



# User's Manual

## Industrial Solar Power PoE Switch

▶ BSP-300



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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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## Chapter 1. Renewable Energy

“**Renewable energy**” means the energy of which the source never runs out. In order to enable human beings to develop sustainably on Earth, renewable energy is a must. However, only the use of renewable energy does not guarantee sustainable living. This is due to the fact that renewable energy will continue to cause pollution or manufacturing waste (for example, the heavy metal used in solar cells). Only when the waste generated by the renewable energy can be processed, can we indeed make living sustainable.

Currently, there are six major renewable energy technologies, including:

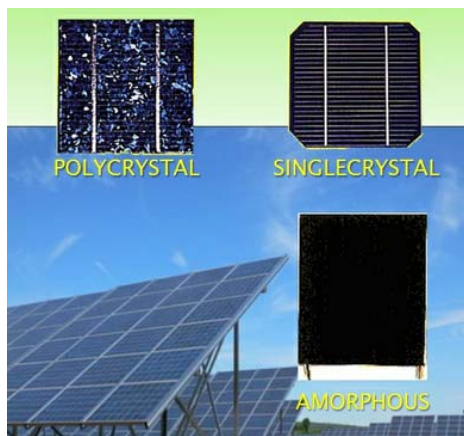
1. Solar Energy
2. Hydro Energy
3. Wind Energy
4. Biomass Energy
5. Geothermal Energy
6. Ocean Energy (including the tidal and thermal energy conversion)

***To Protect the Earth, Please Make Greater Use of Renewable Energy***

### 1.1 Solar Photovoltaic Cell

A solar cell is a photovoltaic semiconductor thin panel which can utilize the sunlight directly to generate electricity. As it is illuminated with light, the voltage and current can be generated immediately. Such kind of solar photovoltaic cell is usually referred to as a photovoltaic cell or solar cell.

In the early translated books in Taiwan, such a device is directly referred to as solar batteries according to the Kanji characters in Japanese. In fact, they are not batteries but cells, and can also be referred to as solar chips.



In physics, such an energy conversion process is called “photovoltaic” (PV) (photo = light, voltaic = electricity).

Silicon is a chemical element with a representative symbol “Si” in chemistry; it has an atomic number of 14; and it is a metal-like element. A silicon atom has four electrons in the outmost orbit. Compared to carbon in the same column of the periodic table, silicon has a more stable chemical property. Silicon is the most common element, but rarely appears in its elemental form in nature. It usually exhibits a complex form of silicate or silica, which widely exists in rocks, gravel, and dirt. Silicon is the eighth abundant element in the universe. In the Earth’s crust, it is the second abundant element which makes up 25.7% of the total mass of the Earth’s crust, second only to the most abundant element oxygen (49.4%).

In addition to the external dimensions, the specifications of photovoltaic (PV) panels include some characteristic data:

- Voc = Open-circuit voltage
- Isc = Short circuit current
- Vmp (Vop) = Maximum operating voltage
- Imp (Iop) = Maximum operating current
- $V_{mp} \times I_{mp} = \text{Watt} / (\text{Max}) \text{ Power}$
- Usually, the data shown in the brochure of a photovoltaic product are under the “international Standard light source condition”: 100mW/m<sup>2</sup>
- i.e., the solar illuminance at noon in an unclouded summer day which is 1.2 million LUX at the temperature of 25 degrees Celsius is used as the test condition.
- For the different climate at different locations, the efficiency of the solar panel will be different.

## 1.2 Actions for Operation Safety

- All electronic and electrical operations must be carried out according to the local and/or international electro technical regulations or standards.
- Before installation or use of such device, please read this manual as well as the instructions and precautions for the controller, battery, solar panel and any other device.



### CAUTION

*The generic lead-acid battery may produce explosive gas, and the short circuit of the positive and negative electrode of the battery may generate an electric current up to thousands of amperes.*

- Do not expose this product and the battery directly to the rain, snow or any type of liquid. For outdoor installation, it is recommended that it would be better to install the device in a box with

proper ventilation.

- While connecting the PV panels or the batteries to the controller, do not cause short circuit; It may damage the normal functions of the controller.
- In order to reduce the possibility of short circuit, please use insulated tools during the installation or operation.
- During the installation operation, please take off watches, diamond rings, necklaces, jewelry, etc. So as to reduce the possibility of accidents.
- The system where the controller resides may contain several electrical circuits (batteries, solar panels, or mains power). Please carefully handle the electrical devices.
- Before operation, please determine if the specifications of the PV panels and the lighting apparatus are within the proper operating range of the controller for solar charging and discharging.
- Do not attempt to repair this product. For any problems, please contact your local agent or dealer.

## Chapter 2. Introduction

### **Industry-leading integration of PoE technology and Solar Power System**

For the increasing demand of network installation anywhere, the PLANET BSP-300 Industrial Solar Power PoE Switch now provides the ideal solution. Powered by Zero-Carbon emission source - the sun light, the BSP-300 incorporates Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) charge controllers to effectively force the solar panels to operate at the same voltage as the battery bank during charging. The BSP-300 can empower the high power PoE network devices anywhere without any obstacles of geographical barrier.

With the integration of IEEE 802.3at PoE technology and solar power system, the BSP-300 provides hassle-free and maintenance-free solution for those in need for fast connectivity that require great flexibility and reliability, such as remote monitoring and long distance wireless communication. The BSP-300 makes the network deployment more easily and reliably.

### **Plug and Play High Power PoE Network Deployment**

Through its two IEEE 802.3at Gigabit High Power PoE interface delivering power to wireless access points and IP cameras; the BSP-300 makes it easy to realize far-reaching data transmission and IP surveillance in remote areas. Just simple Plug and Play, the 802.3at / 802.3af PoE wireless LAN and IP surveillance system can be constructed easily without additional wiring.

### **Zero-Carbon and Stable Power Supply**

The BSP-300 utilizes the solar power sourcing and co-works with common Nickel-cadmium battery or Lead-acid battery to form an independent solar power supply system for outdoor network system. The BSP-300 delivers zero-carbon and uninterruptible power supply for continuous outdoor wireless and IP surveillance applications without the need of any cabling. This system saves 100% power loss for users. It can power the client devices and charging at the same time during the day and continuing the operation in the right with the co-working battery.



## Application Site

- Forest / National Park Monitoring
- Public Surveillance / Public Wireless LAN System
- Telecom / ISP Wireless Extension
- Hospital / Remote Health Care
- Village / Resort
- Harbor / Oil rig / Mine industry

Instant Network Infrastructure for Critical Mission

## 2.1 Overview

This user's guide explains how to operate this Solar Power PoE Switch from a computer. User should read this manual completely and carefully before you operate the Solar Power PoE Switch.

## 2.2 Features

### Hardware

- **Dual IEEE802.3at / 802.3af Power over Ethernet interfaces**
  - Free the wiring for networking system installation, up to 100 meters distance for both power and data transmission
  - Enables flexible installation of dual PoE Wireless Access Point, Hot-spot Gateway or Surveillance system.
- **Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) Protection**
  - Reverse current protection to prevent the current circuits from flowing back to the PV panel
  - Over-current and Over-temperature protection
  - Reverse polarity protection (for battery and charging electrodes)
  - PWM voltage output control at power load

## System

### ■ Smart Power Management System

- Co-working with 300 watts solar PV kit and battery, the BSP-300 empowers the connected PoE devices in the day time and charging the battery stably.
- In the night time, the smart power system monitors and empower the client devices and helps to extend the battery life from charging and discharging.
- Easy diagnose of the system operating status via LED indicator
- Parameter settings can be remotely configured through the computer

### ■ Installation

- Integrates with solar PV and battery for easy installation of PoE devices and enabling client devices plug-and-play
- Battery type options: Nickel-cadmium battery, Lead-acid battery

## 2.3 Package Contents

- 1 x BSP-300
- 1 x Quick Installation Guide
- 1 x RS232 Console Cable
- 1 x CD
- 2 x Rack Ear
- 1 x Screw Kit

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**NOTE:** *If any of the above items are missing, please contact your dealer immediately.*

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## 2.4 Specification

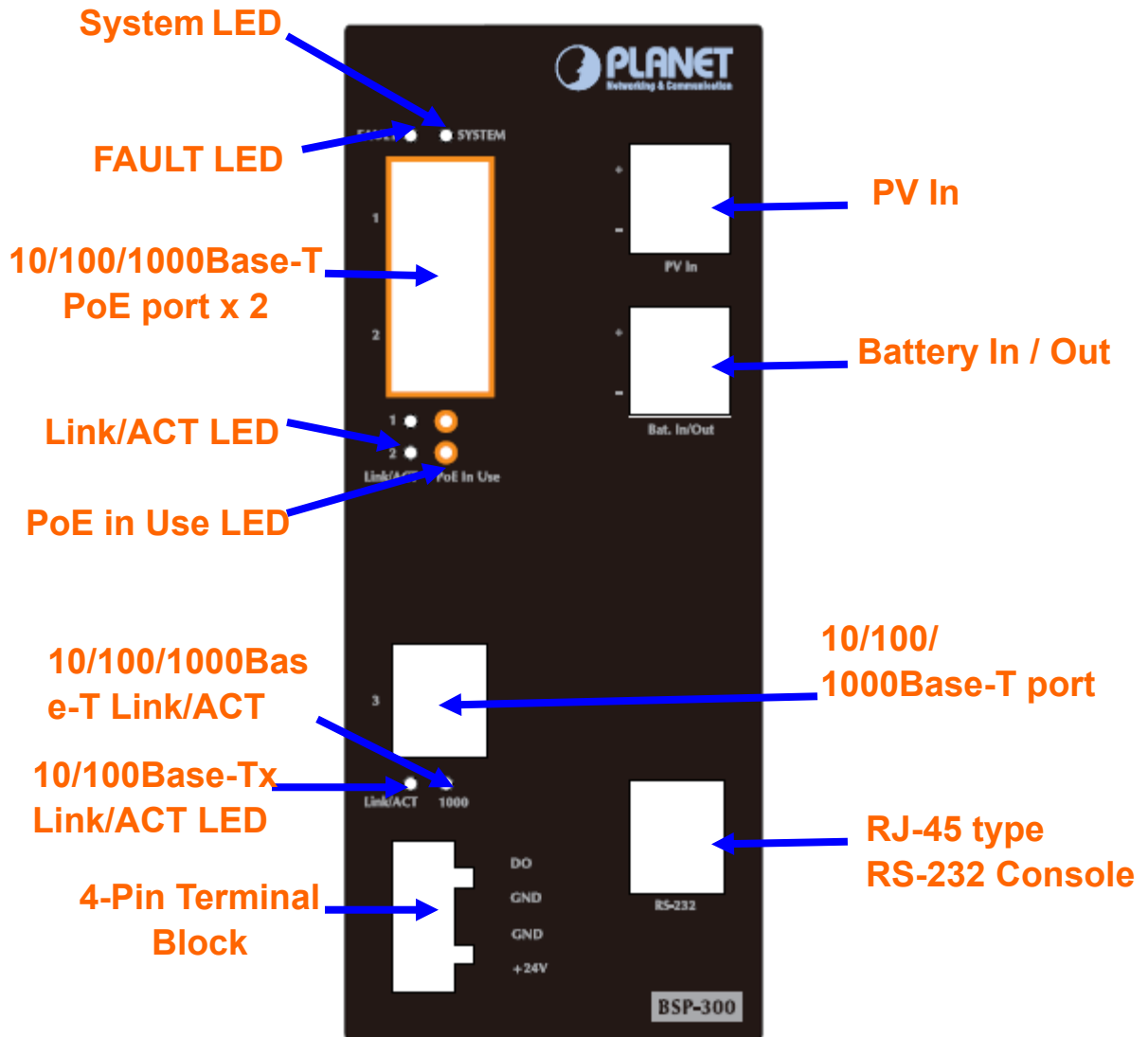
Product	BSP-300
<b>Hardware Specification</b>	
Network Connector	3-Port RJ-45 for 10/100/1000Base-T (2-Port with 802.3at / 802.3af PoE injector function)
Console Port	1 x RS-232 RJ-45 serial port
Power Output	1 x DC out 24@ 2A maximum (two-pin terminal block) 2 x PoE out 52VDC; max. 30 Watts per PoE port
LED	<p>System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System (Green)</li> <li>Fault (Green)</li> </ul> <p>Per PoE Port (Port 1 / Port 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link / Active (Green)</li> <li>PoE In-Use (Orange)</li> </ul> <p>LAN Port (Port 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1000 Link / Active (Green)</li> <li>10/100 Link / Active (Green)</li> </ul> <p>Per PoE Interface:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power LNK/ACT (Green)</li> <li>PoE In-use (Orange)</li> </ul>
<b>Power over Ethernet</b>	
Standard	IEEE802.3at / IEEE802.3af
Port	Port 1, Port 2
Power pin	RJ-45 Pin# 4/5 (+); Pin#7/8 (-); PSE Mid-span
Power voltage injecting	52VDC
Consumption	30 watts max.; PoE class 4
<b>Electrical Characteristics</b>	
System voltage ratings	24VDC
Maximum charging current	15A

Max. solar array Voc	60VDC
Max. operating voltage	45VDC
Total current consumption	While operating -32mA At idle -11mA
High temperature shutdown	100 Degree C disconnect solar and load 80 Degree C reconnect solar and load
Overload Capacity	Over 15 Amp will cut off output load
<b>Battery Charging Characteristics</b>	
Charge algorithm	Bulk charge (constant current), Absorption charge (constant voltage) and Floating charge. Absorption and Floating charge with PWM protection.
Maximum output current	15A
Nickel-cadmium battery	± 40 mV/Degree Celsius for NiCad type batteries, Charge cut-off @ 55 Degree C (Temperature compensation Baseline@ 25 Degree C)
Lead-acid battery (Default Setting)	± 60 mV/Degree Celsius for lead acid type batteries, Charge cut-off @ 55 Degree C (Temperature compensation Baseline@ 25 Degree C)
Float charge voltage	DC 27.2V ( 26.0~30.0V )
Absorption charge voltage	DC 29.2V ( 28.0~32.0V )
LVD (Low Voltage Disconnection)	DC 22.2V ( 21.0~25.0V )
LVR (Low Voltage Reconnection)	DC 24.8V ( 23.0~27.0V )
<b>Standards Conformance</b>	
Computer Interface	IEEE 802.3 10Base-T IEEE 802.3u 10/100Base-TX IEEE 802.3ab 10/100/1000Base-T IEEE 802.3at / 802.3af for PoE (Power over Ethernet) devices
Regulation Compliance	CE, FCC

<b>System Unit</b>	
Operating Temperature	-20 ~ 60 Degree C
Storage Temperature	-40 ~ 90 Degree C
Operating humidity	20% ~ 80%
Dimension (W x D x H)	107.2 x 152 x 65.7 mm
Weight	0.79kg
Installation	DIN Rail Kit and Wall Mount Kit
Software Utility	Device detect / diagnostic, Windows XP / 7

## 2.5 Physical Description

Front view



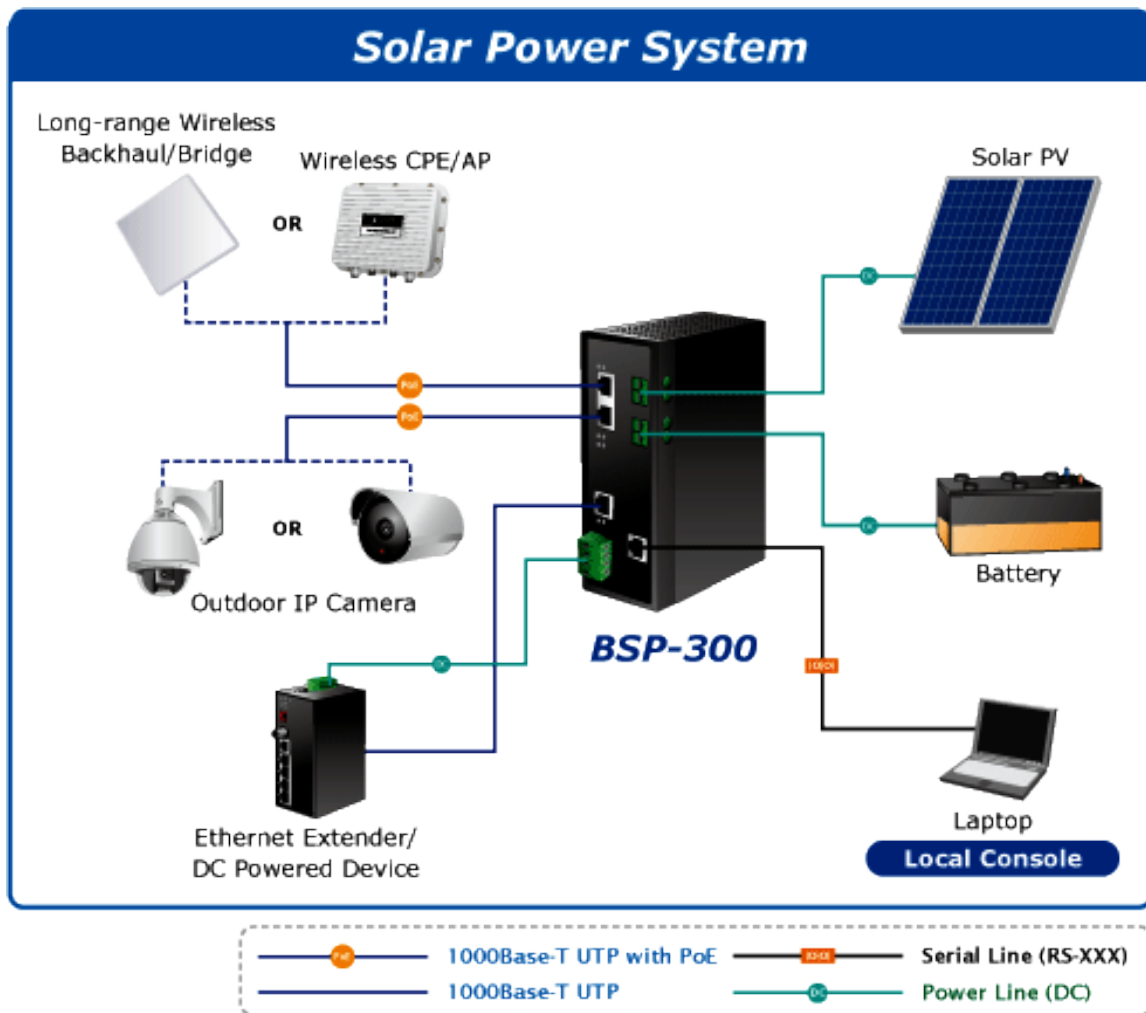
## LED Definition

LED	Status	Description
<b>System</b>	Slow Blink	System On.
	Fast Blink	The battery is Charging.
<b>Fault</b>	Slow Blink	The PV disconnects.
	Fast Blink	The battery voltage is less than the value for low-voltage disconnection.
	On	Bad Battery / Over-current / Short-circuit.
<b>Link/ACT (For Port1/2)</b>	On	The 10/100/1000Base-T PoE port is link up.
	Blink	The BSP-300 is actively sending or receiving data over that port.
<b>PoE in Use</b>	On	A PoE device is detected.
	Off	No PoE device attached.
<b>1000 (For Port3)</b>	On	The port is running in <b>1000Mbps</b> speed and successfully established.
	Blink	The BSP-300 is actively sending or receiving data over that port.
<b>Link/ACT ( 10/100Base-Tx For Port3)</b>	On	The port is running in <b>100Mbps</b> speed and successfully established.
	Blink	The BSP-300 is actively sending or receiving data over that port.

## 2.6 Application

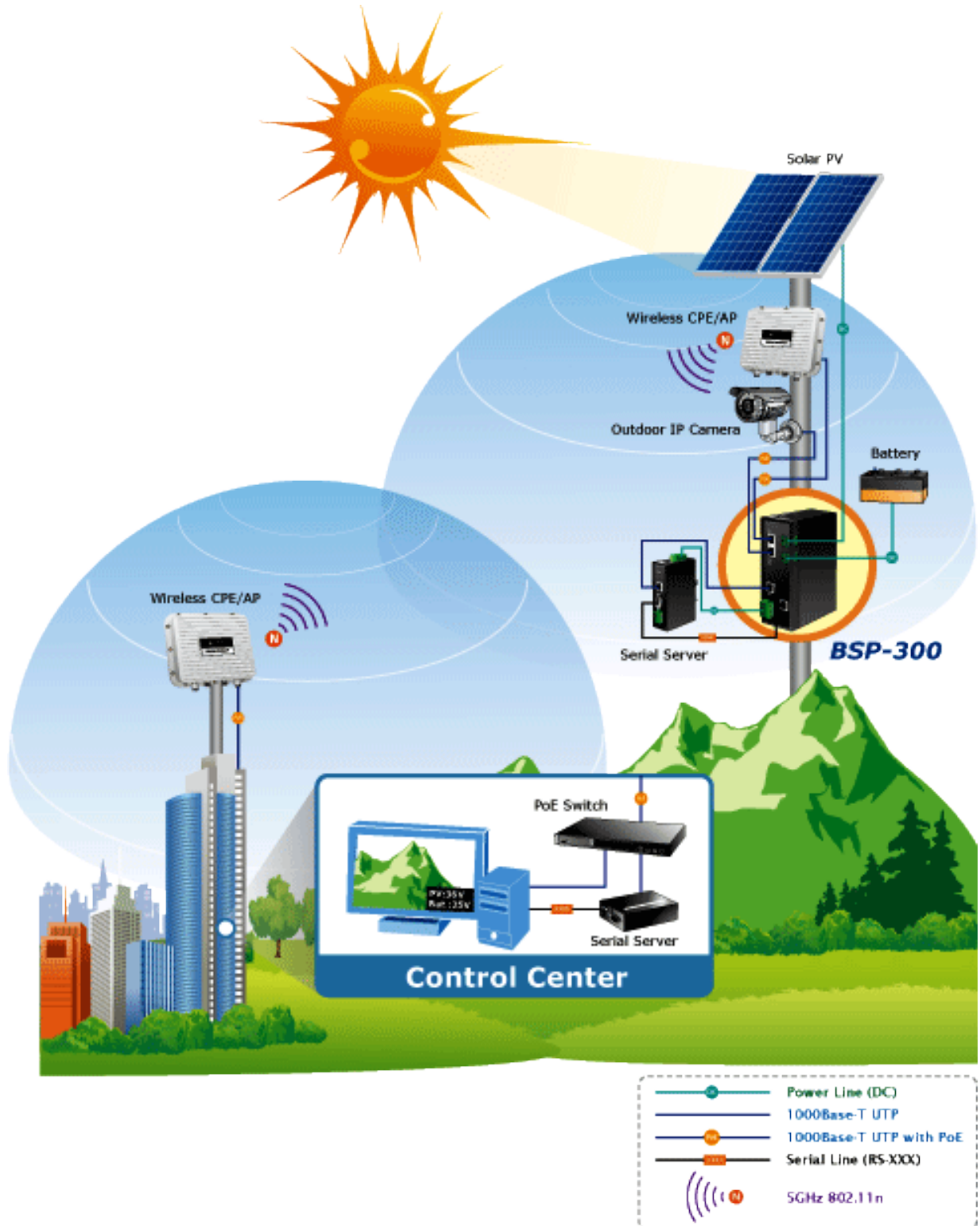
### Solar PoE Power Supply for Long Distance Wireless Surveillance Solution

Provides plug and play instant Internet Service, the BSP-300 can be deployed anywhere in the city where there is need of Wireless Internet Connection. With the two 802.3at / 802.3af PoE interfaces, the BSP-300 enables you to install the PoE Access Point such as PLANET WAP-7500 and WSG-500 in any place of the city where there is no direct AC electricity. Just connect the PoE wireless access points or IP cameras to the BSP-300, the wireless LAN or Surveillance system can be deployed immediately.





By working with a pair of serial over Ethernet Media Converter and the Wireless transmission, the BSP-300 Industrial Solar Power PoE Switch can be efficiently managed from remote monitor center.



## Chapter 3. Basic Setup

### 3.1 Hardware Installation

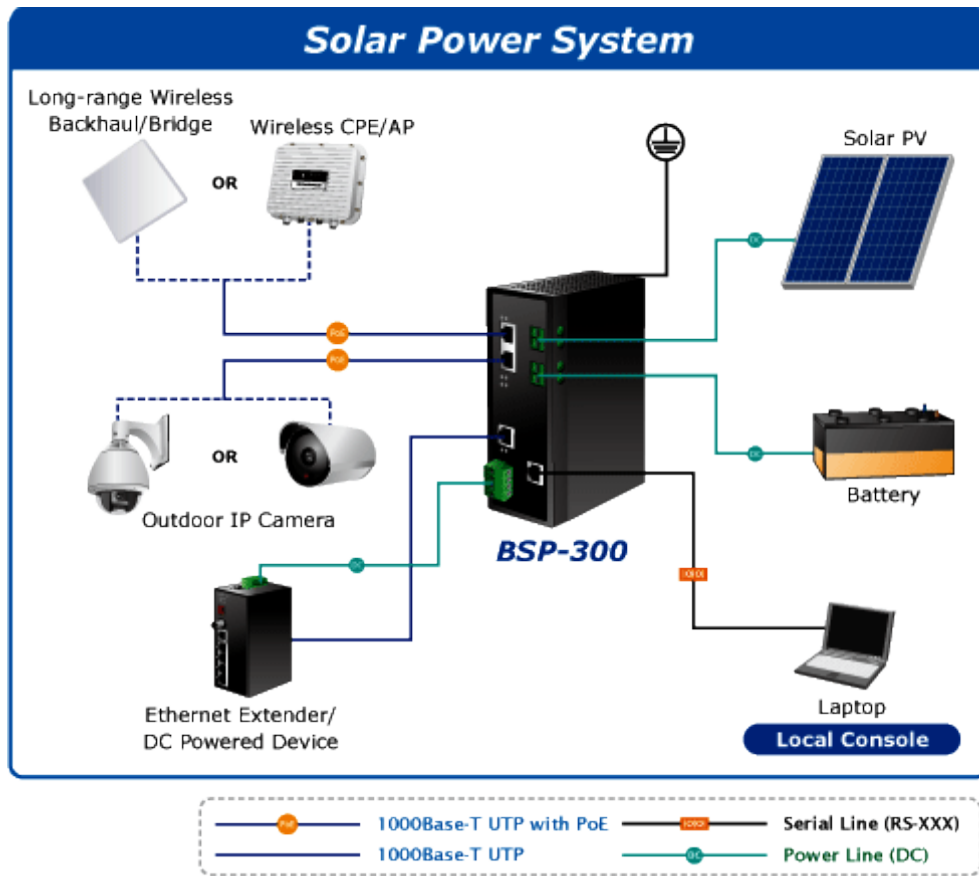
#### 3.1.1 Safety Precautions

**Please read before using**

- 1) All electrical work must be done in accordance with local, and/or international electrical codes.
- 2) Before installing or using this device, read all instructions and cautionary marking located in (or on) this guide, the controller, the batteries, PV (Photovoltaic) array and any other device used.
- 3) To reduce the risk of short-circuits, use insulated tools when installing or working with the inverter, the controller, the batteries, or any DC source (e.g., PV).
- 4) Remove all jewelry. This will greatly reduce the chance of accidental exposure to live circuits.
- 5) The controller contains more than one live circuit (batteries and PV array).  
Power may be present at more than one source.
- 6) This product contains no user serviceable parts. Do not attempt to repair this unit unless fully qualified.

#### 3.1.2 Install Solar Power PoE Switch

Please follow the following instructions to setup your new Solar Power PoE Switch.

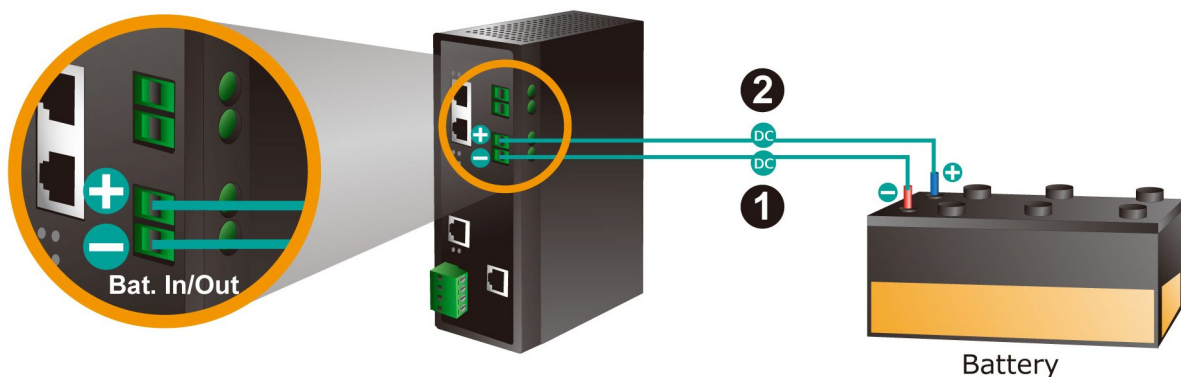


### Step 1. Install BSP-300

Fix BSP-300 to desired location with wall mount fixture.

- NOTE:**
1. Please install the BSP-300 in a proper enclosure or shelter.
  2. The BSP-300 must be grounded.

### Step 2. Install battery

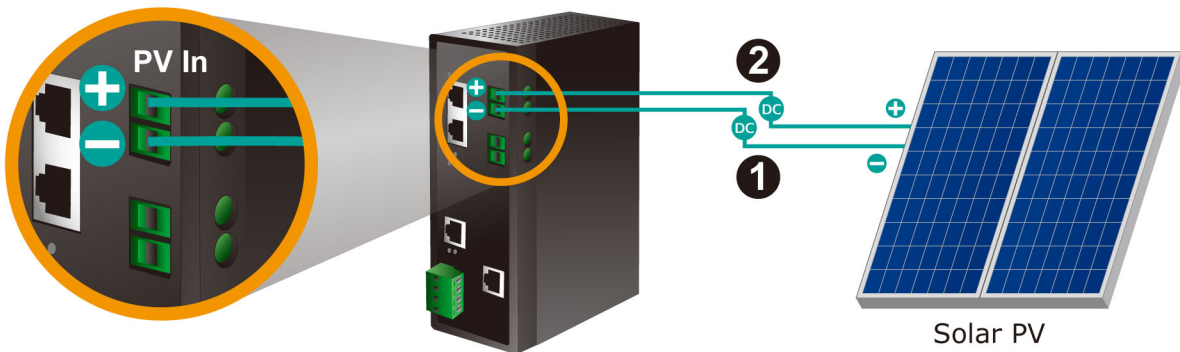


- (1) Connect the negative electrode of the battery to the terminal for the negative electrode of the battery on the BSP-300.
- (2) Connect the positive electrode of the battery to the terminal for the positive electrode of the battery on the BSP-300.
- (3) After the battery is well connected to the BSP-300, the System LED will ON with slow blinking for system ready and the Fault LED will slow blinking for PV not connected.

**NOTE:**

1. Be noted for the thickness of electric wire and please refer to the section - **Recommended Use of the Connection Wires** of the user manual.
2. The BSP-300 accepts **DC 24V** battery system, please pay attention to the battery characteristics and also refer to the section - **Recommended Settings for Different Batteries** of the user manual.
3. Check the total power consumption of your connected network device before installation. Improper battery capacity could shorten the battery life or make your network device lack of power supply.

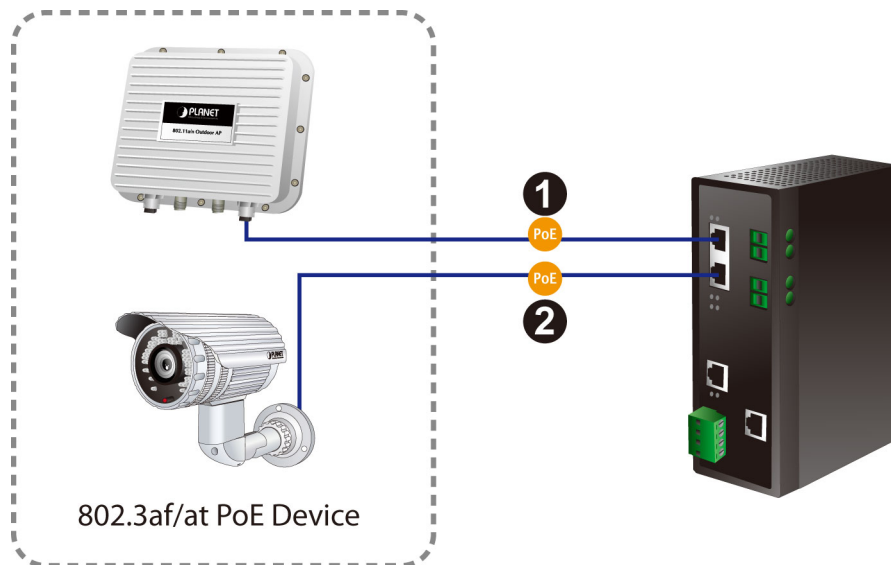
**Step 3. Install PV panel**



- (1) Connect the negative electrode of the PV panel to the terminal for the negative electrode of the PV panel on the BSP-300.
- (2) Connect the positive electrode to the terminal for the positive electrode of the PV panel on the BSP-300.
- (3) After the PV is well connected to the BSP-300 and providing 24V or above voltage, the System LED will fast blinking for battery charge if the battery is not full. And turn off the fault LED.

- NOTE:**
1. Be noted for the thickness of electric wire and please refer to the section - **Recommended Use of the Connection Wires** of the user manual.
  2. The BSP-300 supports maximum **45V DC input**; please refer to the Specification of the user manual before installation.
  3. Check the total power consumption of your device and the sunshine duration of your area from weather bureau for a proper PV. Improper PV could shorten the battery life or provide insufficient power to BSP-300.

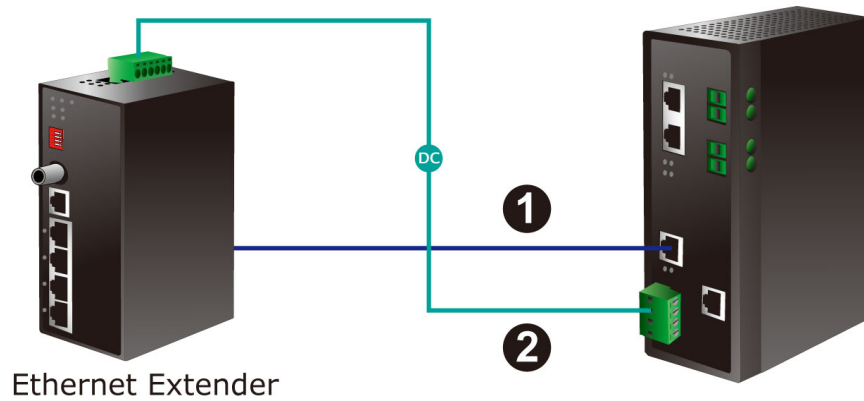
**Step 4. Connect 8023af / 802.3at PoE Device**



- (1) Connect the PoE devices to Port 1 / Port 2 of the BSP-300.
- (2) Check the PoE In-use LED, if the network devices such as PoE Camera, PoE Wireless AP is powered, the PoE In-Use LED will turns ON and Link/Act LED will turns on or blinking for a success connection or data receiving.

- NOTE:**
1. Please use Cat. 5/5e or above cable and the maximum distance should within 100 meters.
  2. If the Network devices are installed outdoor, please consider to install a lightning arrester, such as PLANET ELA-100, to protect the network device and BSP-300.

**Step 5. Connect other device**



- (1) Connect any other network device to Port 3 of BSP-300.
- (2) If there is device require DC power, connect the pin 3 / pin 4 of the terminal block from BSP-300 directly.

**NOTE:**

1. The maximum DC out from BSP-300 is 24VDC, 2A.
2. The external device should also be grounded properly.

After the 5 steps above, the BSP-300 is ready for service.

## 3.2 Software Overview

### About the Solar Controller Utility:

The “Solar Controller Utility” is a software tool provided for the user to configure the controller parameters so as to achieve the best application condition. Before the configuration operation, please contact the suppliers of your PV panel, PoE device, and battery for the product-specific parameters.

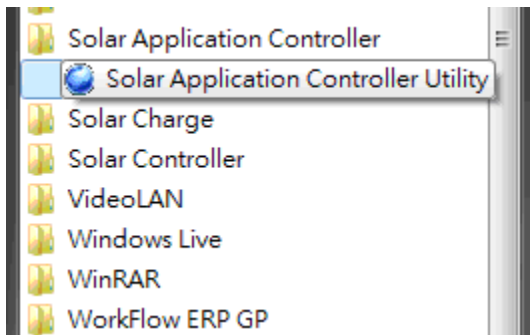
### 3.2.1 Initial Utility Installation

#### **Install the Solar Controller Utility:**

Run the program "SAC\_Install.Exe" in the CD-ROM on the computer. Configure Your Solar Controller:

#### **Step1:**

Under "Start" → Programs → All Programs → "Solar Application Controller Utility", select "Solar Application Controller Utility" (please refer to the following figure).



#### **Step 2:**

Configure your controller; please refer to the following descriptions for each button and related functions:

**Solar Charge Controller Utility**

Open Save Link PC Default Last Set New Set Exit Help Switch to Chinese

**Battery Information**

Basic Advance

LVR: 25.1  
LVD: 22.3  
FCV: 27.5  
ACV: 29.5

Charge Count: 0 **Reset**

Voltage: 27.1V  
Capacity: 100% (approx.)  
Temperature Compensation: 60 mV/C

**RTC Information**

System Time:

Set as PC time **Set**  
**16 : 14 : 41**  
 Set as your time **Set**  
**0 : 0 : 0**

**Output PWM Control**

PWM Disable  
 PWM Enable

**Voltage for Load**

Max.Vout: 24.0  
Min.Vout: 16.0

**PV Voltage**

Light ON: 5.0  
Light OFF: 12.1

**Operating Mode**

Mode:

**Update**

**Charge/Discharge Information (approximate)**

Charge Voltage: 28.0V Charge Current: 0.0V Load Voltage: 25.3V Load Current: 0.0V

**Auto/Manual Mode Output Level**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Duration: (Minutes)	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Brightness:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Schedule Mode Output Level**

**Delete Schedule**

Start Time: End Time: Brightness:

02:00 15:00 18:00 21:00 00:00 03:00 06:00 09:00 12:00

100%

F/W Ver. S/N Cursor Time



### Toolbar on the top:

Item	Action
Open	Open the existing controller parameter file in the computer.
Save	Convert the controller parameters into a file and store it in the personal computer.
Link PC	Set the serial port of the computer to connect to the controller.  <b>Note:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use the “automatic detection” function or manually select the required serial port and then click “OK” to confirm the setting</li><li>2. If the connection between the controller and the computer has failed, the user is not able to read or change the parameter settings in the controller.</li></ol>
Default	Restore the parameter settings to the factory default.
Help	Message for the software version.
Last Set	Restore the current parameter settings in the utility to the previously used parameter values.
New Set	Load the current parameter settings in the utility into the controller.
Exit	Exit the utility.

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**NOTE:** Always click on New Set button whenever there is a new change to the new setting.

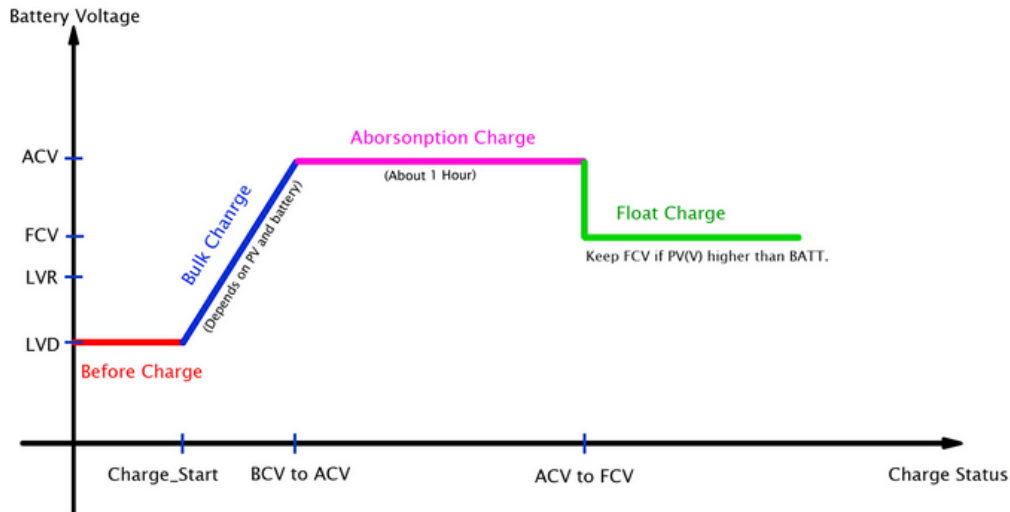
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### Description of the Related Setting Items:

**Low Voltage Disconnection and Low Voltage Reconnection:** When the battery voltage is lower than the value for the low-voltage disconnection (LVD), the controller will stop supplying power to

the load. It requires the charging from the PV panel so as to increase the battery voltage to be above the value for low-voltage reconnection (LVR) and thus the PoE device can be recovered.

**Absorption Voltage and Float Charging Voltage:** According to the characteristics of the battery, the user can set the required charging voltage. The absorption charging will last for 60 minutes.



**Number of Charge Times:** When the battery voltage is lower than LVD, the battery will be charged through the PV panel. After the battery voltage is higher than LVR, the battery operation is recovered and the number of charging times is increased by +1.

**Load Voltage:** Set the maximum and minimum voltages required for the lighting apparatus so as to determine the PWM output voltage  $(\text{Max. Voltage} - \text{Min. Voltage}) * \text{Percentage} + \text{Min. Voltage} = \text{Output Voltage}$ .

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**NOTE:** The gray zone is for the retention function and does not need to be set in the BSP-300.

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**PV Panel Voltage:** In the Auto/Manual modes, the turn-on and turn-off times are determined by the PV panel voltage. This voltage value can be adjusted according to the demand.

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**Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) Control:** When this function is enabled, the brightness of the light can be adjusted (0%~100%). If it is disabled, only the brightness values 0% and 100% can be used.

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**Temperature compensation:** According to the battery type, the temperature compensation coefficient and the over-temperature protection function will be determined.

## Appendix A: Glossary

### **(LVD) Low Voltage Disconnection**

When the battery voltage is less than the value for low-voltage disconnection, the controller will not supply to the load so as to protect the battery from over-discharge.

### **(LVR) Low Voltage Reconnection**

When the battery is under the condition of low voltage disconnection, if the battery voltage is recovered and higher than the value for low voltage reconnection, the low-voltage circuit disconnection will be lifted and the connection is restored.

### **(ACV) Absorption Charge Voltage**

When the battery voltage achieves the value of absorption charge voltage, the controller will maintain this voltage and charge for a period of time which will not cause excessive charging of the battery.

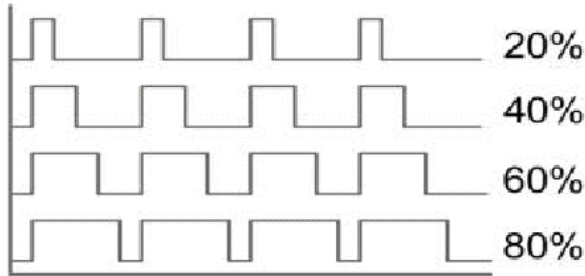
### **(FCV) Float Charge Voltage**

When the battery charge completes the charging process, its voltage will drop to a float charge voltage and maintain at this voltage with a minimal charging current for supplemental battery charging.

### **(PWM) Pulse Width Modulation**

There are many applications of PWM, such as motor control, servo control, light dimming, switched mode power supply, and even some audio amplifiers. In the DC motor control system, in order to reduce the current flowing through the motor coil and the power consumption, the pulse width modulation (PWM) is often used to control the on- and off-time of the switched power component. Its most common application is to change the speed of the motor by changing the output pulse width or frequency.

When the power supplied to the motor is controlled ON and OFF periodically at a fixed duty cycle, the longer the ON state takes, the faster the motor speed is; on the contrary, for a longer OFF state, the motor speed will be slower. This kind of motor speed control method by adjusting the ratio ON and OFF states is called pulse width modulation. The ratio of the ON state in a period is referred to as the duty cycle, expressed as a percentage.



In this controller, the pulse-width modulation is mainly achieved by using the MOS transistor to control the ON time of the power. By adjusting the pulse width, the target voltage can be achieved. When the pulse width is wider, the output voltage is higher; on the contrary, when the pulse width is narrower, the output voltage becomes lower.

### Temperature compensation

In order to protect the battery for a longer lifespan and achieve the fully-charged condition of the battery, the charge voltage of the battery decreases with increasing temperature and vice versa. Accordingly, charging with a given voltage requires an increased charge current when the temperature is high and decreased charge current at a lower temperature. At temperatures below 5°C (41°F) or above 35°C (95°F), temperature compensation for charging voltage is necessary.

Note: For the conditions, under which the battery compensation function of the solar controller is activated, please refer to “Table of recommended settings for various battery types”.

### About Battery

Batteries can be roughly categorized as “chemical” or “physical” batteries.

Usually, the word “Battery” alone refers to a chemical battery. The device used to convert the energy generated through the oxidation and reduction reactions of some substances of its constituent materials into electrical energy is known as a chemical battery. On the contrary, the system which converts light and heat into electricity is known as a physical battery. Batteries, in general, can be categorized by different sizes, types, ampere-hours, voltage, and chemicals.

The basic guideline described below is helpful for selecting a battery. Because the batteries from different manufacturers have different operation requirements, you can configure the controller's battery parameters to ensure a longer lifespan of the battery. For the operating voltage setting of the battery, please contact your battery manufacturer.

### Batteries for Electrical Vehicle

The batteries for the electrical cars and trucks are designed not for deep cycling but for high

acceleration power. Please do not use this type of battery unless you have no other types of batteries to use. If this type of battery is use in the cycling system, it will be less durable and will be easily damaged.

### **Maintenance-Free Batteries**

This type of battery is commonly used in cars or ships, but rarely used in PV systems. This type of battery is usually equipped with a reserved additional liquid electrolyte without the need of electrolyte replenishment, which is different from the sealed battery.

### **Deep Cycle Batteries**

This type of battery is the most suitable for use in the solar system. They can have many different dimensions and formations. The most common is the non-sealed electrolyte batteries.

A non-sealed lead-acid battery has a cover which should be periodically removed for the visual confirmation of the level of the electrolyte. When the level of the electrolyte is too low, you may need to replenish it with distilled water under the fully-charged condition. However, if the distilled water is added when the level of the electrolyte is too low but the battery is not fully charged, it may cause electrolyte overflow. Furthermore, only distilled water can be added into the electrolyte. If the water containing other impurities is added into the battery, it is very likely to reduce both the efficiency and the lifespan.

### **Sealed Batteries**

Another type of battery is sealed with rubber. This type of battery does not use the battery cover and the electrolyte is glue instead of liquid allowing the battery to be fixed at any location. This kind of battery has the advantages of no need to replenish the electrolyte for maintenance, a long life up to 800 cycling times, and a lower self-discharge.

### **Lithium Batteries**

This type of battery uses lithium metal or lithium alloy as the anode and uses the non-aqueous electrolyte.

Because lithium has a very active chemical property, the manufacturing, storage and use of lithium require very strict environmental requirements. As a result, the lithium battery has lacked application for a long time. As the development of micro-electronics technology at the end of the twentieth century, the number of miniaturized equipment is increasing which sets very high requirements of the power supply. Thus, lithium battery technology enters the stage of large scale practical use. Since the specifications and conditions of lithium battery are special, please be sure

to contact your battery manufacturers for correct usage suggestions.

This product mainly uses lead-acid batteries. Other types can also be used such as nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd), Ni-MH, Lithium-ion (Li-ion) and other secondary batteries.

Basically, lead-acid batteries can be divided into two categories: one is flooded lead-acid battery; the other is the sealed lead-acid battery. Their differences are: the former will continuously produce gas which will be directly emitted from the battery during charging, so one must replenish water periodically; the latter is less efficient at its positive electrode during charging, so the oxygen produced in the earlier stage of charging will be used to suppress the production of hydrogen in the initial charging stage. In other words, the oxygen produced from the positive electrode during the charging process is absorbed directly and thus reacts with the surrounding electrolyte naturally so that the negative electrode is reduced back into lead sulfate, which is the original product during discharge.

Because the sealed lead-acid battery is intrinsically maintenance-free, today's electrical vehicles use the latter as the lead-acid batteries. Although lead-acid batteries are not so ideal in power density and energy density and its lifespan is limited, the lead-acid batteries are the mainstream batteries currently due to the low cost, better instantaneous discharge capacity, more mature development and technology, etc. This type of battery requires a higher voltage to charge the battery completely. While using this type of battery, please remember to set the related charging parameters through the software so as to maximize the benefits of the battery. Please contact the battery manufacturer to obtain the recommended setting values.

## Appendix B: Recommended Use of the Connection Wires

(Applicable to the system with voltage attenuation less than 3%) The following table is applicable to the applications in the system.

<b>Distance in feet ( meters )</b>						
<b>Amps</b>	<b>24 AWG</b>	<b>22 AWG</b>	<b>20 AWG</b>	<b>18 AWG</b>	<b>16 AWG</b>	<b>14 AWG</b>
<b>2.5</b>	5.6 ft (1.95m)	8.8 ft (2.70m)	14.12 ft (4.30m)	22.50 ft (6.86 m)	36.0 ft (11.0m)	56.4 ft (17.22m)
<b>5.0</b>	2.80 ft (0.86m)	4.4 ft (1.36m)	7.06 ft (2.16m)	11.26 ft (3.42m)	18.0 ft (5.48m)	28.2 ft (8.6m)
<b>7.5</b>	1.86 ft (0.56m)	2.96 ft (0.90m)	4.70 ft (1.44m)	7.50 ft (2.28m)	12.0 ft (3.66m)	18.82 ft (5.74m)
<b>10</b>	1.40 ft (0.42m)	2.22ft (0.68m)	3.52 ft (1.08m)	5.62 ft (1.72m)	9.0 ft (2.74m)	14.12 ft (4.30m)
<b>12.5</b>	1.12 ft (0.34m)	1.78ft (0.54m)	2.82 ft (0.86m)	4.50 ft (1.38m)	7.20 ft (2.20m)	11.30 ft (3.44m)
<b>15</b>	0.94 ft (0.28m)	1.48 ft (0.46m)	2.36 ft (0.72m)	3.76 ft (1.14m)	6.0 ft (1.82m)	9.42 ft (2.86m)



## Appendix C: Recommended Settings for Different Batteries

Description	Specification
Battery type	Nickel-cadmium Battery
System Model	<b>24V</b>
Maximum input voltage	DC 45 V
Output voltage for Load	Equal to battery's voltage
Float charge voltage	DC 27.2V ( 26.0~30.0V )
Absorption charge voltage	DC 29.2V (28.0~32.0V)
LVD(Low Voltage Disconnection)	DC 22.2V (21.0~25.0V )
LVR(Low Voltage Reconnection)	DC 24.8V (23.0~27.0V )
Temperature compensation Beseline@25°C	+-40 mV/°C for NiCad type batteries, Charge cut-off @ 55°C
Battery type	Lead-acid batteries (Default Setting)
System Model	<b>24V</b>
Maximum input voltage	DC 45 V
Output voltage for Load	Equal to battery's voltage
Float charge voltage	DC 27.2V ( 26.0~30.0V )
Absorption charge voltage	DC 29.2V (28.0~32.0V)
LVD(Low Voltage Disconnection)	DC 22.2V (21.0~25.0V )
LVR(Low Voltage Reconnection)	DC 24.8V (23.0~27.0V )
Temperature compensation Beseline@25°C	+-60 mV/°C for lead acid type batteries, Charge cut-off @ 55°C

## Appendix D: Troubleshooting

Problem	Inspection Procedure
For the initial installation, all the <b>System</b> LED indicators are not lit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please make sure that all the wires connected to the battery are connected with the correct polarity and all the wires are fixed tightly.</li> <li>2. Please check if the battery is in the usable condition. (If the voltage is lower than 24V, the controller cannot be operated.)</li> </ol>
After a long time of use, the <b>System</b> LED indicators are not lit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please check if the wires are loosened or broken.</li> <li>2. Please check if the battery is in the usable condition or please replace it with a new battery.</li> </ol>
On sunny days, the <b>System</b> LED indicator is not blinking quickly (turned on for 0.5 sec and turned off for 0.5 sec).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please check if the PV panel is covered by snow or dust, or shadowed by the nearby object so that the voltage is lower than the battery voltage and thus the battery cannot be charged normally.</li> <li>2. The wire connection of the PV panel falls off.</li> </ol>
The PoE device is not power on.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please check if the wire connection between this product and the PoE device is connected properly without loosening or bad contact.</li> <li>2. Check if the PoE device is usable. The Powered Device should comply with IEEE802.3af or 802.3at standard with Mid-span support.</li> </ol>
The <b>Fault</b> LED indicator is lit.	<p>Several conditions will cause the LED to be lit constantly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Battery damage: Please check if the wire connected between this product and the battery falls off or the battery must be replaced;</li> <li>2. Over-current: Please check the current specifications of the PV panel or the port. Do not exceed the rated current of</li> </ol>

	<p>the solar controller. If the current exceed the rated current of the solar controller, please replace with PV panel or the port which complies with the specifications.</p> <p>3. Short circuit: Please check if the wires or connects at the terminals are loosened, broken, or blown out. Please make sure that no fallen wire contacts other terminals or wires to cause short circuit.</p>
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**NOTE:** *If the battery voltage is lower than 18V, it can be used as a 12V battery system; if the battery voltage is not lower than 18V, it can be used as a 24V battery system.*

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