

# PURKEYS

## 300 WATT INVERTER WITH LVD

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### USER GUIDE





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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure reliable service, your power inverter must be installed and used properly. Please read the installation and operating instructions thoroughly prior to installation and use. Pay particular attention to the WARNING and CAUTION statements advice against certain conditions and practices that may result in damage to your inverter. The WARNING statements identify conditions or practices that may result in personal injury.

### **Read all instructions before using this power inverter!**

#### WARNINGS

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION OR INJURY

1. Do not connect to AC distribution wiring.
2. Remove appliance plug from outlet strip or turn off inverter before working on the appliance. Multiple outlet power strips with switches and circuit breakers only interrupt power to the “hot” receptacle terminals. The “neutral” terminals remain powered with respect to the “ground” terminal.
3. Do not make any electrical connections or disconnections in areas designated as IGNITION PROTECTED. This includes 12 volt DC cigarette plug connections and terminal connections.
4. This is not a toy.
5. DO NOT install object into air vents.

#### CAUTIONS

1. Do not use with positive ground electrical systems. (All late model tractors or trucks have negative ground systems.) Reverse polarity connections will result in a blown fuse and may cause permanent damage to the inverter.
2. This inverter will not operate high wattage appliances over the output power limit or surge power limit.
3. Grounding the neutral will cause the inverter to shut down. Do not operate this inverter if it is wet. Do not install in the engine compartment –install in a well-ventilated area.

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## IMPORTANT CABLE INFORMATION

Substantial power loss and reduced battery operating time results from inverters installed with cables that are not able to supply full power. Symptoms of low battery power can result from cables that are either excessively long or an insufficient gage. The installer /operator should be especially aware of the requirements to maintain secure, tight, water-resistant electrical connections and to provide strain relief for the DC cables and the appliance wiring. Cable insulation must be the appropriate type for the environment. The inverter harness supplied by Purkeys was specifically designed for each tractor model. This harness meets or exceeds all requirements for safe and effective inverter operation.

## INTRODUCTION

Your new power inverter is an advanced DC to AC inverter. With proper care and appropriate usage, it will give years of dependable service. This inverter is designed with a universal protection circuit that provides added safety features, automatic shutdown, earth fault protection and a low battery alarm to prevent damage to your battery system.

This power inverter is configured with the latest Low Interference Technology (L.I.T.), Universal Protection Circuit (UP-Circuit), and Soft Start Circuit to improve the inverter operation.

UP-Circuit provides full automatic inverter and battery pack protection. This includes overheat protection, battery pack protection, overload protection, short circuit protection, and earth fault protection.

L.I.T. greatly improves the interference problems of common power inverters. You now will enjoy a clean and powerful AC source.

Soft Start Circuit provides three major features. First, a gradual voltage ramp-up during inverter start-up. This eliminates failed cold starts under load. Second, output that momentarily dips in voltage and quickly recovers. This eliminates most shutdowns from momentary overloads. Last, the inverter automatically restarts when an overload that caused the inverter to shutdown is removed.

## PROTECTIVE FEATURES OF THE INVERTER

**OVER TEMPERATURE PROTECTION** – If the temperature inside the inverter is too high, the unit will automatically shut down. Allow the unit to cool for at least 15 minutes before restarting after a heat – related shutdown. Unplug unit while cooling.

**LOW BATTERY VOLTAGE PROTECTION** - This condition is not harmful to the inverter but could shorten battery life. The inverter automatically shuts down when the input voltage drops to 10 volts.

**OVER VOLTAGE PROTECTION** – The inverter will automatically shut down when the input voltage exceeds 16.5 volts DC. Input voltage exceeding 16 volts could damage the inverter.

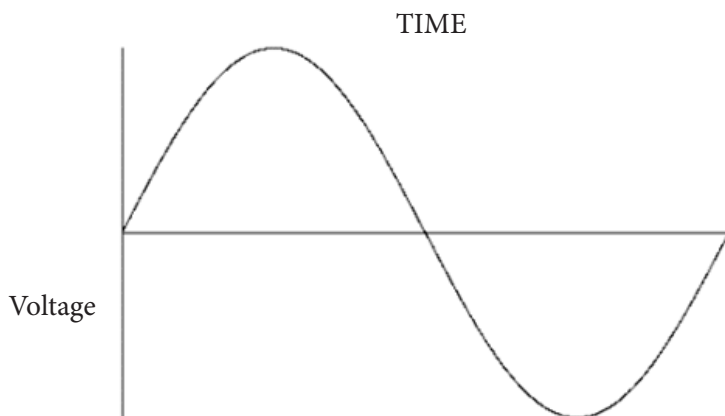
**OVERLOAD PROTECTION** – The inverter will automatically shut down when the continuous draw exceeds rated watts.

**SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION** – This inverter will shut down. Remove the short circuit and restart the inverter.

**EARTH FAULT PROTECTION** –This inverter complies with the standard current leakage allowance. When large current leakage to earth terminal occurs, the protection circuit will activate and shut down the inverter, which prevents electric shock. To restart the inverter, turn it off. Then unplug the fault AC appliance and turn the inverter back on.

**LOW BATTERY ALARM** – An alarm will sound when the voltage from the battery pack drops to 10.5 volts. This is an indication that the battery pack needs to be recharged or there is excessive voltage drop in the input cables. NOTE: It is normal for the alarm to sound while the unit is being connected to or disconnected from the power source. This is not indicative of problems.

**WAVE FORM** – This inverter is a Pure Sine Wave inverter. Some devices like medical equipment may require a PURE SINE WAVE inverter. Please check with us to verify.



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## OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

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For best operating results, the inverter should be placed on a flat surface such as a floor, wall or other solid surface. The inverter should only be used in locations that meet the following criteria:

**DRY** - Do not allow water and/or other liquids to come in contact with the power inverter.

**Cool** - Ambient air temperature should be between 30° F and 105° F. Do not place the inverter on or near a heating vent or any piece of equipment that is generating heat above room temperature. Keep the power inverter away from direct sunlight if possible.

**Ventilated** - Keep the area surrounding the power inverter clear to ensure free air circulation around the unit. Do not place items on or over the power inverter during operation.

**Safe** - Do not use the power inverter near flammable materials or in any locations that may accumulate flammable fumes or gasses.

**Mounting** - The power inverter can be operated in any position, however if mounted on a wall, mount it horizontally so the indicators, switch, outlets, and terminals blocks located on the front panel are visible and accessible.

## INVERTER FEATURES

**LVD** - This inverter comes equipped with a Low Voltage Disconnect (LVD); the inverter will not operate until 13.5 volts is applied to the power input side of the inverter. The inverter will automatically shut down when voltage drops below 12 volts.



Wiring Harness Kit



**CHASSIS GROUND OR FAULT GROUND CABLE** - The chassis ground lug is used to connect the chassis of the inverter to the DC grounding point as required by regulations. Installing the grounding cable is a protective measure used to provide a path for fault currents. The inverter has 12 volt positive and negative connected to the electronics inside the inverter. If the positive cable somehow came in contact with the chassis of the inverter, the ground cable would conduct the fault currents long enough to cause the over current protection (fuse or breaker) to interrupt the circuit between the inverter and the battery (should be zero volts).

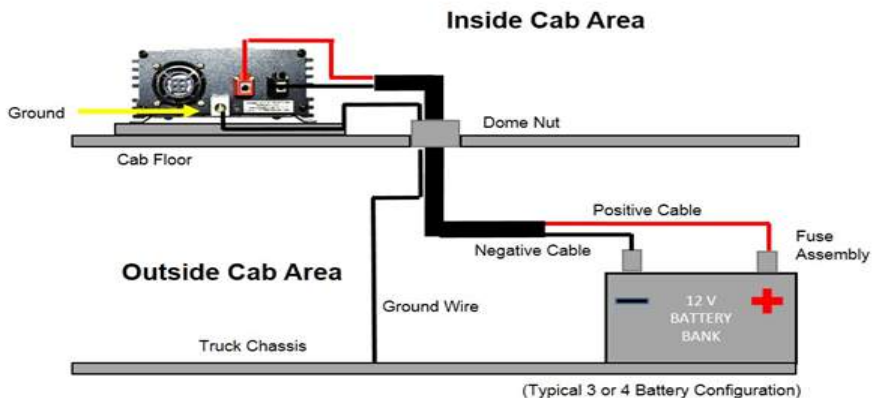


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## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

As each inverter installation environment is unique, our custom harnesses contain vehicle specific instructions for each vehicle manufacturer.

### General Layout Diagram



## INVERTER TROUBLESHOOTING

### DC Input Power Issues

| Trouble/ Indication                             | Possible Cause                  | Suggested Remedy   |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| No AC output: yellow LED lit, green LED not lit | DC input below 10.5 volts       | Test batteries and conduct voltage drop test. Also check the vehicle charging system   |
| No AC output: Red and Green LEDs not lit        | Inverter fuse open              | Check fuse at battery  |
| Low battery alarm sounds abnormal               | Bad connection or wiring issues | Conduct voltage drop test and repair or replace wiring as needed                       |
| Low battery alarm sound                         | Low battery voltage             | Recharge, test and replace defective batteries. Also check the vehicle charging system |
| Yellow LED lit when power is on                 | Weak batteries or cables issues | Test batteries and conduct voltage drop test on inverter input harness                 |

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### AC Output Power Issues

| Trouble/ Indication                                      | Possible Cause  | Suggested Remedy  |
|--|---|---|
| No AC output; yellow LED lit, green LED not lit          | Inverter overheat   | Remove or reduce load, wait for inverter to cool  |
| No AC output: red and green LEDs not lit                 | Inverter output power limited by overload/ short circuit protection circuit | Reduce load or remove short circuit. Use kill-a-watt to measure load  |
| TV/radio interference; snow in picture, buzz in speakers | Appliance too close to inverter   | Keep inverter and antenna distant from each other. Use shielded antenna cable. Connect antenna with amplifier                           |
| Motorized power tool won't start                         | Excessive start up load   | If appliance does not start, appliance is drawing excessive wattage and will not work with this inverter. Check with Kill-a-Watt tester |
| Motorized power tool does not operate at correct speed   | Purely inductive load   | Make the load not purely inductive. For example, operate an incandescent lamp at the same time as motor                                 |

## INVERTER VOLTAGE DROP TEST

1. Using the Auto Meter BCT-200J tester: Turn the tester on, press “Y” for menu.
2. Select “V Drop Menu” and press “ENTER”.
3. Select “Liftgate V Drop” and press “ENTER”
4. Select “Generic V Drop” and press “ENTER”.
5. Enter in the rated current to test at (USE 30 Amps to test the inverter harness) and press “ENTER”.
6. Connect the large alligator clips to the inverter input posts or the end of the leads that normally go to the inverter (red to positive and black to negative) and press “ENTER”.
7. Connect the small alligator clips to the battery pack (red to positive and black to negative) and press “ENTER”.
8. The tester will show the results for the voltage drop on the positive cable and the results for the voltage drop on the negative cable.
9. The positive and negative results must be added together to get the total voltage drop for the complete circuit.
10. The total voltage drop for the complete circuit must be less than 1 volt to be within spec.

Positive Voltage Drop

+ Negative Voltage Drop

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= Total Voltage Drop

(Must be less than 1 volt to be within spec)



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## KILL-A-WATT OPERATION

1. The LCD shows all meter readings: Volts, Current, Watts, Frequency, Power Factor, and VA. The unit will start to accumulate KWH and powered duration time (hour) after power is applied.
2. Press Volt button for true RMS Voltage (Volts) display.
3. Press Amp button for true RMS output current (Amps) display.
4. The Watt/VA button is a toggle function button. Press the Watt/VA button once to display Watt meter, then press button again to display VA meter. The LCD will display Watts as the active power, where VA is the apparent Power. (VA--Vrms Arms)
5. The HZ/PF button is a toggle function button. Press the HZ/PF button once to display the frequency (Hertz), then press the button again to display the Power Factor. HZ is the Frequency of output Voltage, where PF is the Power Factor. (PF=W/Vrms Arms)

Warning: Do not exceed maximum ratings as detailed on the label.



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The KWH/Hour button is a toggle function button. Press the KWH/Hour button once to display the cumulative energy consumption since power was applied to the unit. Press the button again to display the cumulative time since power was applied to the unit.

Consumption will be displayed in Kilowatt-Hours (from 0.01 KWH to 9999 KWH). Time will initially be displayed as Hours: Minutes (from 00:00) and switch to Hours (to 9999). Counters will recycle to zero when they reach their maximum. To reset, remove power from unit momentarily.





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## LIMITED COMMERCIAL WARRANTY POLICY

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Purkeys Fleet Electric, Inc. (hereafter “Purkeys”), warrants each product to be free of defects in material or workmanship under normal use and service. This warranty is for the benefit of Original Equipment Manufacturers, Dealers, Warehouse Distributors, Fleets, or other End Users (hereafter “Customers”) and covers products manufactured by Purkeys and sold new to Customers either directly by Purkeys or by its authorized dealers, distributors, or agents. The length of the Warranty Period is 36 months.

The warranty period commences on the in-service or install date and is not transferable. Failure to provide the in-service or install date on the warranty claim form will cause the warranty period to begin on the date the part was manufactured or date of sale recorded on the original sales invoice, whichever is earlier.

A completed warranty claim form should accompany all parts submitted to Purkeys for consideration for repair or replacement under warranty. The submitted claim form should contain all of the information required. Lack of a properly or fully completed claim form will result in delay or denial of warranty claim. Claims must be submitted no later than 30 days after part is removed.

This warranty does not apply if, in sole judgement of Purkeys, the product has been damaged or subjected to accident, faulty repair, improper adjustment, improper installation or wiring, neglect, misuse, or alteration or if the product failure is caused by defects in peripheral vehicle components or components attached to the Product or failure of a part not manufactured by Purkeys.

This warranty shall not apply if any Purkeys product is used for a purpose for which it is not designed or is in any way altered without the specific prior written consent of Purkeys. ANY Product alleged by a Customer to be defective must be inspected by Purkeys as a part of the warranty claims process in order to confirm that the part has failed as a result of a defect in material or workmanship.

Transportation for products and parts submitted to Purkeys for warranty consideration must be prepaid by Customer. Repaired or replaced products and or components will be returned to Customer pre-paid by Customer or “freight collect” to the address provided by Customer in the warranty claim form. No charge will be made for labor or material in effecting such repairs.

The Warranty provided by Purkeys hereunder is specifically limited to repair or replacement of the Product as Purkeys deems most appropriate in its sole discretion. Purkeys neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume on its behalf any other warranty or liabilities in connection with Purkeys products. The Warranty does not apply to fuses or other “consumable” or maintenance items which are or may be a part of any Purkeys product.

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