

**NOVA ELECTRIC CGL SERIES
PURE SINE-WAVE DC-AC INVERTERS
CGL 300W -SERIES INVERTER
USER MANUAL**



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Features

- Pure Sine Wave output (<4%THD)
- Low power “Power Saving Mode” to conserve energy
- Built-in voltage and load level display on front panel
- Thermostatically controlled cooling fan
- Advanced microprocessor design
- Protection: • Input low voltage • Input over voltage
- Low battery alarm • Short circuit

Applications

- Electronic applications: communications equipment, commercial gear, etc.
- Office equipment—computers, printers, monitors, facsimile machines, scanner.
- Mobile equipment vans.
- Household items – fans, fluorescent and incandescent lights, shavers, sewing machines.
- Small Power tools
- Home entertainment electronics – televisions, VCRs, video games, stereos, musical instruments, satellite equipment.

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PARAMETER	12V MODEL	24V MODEL	48 MODEL
INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE	10.7 – 15 VDC	21.5 – 32 VDC	42-58 VDC
OUTPUT VOLTAGE 110 MODEL (1)	100/110/120 VAC	100/110/120 VAC	100/110/120 VAC
OUTPUT VOLTAGE 230V MODEL (1)	220/230/240 VAC	220/230/240 VAC	220/230/240 VAC
OUTPUT FREQUENCY ALL UNITS (1)	50 OR 60 HZ Factory Selectable +/- 0.05% Accuracy		
POWER RATING CONTINUOUS	300W / 350VA		
SURGE RATING	400W / 480VA		
PEAK OUTPUT CURRENT	3.3A (120V Models)		1.66 (240V Models)
EFFICIENCY AT FULL LOAD	83% 110V Models 86% 220V Models	87% 110V Models 90% 220V Models	87% 110V Models 90% 220V Models
NO LOAD CURRENT	0.25A Max		
OUTPUT WAVEFORM	Sinewave <4% THD		
OUTPUT REGULATION	+/-5% All Models		
PROTECTION	Overload, Short Circuit, Reverse Polarity (Fuse), O..T, Over/Under Input Voltage , Fan Failure		
AMBIENT TEMPERATURE	Operating: 0 to 40 ⁰ C		Storage: -40 ⁰ C to 60 ⁰ C
SIZE & WEIGHT	237 X 55 X 72mm	(9.33" x 6.10" x 2.83")	3.5 KG (7.7LB)
INDICATORS	INPUT LEVEL, LOAD LEVEL, FAULT		

2-2-2. DC input terminals:

Connect to a battery or other voltage power source of the correct voltage.

[+] is positive; [-] is negative. Reverse polarity connection will blow the internal fuse and may damage the inverter permanently. The input wiring should be protected by an appropriately rated input fuse as per NEC or equivalent codes.

2-2-3. Wire to Chassis ground or to vehicle chassis using #8 AWG wire, minimum.

Warning! Operation of the inverter without a proper ground connection may result in an electrical safety hazard.

3. Quick Hook-up and Testing:

If you would like to hook-up the power inverter and check its performance before going ahead with your permanent installation, please follow these guidelines:

3-1. Unpack and inspect the power inverter; check to see that the power switch is in the OFF position.

3-2. Connect the cables to the power input terminals on the rear panel of the power inverter. The red terminal is positive (+) and the black terminal is negative (-). Connect the cables into the terminals and tighten the bolts to clamp the wires securely.

3-3. Connect the cable from the negative terminal of the inverter to the negative terminal of the power source. Make a secure connection.

Caution! Loosely tightened connectors result in excessive drop and may cause overheated wires and melted insulation, as well as other damage.

3-4. Before proceeding further, carefully check that cable you have just connected is from the negative terminal of the inverter to the negative output terminal of the power source.

Caution! Reverse polarity connection will blow a fuse in the inverter and may permanently damage the inverter. Damage caused by reverse polarity connection is not covered by our warranty.

3-5. Connect the cable from the positive terminal of the inverter to the positive terminal of the power source. Make a secure connection.

Warning! You may observe a small spark when you make this connection since current will flow to charge capacitors in the power inverter. This can be avoided by installing a properly rated switch or circuit breaker at the power source. Do not

make this connection in the presence of flammable fumes; an explosion or fire may result.

- 3-6. Set the power switch to the ON position. Check that the Input level indicator on the front panel of the inverter is green. If it is not, check your power source and the connections to the inverter. The other indicators should be off.
- 3-7. Set the power inverter switch to the OFF position. The indicator lights may blink and the internal alarm may sound momentarily. This is normal. Plug the test load into the AC receptacle on the front panel of the inverter. Leave the test load switch off.
- 3-8. Set the power inverter switch to the ON position and turn the test load on. The inverter should supply power to the load. If you plan to measure the true output RMS voltage of inverter, a meter such as FLUKE 87, BECKMAN 4410, or TRIPLETT 4200 must be used.

4. Installation:

- 4-1. Where to install.
The power inverter should be installed in a location that meets the following requirements:
 - 4-1-1. Moisture: Do not allow water to drip or splash on or in the inverter.
 - 4-1-2. Cooling: Ambient air temperature should be between 0°C. and 50°C.; the cooler, the better.
 - 4-1-3. Ventilation: Allow at least one inch of clearance around the inverter for air flow. Ensure that ventilation openings on the sides, front and rear of the unit are not obstructed.
 - 4-1-4. Safety: Do not install in a battery compartment or other areas where flammable fumes may exist, such as fuel storage areas or engine compartments.
- 4-2. Cables:
DC to AC inverters require high amperage / low voltage DC power low amperage / high voltage AC power. To operate properly, connect the inverter and generate DC input terminals directly to battery through a fuse or circuit breaker. The different inverters in this family require different wire sizes due to the wide input voltage choices.

4-3. Grounding:

The power inverter has a lug on the rear panel [chassis ground]. This is to connect the chassis of the power inverter to the ground. The ground terminals in the AC outlets on the front panel of the inverter are also connected to the ground lug.

The chassis ground lug must be connected to a grounding point, which will vary, depending on where the power inverter is installed. In a vehicle, connect the chassis ground to the chassis of the vehicle. In a boat, connect to the boat's grounding systems. In a fixed location, connect the chassis ground lug to earth ground.

On units with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt (GFCI), the neutral (common) conductor of the power inverter AC output circuit is connected to the chassis ground. Therefore, when the chassis is connected to ground, the neutral conductor will also be grounded. This conforms to national electrical code requirements that separately derived AC sources (such as inverters and generators) have their neutral tied to ground in the same way that the neutral conductor from the utility line is tied to ground at the AC breaker panel. When the chassis ground lug on the rear panel is connected to an earth ground in the user's location, it provides shock hazard protection. The GFCI has a test button and a reset button. Pushing in the test button will interrupt the output power. Pushing in the reset button will restore the output power and the green light will be on. Note: Repeated pressing/toggling of the GFCI test button may shut down the inverter AC output. THIS IS NORMAL.

On units without GFCI, the neutral is floating. To conform to national electrical code requirements, the neutral must be connected to ground, or other neutrals that are grounded.

Warning! Do not operate the power inverter without connecting the ground terminal to ground. Electrical shock hazard may result, and the GFCI circuit will not operate properly.

5. Operation:

To operate the power inverter, turn it on using the ON/OFF switch on the front panel. The power inverter is now ready to deliver AC power to your loads. If you are operating several loads from the power inverter, turn them on separately after the inverter has been turned on. This will ensure that the power inverter does not have to deliver the starting currents for all the loads at once.

5-1. Controls and Indicators:

The front panel ON/OFF switch turns the control circuit in the power inverter on and off. It does not disconnect power from the power inverter.

When the switch is in the OFF position, the power inverter draws no current from the battery. When the switch is in the ON position but with no load, the power inverter draws less than 0.23A @ 12V or 0.15A @ 24V from the battery.

5-2. Input Level Indicator:

The input level indicator indicates the voltage at the input terminals of the power inverter. At low input current, this voltage is very close to the battery voltage. At high input current, this voltage will be lower than the battery voltage because of the voltage drop across the cable and connections. Ideally, the voltage should remain in the green. If the voltage goes into the RED inverter may shut down.

5-3. Load Level Indicator:

The load level indicator indicates the power drawn from the power inverter output. It will indicate total watts drawn by all loads.

For long-term operation, the level should be in the green and orange areas of the bar graph. Short-term operation is possible with wattage in the red area. If the wattage rise to the "Blinking Red" the inverter will protect itself, and may reduce its output voltage or shut down entirely.

5-4. Fault Indicator:

The over voltage indicator indicates that the power inverter has shut itself down because its input voltage has been over the high limit.

6. Operating Limits:

6-1. Power Output:

Some motors used in refrigerators, freezers, pumps and other motor-operated equipment require very high surge currents to start, often as much as 6 – 7 times rated. The power inverter may not be able to start some of these motors, even though their rated current draw is within the power inverter.

If the motor refuses to start, observe the battery voltage indicator while trying to start the motor. If the battery voltage indicator drops below the low input level while the inverter is attempting to start the motor, this may be the reason the motor won't start. Make sure that the battery connections are good and that the battery is fully charged. If the connections are good and the battery is charged, but the voltage still drops below the low voltage level, you may need to use a larger battery, or larger wire.

6-2. Input Voltage:

The power inverter will operate from input voltages ranging from 10.9V – 14.7V (12V version) 21.8V – 29.4V (24V version), or 43.6V - 58.5V (48V version). If the voltage drops below 10.5V (12V version), 21V (24V version), an audible low battery warning will sound and the voltage indicator will be in slow blinking red. The power inverter will shut down if the input voltage drops below 10V (12V version), 20V (24V version), or 40V (48V version). This protects your battery from being over discharged.

The power inverter will also shut down if the input voltage exceeds its rating. This protects the inverter against excessive input voltage. The input level will be red blinking. Although the power inverter incorporates protection against over voltage, it may still be damaged if the input voltage is allowed to exceed 20V (12V version) or 40V (24V version) or 75V (48V version).

7. Troubleshooting Guide:

WARNING

Do not open or disassemble the Inverter. Attempting to service this unit yourself may result in a risk of electrical shock or fire.

Problems and Symptoms	Possible Cause	Solutions
No output voltage, the LED glows RED light.		
a. Power status light is blinking red fast.	Over input voltage	Check input voltage. Reduce input voltage.
b. Power status light is blinking red slowly.	Low input voltage	Recharge battery. Check connections and cable.
c. Power status light is blinking red Intermittently	Thermal Shutdown	Improve ventilation. Make sure ventilation opening in Inverter are not obstructed. Reduce ambient temperature.
d. Power status light is glowing red steadily	Short circuit, Wiring error, Over Load	Check AC wiring for short circuit. Remove load.

8. Maintenance:

Very little maintenance is required to keep your inverter operating properly. You should clean the exterior of the unit periodically with a damp cloth to prevent accumulation of dust and dirt. At the same time, tighten the screws on the DC input terminals. (Remove power first)

9. The Output Voltage and Frequency is factory preset.

No external adjustments are available for these two parameters

10. Warranty:

All Nova Electric products are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from shipping date. Our obligation includes replacing, repairing, or adjusting products (excluding fuses) that prove to be defective during the warranty period. The unit must be returned to us postage paid. Contact our Customer Service Manager at (201) 385-0500 (Extension 115) for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number.

This warranty is fully transferable. If a product is sold to a manufacturer for use in a product for resale, the complete warranty is in force, providing the power system is sold as original equipment.

This warranty will be considered void if the unit has suffered any obvious physical damage or alteration, either internally or externally, and does not cover damage arising from improper use, such as plugging the unit into an unsuitable or reversed power source, attempting to operate products with excessive power consumption requirements, or use in unsuitable climates.

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