



Blue Water Sailing Club

Good Times! Good Sailing! Good Friends!

Founded 1959

DIY MARINE
SOLAR &
REFRIGERATI
ON

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO COVER

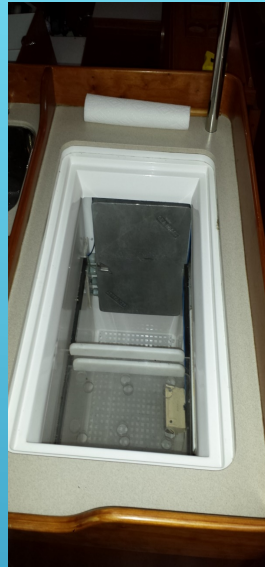
- ▶ Refrigeration replacement
- ▶ Solar power from scratch
- ▶ Solar power from a kit
- ▶ Solar accessories

Oh Honey.
We need refrigeration on the
boat!

BD Systems

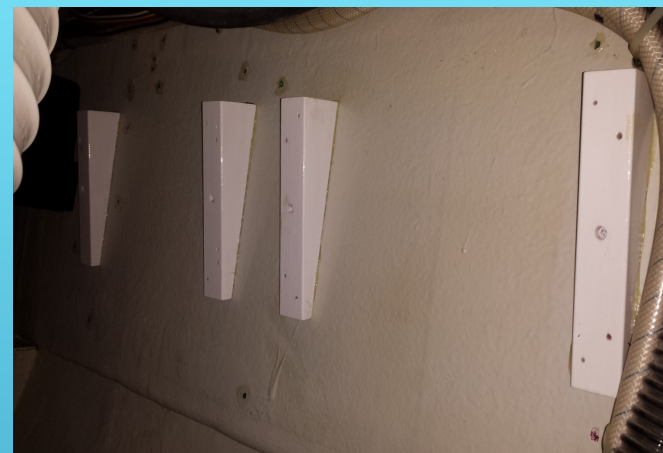


Sea Frost's BD is well-suited for boats with adequate battery banks and charging equipment. Thermostatic operation maintains the cold plate at even temperatures. The thin direct evaporator cold plate requires minimal box space. Dockside, the system operates through the boat's battery charger.

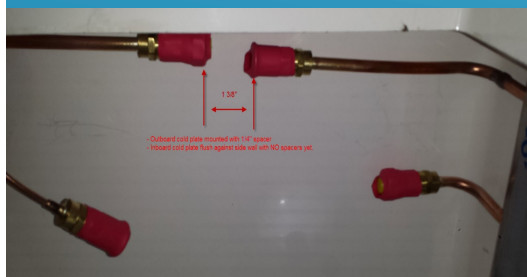


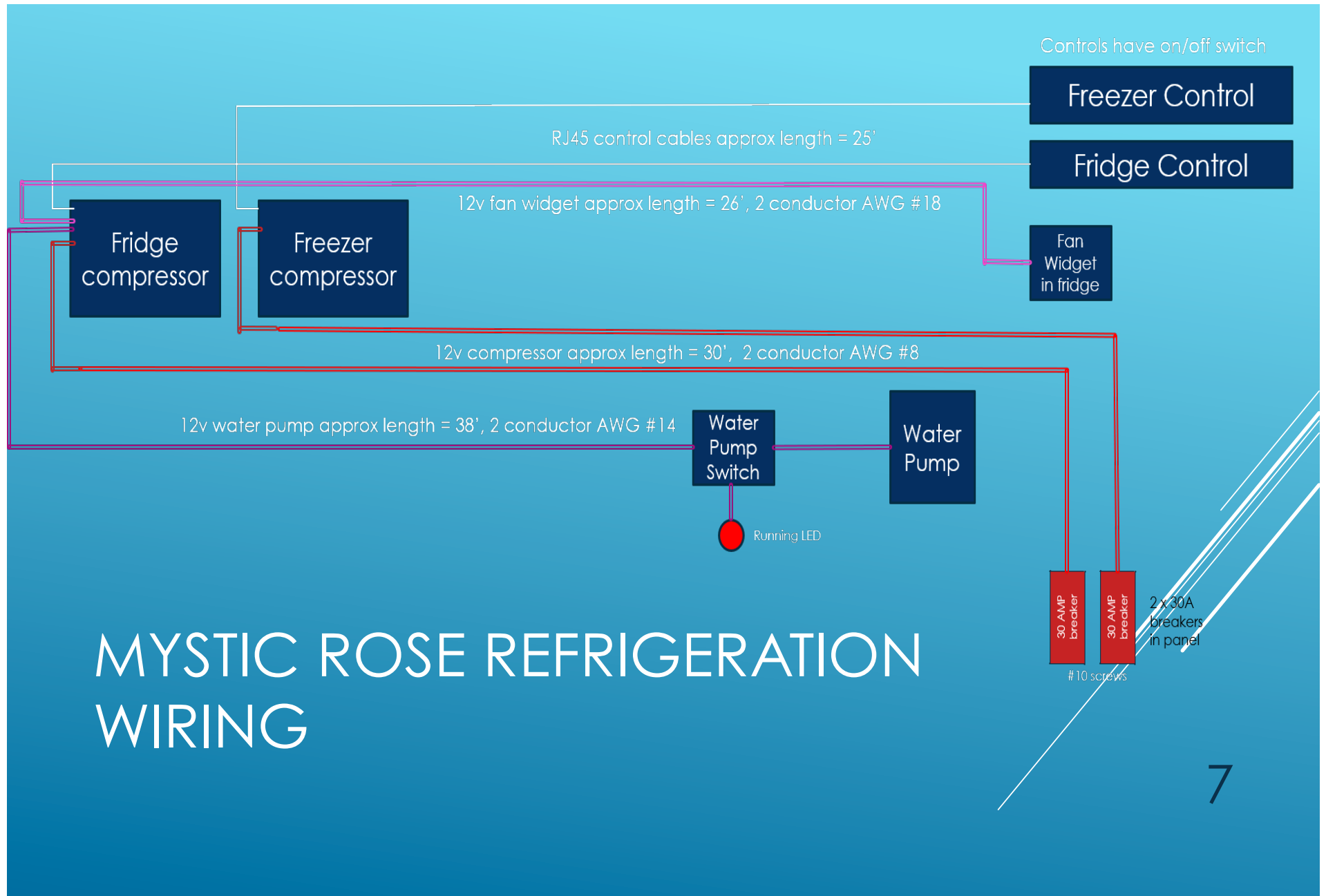
OUT WITH THE OLD SEAFRO





IN WITH THE NEW SEAFROST





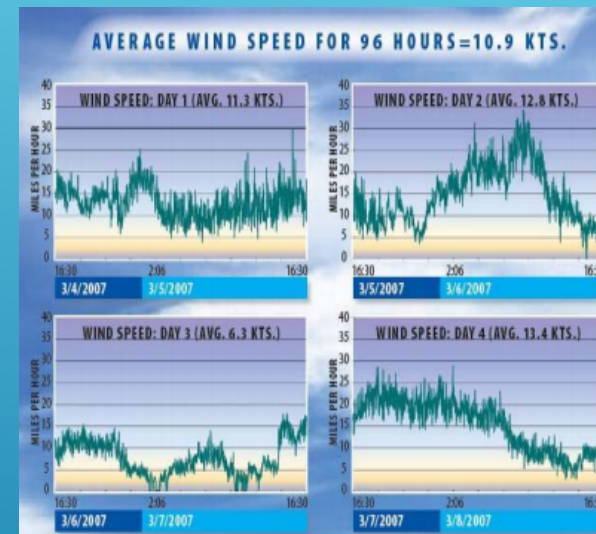
WHY SOLAR

- ▶ Ability to leave refrigeration on while boat unattended at anchor or mooring for several days
- ▶ Reduce engine/genset use
 - ▶ 110v refrigeration required 2x daily genset run for 1+ hr each time
 - ▶ Reduce noise
 - ▶ Save fuel
- ▶ Solar charging occurs during daylight hours even on overcast, foggy or rainy days
- ▶ More peace and quiet!

- ▶ Wind generation Pros
 - ▶ Can put out a lot of power in winds > 10 knots (eg Caribbean)
 - ▶ Can produce 24x7 day and night

WIND GENERATOR OUTPUT — FOUR-DAY TEST RESULTS									
UNIT	DAY 1	DAY 2	2-DAY AVERAGE	DAY 3	3-DAY AVERAGE	DAY 4	4-DAY AVERAGE	4-DAY TOTAL	24-HOUR MAXIMUM
RUTLAND 913	26.9 Ah	49.2 Ah	38.05 Ah	7.7 Ah	27.9 Ah	57.7 Ah	35.38 Ah	141.5 Ah	57.7 Ah
AMP AIR 100	18.7 Ah	39 Ah	28.85 Ah	2.6 Ah	20.1 Ah	44.9 Ah	26.3 Ah	105.2 Ah	44.9 Ah
KISS HIGH OUTPUT	55.5 Ah	88.1 Ah	71.8 Ah	2.7 Ah	48.7 Ah	84.4 Ah	57.68 Ah	230.7 Ah	88.1 Ah
AIR BREEZE	41.7 Ah	95.7 Ah	68.7 Ah	5.1 Ah	47.5 Ah	109 Ah	62.88 Ah	251.5 Ah	109 Ah
SUPERWIND 350	25.1 Ah	108.8 Ah	66.95 Ah	8.2 Ah	47.3 Ah	115.8 Ah	64.48 Ah	257.9 Ah	115 Ah

- ▶ Wind generation Cons
 - ▶ Requires 6 knots minimum to work
 - ▶ Some can be fairly noisy
 - ▶ High winds can be dangerous
 - ▶ Moving parts require routine maintenance



WIND GENERATORS VS SOLAR

DETERMINE YOUR ELECTRIC LOAD

- ▶ Great way to know what is really going on with your batteries and solar panels
- ▶ Real-time rate of charge or discharge
- ▶ AH's consumed
- ▶ Exact voltage and state of charge
- ▶ Digital displays provides more accurate readings

AGM BATTERY STATE OF CHARGE	
Level	Voltage
100%	13.00V
90%	12.75V
80%	12.50V
70%	12.30V
60%	12.15V
50%	12.05V
40%	11.95V
30%	11.81V
20%	11.66V
10%	11.51V
0%	10.50V



Xantrex

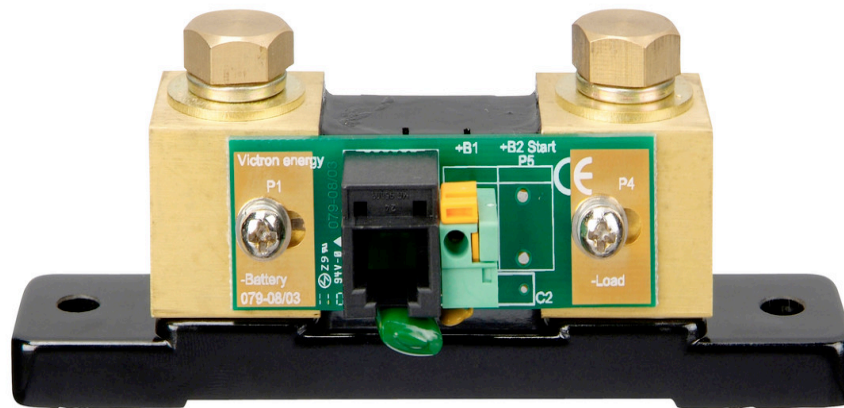
- 2 bank monitoring on Mystic Rose
- No longer in production

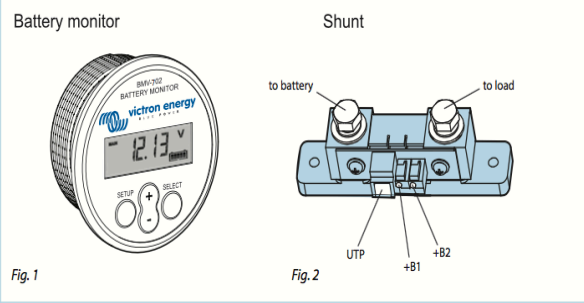


Victron Energy

- Single bank monitor on Breakaway & Salacia
- \$169

BATTERY MONITORS





Wiring diagrams

 **Connect the negative pole of the battery last!**

BMV-700

BMV-702 configured for STARTER/AUXILIARY-battery monitoring.

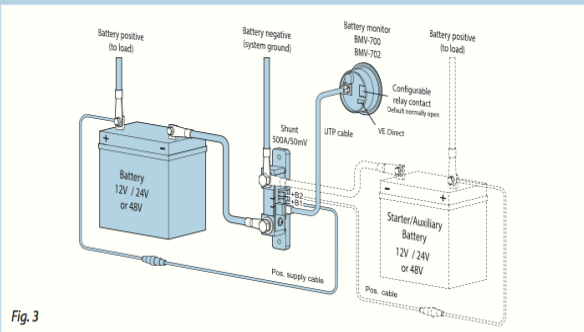


Fig. 3

BMV-702 configured for battery TEMPERATURE monitoring

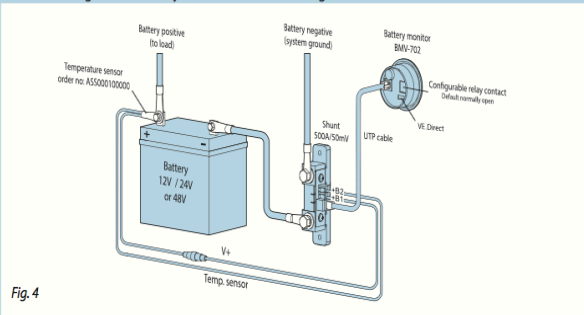


Fig. 4

HOW MUCH POWER DO YOU NEED



Power

Watts = Amps x
Volts

MYSTIC ROSE – BERNIE COYNE

System load calculation worksheet for Mystic Rose

AC loads	Watts x	Hrs/Day x	Watts/day	Notes
laptop	135	12	1620	max rated AC power adapter is 135W
microwave	700	0.5	350	
Total			1970	
Add inverter loss			2266	
Total AC AH/day			189	
DC loads	Watts x	Hrs/Day x	Watts/day	Notes
tv/pc monitor	37	12	444	
cabin lights 20w	20	18	360	20w/halogen light;
refrigeration & freezer	66	12	792	92w max; 66w medium; assume running half the time
autopilot	60	4	240	ST 7000+ electric autopilot with type 2 long linear drive motor (48w-72w)
windlass	1600	0.2	320	Lewmar Concept v4
elec winch	2400	0.1	240	2 x primary
anchor light	2	12	24	
instruments	8.64	6	52	12 x Raymarine ST60; 60ma avg each
cell phone charger	12	9	108	
internet router	6	24	144	
TOTAL			2724	
Total DC AH/day			227	
Total AH/day			416	
Mystic Rose House Batteries				
	210A AGM x 2		420	
	100A AGM x 2		200	
	Total		620	
	Useable		310	

Requires ~ 416AH/day

SALACIA

EQUIPMENT	AMPS	HRS.	RUNNING	HRS.	CRUISING	HRS.	ANCHOR
Autopilot	2.4	24	57.6	5	12		0
ChartPlotter	2.6	12	31.2		0		0
Radar-Stby	4.4	10	44	5	22		0
Radar- Trx	6.4	2	12.8	5	32		0
Binnacle light	0.11	10	1.1	0	0		0
Running lights	0.2	10	2	0	0		0
Steaming Light	0.75	0	0	0	0		0
TriColor	0.18	0	0	0	0		0
Anchor light	0.17	0	0	10	1.7		0
Cabin Lights	0.1	1	0.1	4	0.4	5	0.5
pressure water	11	0.1	1.1	0.3	3.3	0.25	2.8
VHF radio-standby	0.2	24	4.8	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1
Refridgeration	2	24	48	24	48	24	48
STEREO	1	0	0	2	2	1	1
TOTAL AMP HOURS	31.51		202.7		121.5		52.4

SALCIA – STEVE LEE

Requires ~ 121AH/day

FIND SPACES ON YOUR BOAT
FIND PANELS WITH SUFFICIENT
OUTPUT
FIND PANELS THAT FIT

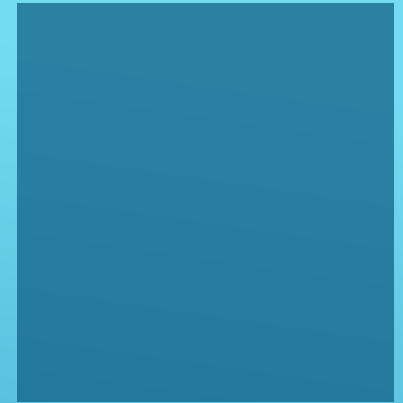


MYSTIC ROSE

- ▶ ALLPOWERS 4x 100w flexible panels with Sunpower cells
- ▶ 400w total, 200AH/day
- ▶ No generator use required while cruising and using refrigeration and freezer (but did include some motor-sailing charging)
- ▶ On mooring batteries were always full (no refrigeration running)

- ▶ Kyocera 2 x 65w fixed panels above bimini
- ▶ Go Power Solar Flex100w flexible panel on dodger
- ▶ 230w total, 115AH/day
- ▶ Powered everything including refrigeration for entire season without running generator

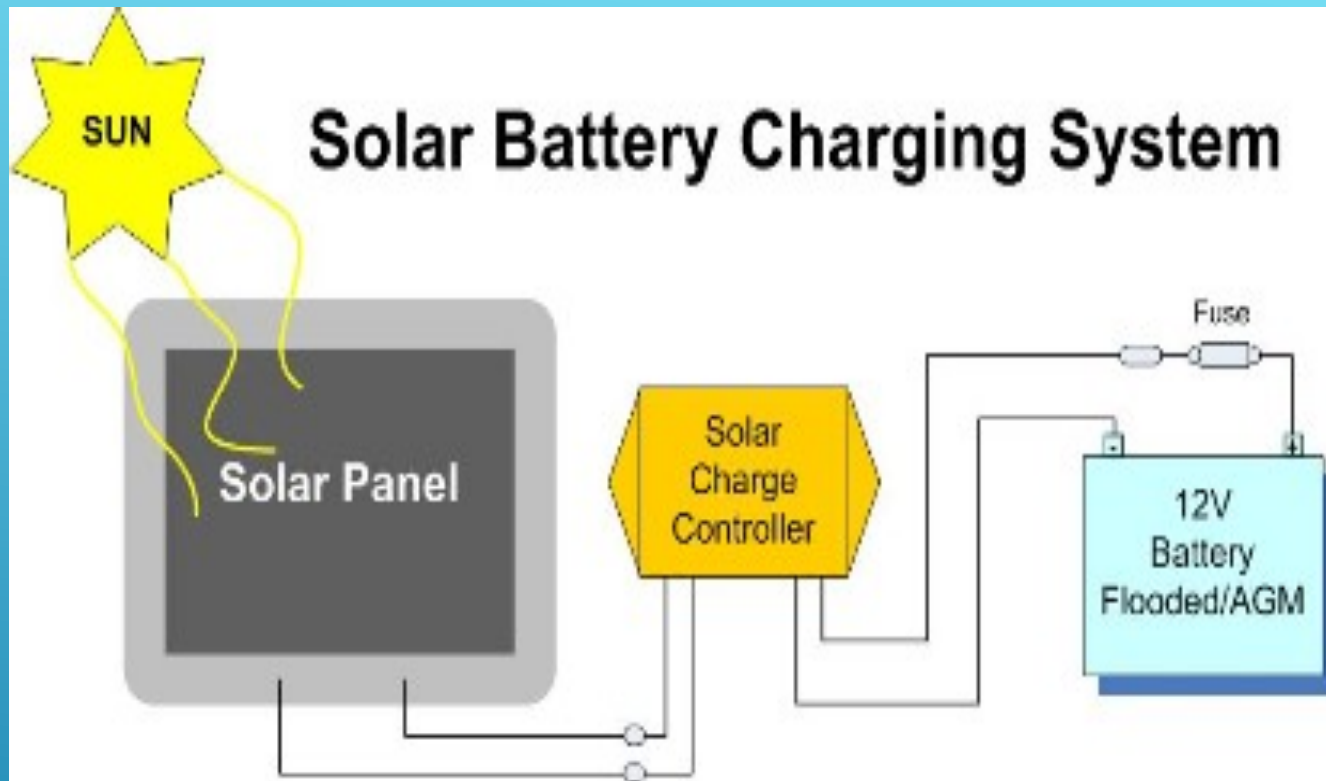
BREAKAWAY





SALACIA

- ▶ HamiltonFerris SolarFlexx 2x 50w panels on dodger
- ▶ 46AH/day



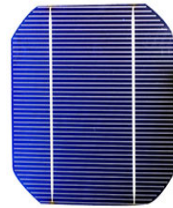
HOW TO BUILD A SOLAR
SYSTEM

Monocrystalline Cells

Monocrystalline



Solar panel



Solar cell

- 15-21% efficient
- Slightly higher cost (eg Renogy 100w \$140)
- Smallest area
- Perform better in low light
- Rounded edges
- Solid dark blue/black
- Sunpower cells most popular

Polycrystalline Cells

Polycrystalline



Solar panel



Solar cell

- Slightly less expensive (eg Renogy 100w \$120)
- 13-16% efficient
- Larger area
- Exact rectangular shape
- Speckled blue

SOLAR PANEL CELL TYPES