circ}$ F). In the battery cells reach  $4^{\circ}$ C ( $46.4^{\circ}$ F). In the battery will not all the battery will not all the cell temperature in Charge protection, the battery will not all the cell temperature is  $4^{\circ}$ C ( $49.2^{\circ}$ F).

# 10.4 Charging Profile

The Power Conversion dence we require setting up a charging profile even if you use closed-loop charging. Uping the controller of the Power Conversion device, set up a charging configuration with a athium charge profile that matches the charge and discharge setting. Recent to able 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications, for charging parameters.

Refer to the argoropriate Application Note from <u>discoverenergysys.com</u> for setting up closed-loop, rameters and integrating inverter-chargers and battery chargers.

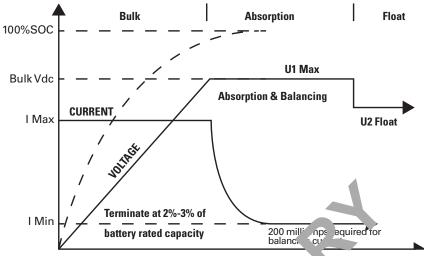


Figure 35. Charge Graph

### NOTICE

- Charge with a Lithium charge profile matching, 'es, cifications of the HELIOS ESS battery.
- Do not charge using a lead-acid charge of file Charging using a lead-acid profile will void the warranty.

## NOTE

Charging at 50% of nominal current lower will extend the battery cycle life.

#### 10.4.1 Bulk Char

**Bulk phase.** The Pull Groupe is the first phase of the charging process, called the constant curve phase. This phase is when the charger's maximum current is directed to the batter, untreaching the desired voltage. The Bulk phase will recharge the battery to approximately 90-95% SOC.

A single-stage charge may be appropriate if the charging source is a generator or other charge source that is inefficient at low output current. A single-stage charge will only complete the Bulk phase portion of the charge curve. This method should return the battery to 90-95% SOC.

Refer to Table 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications, for charging parameters.

#### 10.4.2 Absorption Charge

**Absorption phase.** The second phase of the charging process is Absorption Charge, also called the constant voltage phase. In this phase, the charger reduces current accordingly to maintain the desired voltage.

Refer to Table 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications, for charging parameters.

#### 10.4.3 Equalization Charge

# **A** CAUTION

#### FIRE AND BURN HAZARD

Do not perform an equalization charge on the HELIOS ESS battery.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury.

**Do not equalize charge the HELIOS ESS battery.** Equalization charging is intended only for lead-acid batteries. An equalization charge is a purposeful overcharge that targets a voltage above the standard charge voltage to remove sulphate crystals that form on lead-acid plates over time.

#### 10.4.4 Float Charge

**Float phase.** Float charge, the third phase of charging, is optional. During this stage, the battery is maintained at 100% SOC for extended periods, counteracung any self-discharge or parasitic loads.

• Not necessary. Float charging is not required.

Refer to Table 3-1, HELIOS ESS Electrical Specifications, in the parameters if needed.

### 11. ROUTINE INSPECTION

# A CASTION

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD**

- Do not touch the energized surface. fan electrical component in the battery system.
- Before servicing the battery follow all, picedures to fully de-energize the battery system.
- Follow 1.4 Safe Handling Proc Jures when working with the battery.

Failure to follow thes anst actions may result in injury.

Periodically insper u bac

- 1. Ensure that at To cases are secure and fasteners are torqued properly.
- 2. Inspect and lean, etwork and battery connectors of dirt and debris.
- 3. Ensure Letworking cables and connectors are secure and tight.
- 4. Ensure that the installation location is clean and free from debris.
- 5. Inspect for cracks or bulging in the battery case.
- 6. Replace any damaged batteries.
- 7. Replace any damaged cables.

#### 12. STORAGE

Leaving the battery connected to a trickle load or power electronics will cause the battery to discharge during storage. Without any load, the battery will self-discharge by approximately 3.5% per month while in storage. After storage, charge the battery to 100% SOC and perform at least one full discharge and charge cycle before returning the battery to service.

- Store at 95% SOC or more. To store the battery for up to 6 months, store the battery at 95% SOC or more. It must remain disconnected from all loads and power electronics during storage.
- 2. Switch OFF the battery. Set the battery to OFF.
- 3. **Check SOC every six months.** Recharge the battery to above 95% SOC every six months.
- Proper storage temperature. Ensure storage is within the temperature specified below.
  - 1 Month storage temperature -20°C to 55°C (-4°F to 131°')
  - 6 Month storage temperature -10°C to 30°C (14°F to 86°F)

## NOTICE .

- Leaving the battery connected to a load or power loctro. ics juring storage may subject
  the battery to discharge, resulting in irreversity day age and voiding the warranty.
- Storing the battery outside specified temp ture with esult in irreversible damage and void the warranty.

## OTICE

- Storing or leaving the batery of 90°C will result in irreversible damage and void the warranty.
- If the battery is stored in cold invironment, it may become frozen and may not accept a charge. Be away of our purery's supported Charge Temperature range (refer to Section 3.3 Environme.
- Allowing the latter to self-discharge below an open-circuit voltage of 3.0 VPC will cause irrevers, 2.5° mage and void the warranty.

#### 13. BATTERY FIRMWARE AND DATA LOGS

Always ensure the battery is using the latest firmware.

Connect LYNK ACCESS software for 64-bit Windows 10 / 11 to either the LYNK II Communication Gateway (USB Type B connector) or to the HELIOS ESS battery's USB Type C port (see Figure 4. HELIOS ESS Battery Components, Item #13) to update the battery firmware and to download data logs from the battery.

**LYNK II Communication Gateway** devices are available from Discover dealers and distributors. Get the latest **LYNK ACCESS** software and battery operating firmware from the Discover website at discoverenergysys.com.

#### 14. TROUBLESHOOTING

Accurate troubleshooting and warranty claims require data logs from each battery.

To share data logs LYNK ACCESS software for 64-bit Windows 10 / 11 is required to download data logs from each battery in the system:

- Connect to the LYNK II Communication Gateway through a USB connection with the LYNK II Communication Gateway device to download the data logs from all the batteries in the system.
- When the system does not use the LYNK II Communication Gateway device, connect to the USB Type C port on the HELIOS ESS battery to download the data logs from that one battery. If the system includes multiple batteries, download the data logs from each battery, one by one.

#### 15. RELATED INFORMATION

For warranty information, refer to 885-0098 Discover HELIOS SE attery Warranty Policy, available from the Discover website at discoverenergys.

# 16. GLOSSARY OF TERMS, ABBREY 'AT, "NS, AND ACRONYMS

AFB Arc Flash Boundary	Lie, O <sub>4</sub> , Lithium Iron Phosphate
BMS Battery Management System	र। A ot Mean Square
DMM Digital Multimeter	SOC State of Charge
DOD Depth of Dischage	VPC Volts Per Cell
IBF Bolted F (lt C) rrent	

#### **APPENDIX**

# A.1 HELIOS ESS Commissioning Checklist

Use this checklist to confirm the correct installation and function of the HELIOS ESS during the commissioning of the complete energy storage system. This checklist is only for the installation and operation of the HELIOS ESS . Further system-level functionality checks and tests must be performed once the full system is interconnected with the HELIOS ESS to complete commissioning.

#### **Battery Installation**

PROCEDURE	CHECK
Ensure that the battery is securely anchored to the Wall-Mount Bracket. Prify that:	
All FOUR screws are tight	
The battery and Wall-Mount Bracket are secure and the wall ws signs of losing integrity.	
Check the battery cable connections on the inverter Verify that:	
The positive battery cables (RED) are fastred the correct positive terminal on the inverter and secured using the toruse as recommended by the inverter manufacturer.	
The negative battery cables (BLAC, a) stened to the correct negative terminal on the inverter and secured using the torque as recommended by the inverter manufacturer.	
3. Check the battery cables and the edions to the battery.  Verify that:	
• The positive but y call are connected to the correct positive battery terminals.	
• The page of the terry cables are connected to the correct negative battery term, als	
Each bate y terminal connection is latched in place.	
Note: You should not be able to pull off the connector without pressing the release button on the side of connector.	
If applicable, check the Conduit Box.     Verify that:	
The conduit box, installed between the inverter and battery, is secure and not loose.	
The cables passing through the conduit box are not rubbing against any sharp edges.	
The cables are not overly bent or curled as a result of passing through grommets and conduit.	

PROCEDURE	CHECK
Equipment is bonded as required per the local installation code.  Verify that:	
<ul> <li>A suitable-sized bonding wire is connected from the ground terminal on the battery to a marked bonding terminal.</li> </ul>	
Additional disconnects and overcurrent protection required by the installation code are installed and suitably rated.  Verify that:	
Overcurrent protection is suitably rated for min 60 Vdc, 300 A per DC output.	
Disconnect is rated for min 60 Vdc, and for operating under load of 200 A per DC output.	

# **Battery Operation Verification**

Verify the items below to confirm that the protection functions of the patteries are working correctly.

PROCEDURE	CHECK
Confirm that each battery breaker is CLOSED, and the ON/OFF push button.  Verify that:	
<ul> <li>The battery status LED turns a solid GRL TIX</li> <li>NOTE:</li> <li>If the LED does not turn ON, there can assue with the battery. Contact Technical Support.</li> <li>If the LED flashes, a sull has contract Use LYNK Access software to find details about the in 1t</li> </ul>	
2. Repeat step 1 re the ceries in the system.	

# A.2 Decommissioning Checklist

This checklist is only for the battery energy storage system; further system-level decommissioning procedures on the full system may be required. Refer to the manuals of connected DC loads, power conversion equipment, and other components in the system.

## Disassemble, Recycle, and Dispose

PROCEDURE	CHECK
Open disconnect devices to ensure there is no electrical connection to any externally connected Power Conversion Equipment.	
2. Turn off each battery one by one using the battery ON/OFF push buttons.	
3. Use a multimeter to verify there is no voltage on the battery terminals.	
4. Disconnect and remove battery cables from the inverter and batterie	
5. Disconnect and remove CAT6 or higher communication cables.	
6. If using conduit box:	
Disconnect and remove conduit.	
Remove cable glands and grommets.	
Remove the conduit box.	
7. Remove the screws holding the battery he vall-mount Adapter.	
8. Using a two or three-person lift or real on all d, detach the battery from the Wall-Mount Adapter.	
9. Remove the Wall-Mount fasteners and detach the Wall-Mount Bracket.	
10.Recycle all recyclable components	
11.Dispose of unrecycla omponents following local waste disposal guidelines.	