

How to set up a solar “battery maintenance” system for your Lithium Battery

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The following info relates to the battery charging system I have for off grid battery power and battery maintenance. I take no responsibility for how this information is used.

Renogy charge Controller and the HQST Solar Panel 50 Watt 12 Volt Polycrystalline Portable, High Efficiency Module Off Grid PV Power for Battery Charging in Off Grid Applications

The solar panel:




HQST
HIGH QUALITY SOLAR TECHNOLOGY


Email: sales@myhqsolar.com
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Module Type:
HQST-50P


Max Power at STC (P_{max})	50 W
Open-Circuit Voltage (V_{oc})	21.1 V
Optimum Operating Voltage (V_{mp})	17.6 V
Optimum Operating Current (I_{mp})	4.32 A
Short-Circuit Current (I_{sc})	3.04 A
Temp Coefficient of P_{max}	-0.40%/°C
Temp Coefficient of V_{oc}	-0.30%/°C
Temp Coefficient of I_{sc}	0.06%/°C
Max System Voltage	600VDC (UL)
Max Series Fuse Rating	15 A
Fire Rating	Class C
Weight	2.85kg / 6.27lbs
Dimensions	472x657x30mm/18.5x25.8x1.18in
STC	Irradiance 1000 W/m ² , T = 25°C, AM=1.5


WARNING: This module produces electricity when exposed to light. Please follow all applicable electrical safety precautions. Only qualified personnel should install or perform maintenance work on these modules. Beware of dangerously high DC voltages when connecting modules. Do not damage or scratch the rear surface of the module. Follow your battery manufacturer's recommendation.











Brand	HQST
Material	Aluminum
Item Dimensions	25.87 x 1.18 x 18.58 inches
Efficiency	High Efficiency
Maximum Voltage	12 Volts

About this item

- **【High Efficiency】** Fully self powered off-grid system, maximizes system output by reducing mismatch loss. Portable back up power. Perfect for various off-grid applications that include 12 and 24 volts arrays, water pumping systems, signaling systems, charge batteries in RV, marine, trailer, cottage, cabin water pumping and other off-grid applications.
- **【Versatile】** HQST 50W 12V solar panel is perfect for 12 volt battery charging or multiple panels can be wired in series for 24/48 volt battery charging or for grid-tied applications. Includes connectors to plug into existing HQST solar system. Diodes are pre-installed in junction box and a pair of 1.2in 12AWG cables.
- **【Easy Installation】** Waterproof IP65 Rated Junction Box advanced water and dust proof level (complete protection against environmental particles and low pressure water jets). Easy Installation with pre-drilled hole.
- **【Durable】** Polycrystalline cells grade A solar cells; heavy duty anodized aluminum frame. Weatherproof Solar panels applies a more durable aluminum alloy frame. It's windproof and rainproof, but it can't be immersed in water.
- **【Reliability】** HQST provides complete after-sales service, easy-to-reach customer support.

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This link take you to the **50 watt solar panel** I am using:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B018BLW1R4?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details&th=1

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This link take you to the **10 amp Renogy charge controller**:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07NPDWZJ7/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o02_s00?ie=UTF8&th=1

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This link take you to the **30 amp Renogy charge controller**:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07G1PL1B9/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o02_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

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