

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Should the RV use DC power or inverter



## Overview

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Can an RV inverter use AC power?

If an electronic device is designed for DC power, it cannot use AC power, and vice versa. This is where your RV converter and inverter come in. An RV converter takes AC power, from a shore power connection, converts it into DC, and lowers the voltage to 12 volts. Once the energy is converted, it's sent directly to your RV's batteries.

What is an RV converter & inverter?

An RV inverter provides clean, quiet power to all your devices. And, it doesn't require any additional fuel. Overall, your RV converter and inverter are essential parts of your RV's electrical system. Your converter turns AC shore power into DC power to charge your batteries and power certain things like lights and pumps in your RV.

Do all RVs have a converter?

All RVs will have a converter installed. If you don't have one, it's highly recommended. Inverters aren't quite as essential, but if you want to power devices like coffee makers or TVs using your batteries, you'll be glad you have one. [The Difference Between an RV Converter and an RV Inverter?](#)

An RV converter and inverter have very similar jobs.

Do you need an inverter for a camper van?

Inverters are the opposite of converters. They take 12v battery power and turn it into 120v AC power. Inverters are popular in DIY camper vans, but they are only as good as your battery bank. You'll need replace the power you use with either an inverter charger, generator, or with RV solar panels and a charge controller.

How does an RV inverter work?

In other words, an inverter boosts your 12V direct current power supply to a 120V alternating current power supply. An RV inverter takes the 12V power from your battery bank (like our set of Battle Born lithium batteries) and changes it to 120V power capable of powering appliances like TVs, computers, and coffee makers.

Should you leave an RV inverter on all the time?

Typically, it's not necessary to leave an RV inverter on all the time. The inverter does draw some power on its own (even with nothing plugged into it or turned on and drawing power), so you won't generally want to leave it on when it isn't needed to supply power.

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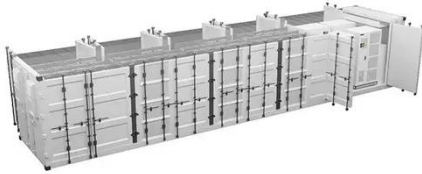
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