



# SimpliPhi Power PHI Battery

## INTEGRATION GUIDE: MIDNITE SOLAR

Optimized Energy Storage & Management for Residential & Commercial Applications Utilizing Efficient, Safe, Non-Toxic, Energy Dense Lithium Ferrous Phosphate (LFP) Chemistry

# SimpliPhi Your Energy Security and Independence

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SimpliPhi helps you manage your power as a personal resource. Anytime, anywhere, SimpliPhi energy storage systems optimize integration of any power generation source – solar, wind, generator – on or off grid and protects your home and mission-critical business functions from power outages and intermittency. SimpliPhi storage technology eliminates operating temperature constraints, toxic coolants and the risk of thermal runaway and fire. Safe lithium ferrous phosphate. No cobalt. No hazards.

SimpliPhi's battery technology utilizes the industry's most environmentally benign chemistry combined with proprietary architecture and power electronics (BMS) that eliminate the need for cooling or ventilation to create products that provide energy security and resiliency.

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*SimpliPhi Power offers proprietary, commercially available energy storage and management systems that are safe, non-toxic, reliable, durable, efficient, highly scalable, and economical over the lifetime of the PHI Battery.*

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# 1.0 – Introduction

This Integration Guide is intended to supplement the PHI Battery and Midnite Solar Installation Manuals. It covers the recommended set up and configuration of Midnite Solar Charge Controller equipment for optimizing performance with SimpliPhi PHI batteries. More information on SimpliPhi products can be found on our website: <https://simpliphipower.com/>. Specifically, the Product Documentation section of SimpliPhi’s web site (<https://simpliphipower.com/product-documentation/>) includes Specification Sheets, Warranties, Installation & Operator’s Manuals, and Integration Guides for all SimpliPhi’s current and legacy products.

SimpliPhi Power offers solutions for a range of Midnite Solar products covering 24V to 48V PHI battery applications, which are too numerous to be covered here. If the Midnite Solar product you are looking for is not covered in this Integration Guide, the parameters listed here should be used as a general guide. The specific Midnite Solar products covered in this guide include, but are not limited to:

- Midnite Solar Classic charge controllers
  - Midnite Solar Classic 150, 200 & 250
  - Midnite Solar Classic 150, 200 & 250 LITE

# 2.0 – Charge Controller Settings

Based on tests and evaluations of the PHI 3.8 kWh battery with Midnite Solar’s equipment, the following parameters (refer to table below) have been established. More information on Midnite Solar Classic series charge controller products can be found on their website: <http://www.midnitesolar.com/documentIndex.php>.

# 3.0 – Battery Bank Sizing

A properly sized PHI battery bank should be sized to handle the maximum potential solar array output. The following calculation method assumes the nomenclature below:

- Maximum battery charge current =  $I_{BatChrgMax}$
- PV charge controller maximum =  $I_{PVChrgMax}$
- Recommended minimum number of batteries =  $B_{\#}$

Charge equation:  $B_{\#PV} \geq I_{PVChrgMax} / I_{BatChrgMax}$

## 3.1 – Charge Calculation: Charge Controller Power Bank Sizing

To optimize solar harvesting, a properly sized PHI battery bank should be able to accept the maximum PV charge current. To determine the minimum number of PHI batteries required to optimize PV, divide the output of the charge controller(s) by the “max continuous charge current” per PHI battery. Be sure to verify the “max continuous charge current” for the PHI battery model that you’re using, because it may differ from C/2, depending on model.

Charge Example:  $B_{\#PV} \geq I_{PVChrgMax} / I_{BatChrgMax}$

- Max continuous charge current for PHI 3.8 kWh 48V = 37.5A
- PV charge controller max = 86A

$$B_{\#PV} \geq 86A / 37.5A = 2.29$$

**A properly sized PHI battery bank based on available PV charge would have a minimum of 3 batteries.** This maximizes the use of available PV while ensuring the batteries are never stressed by overcharging. If the PHI battery bank has fewer batteries than calculated, special care must be taken with the charge controller settings to limit the charge rate below the specified rating of the PHI battery. These settings are described in the following sections of this Integration Guide.

**Note:** Refer to the Discharge Calculation instructions included in your relevant inverter manufacturer Integration Guide. When comparing the same system using these two calculations for sizing the PHI battery bank, the minimum number of batteries should be the greater of the two results (Discharge Calculation & Charge Calculation).

## 3.2 – Midnite Solar Charge Controller Battery Bank Sizing Examples

The Midnite Solar charge controller’s charge current ratings vary by model. The Midnite Solar Classic and Classic Lite models are listed below.

- Midnite Solar Classic 150 & 150 Lite 96A on 12V / 94A on 24V/ 86A on 48V
- Midnite Solar Classic 200 & 200 Lite 79A on 12V / 78A on 24V/ 78A on 48V
- Midnite Solar Classic 250 & 250 Lite 61A on 12V / 62A on 24V/ 55A on 48V

Recommended minimum PHI battery bank sizes based on Charge Calculations are listed in the table below. The inverter selection and its max load (kW rating) will determine the recommended Discharge Calculation battery bank sizing, which may increase the recommended minimum PHI battery bank size.

Table 1.0 – PHI Battery Bank Sizing v. Charge Controller Model

Battery	Model Voltage	PHI 3.8 kWh	
		48V	24V
Max Continuous Charge Current (A)		37.5	75
Midnite Solar Model	Max Current (A)	Minimum # Batteries in Bank	
Classic 150 & 150 Lite	86 (48V) or 94 (24V)	3	3
Classic 200 & 200 Lite	78	3	2
Classic 250 & 250 Lite	55 (48V) 62 (24V)	2	1

## 4.0 – Program Settings for PHI 3.8 Battery

In order to maintain the Warranty, it is critical to ensure that the appropriate settings for the desired Warranty are programmed in all of the system components. This section will cover the basic concepts and settings for Midnite Solar equipment.

### 4.1 – Depth of Discharge

In order to optimize performance and the life of your system and PHI batteries, SimpliPhi recommends programming the equipment settings for 80% Depth of Discharge (DoD). This will enable the batteries to achieve an expected 10,000 cycles. Greater DoD is possible but will result in reduced cycle life.



**CAUTION:** If a firmware update is executed on Midnite Solar equipment, ALL the settings must be reverified. The programmed settings shown in the following table must be applied based on desired Cycle life. The recommended is 80% Depth of Discharge.

## 4.2 – Charge Controller Settings

Please review Table 2.0 below for Midnite Solar charge controller program settings. To initiate a factory reset, hold left & right arrow buttons while turning on Battery Breaker. This is normally only done for initial setup, as doing so will erase all custom settings.

Table 2.0 - Settings for SimpliPhi PHI 3.8 kWh Batteries w/ Midnite Solar Charge Controller

CHARGE CONTROLLER	PHI 2.9 kWh & 3.8 kWh; 24V / 48V
<b>Charging Source</b>	
Source	Solar / Wind / Hydro
Battery Voltage (V)	24 / 48
<b>Charge</b>	
<b>Battery Charge Setpoints</b>	
<b>Volts</b>	
EQ (V)	28 / 56
Absorb (V)	28 / 56
Float (V)	27 / 54
<b>ChgTime</b>	
Absorb (Hrs:Mins)	.1 hour (6 minutes)
EQ	0 (Disabled)
<b>T-Comp</b>	
Comp (mV/°C/cell)	0 (Disabled)
EQ Comp'd	NO
<b>EQ</b>	
Auto EQ	0 (Disabled - shows "Manual interval")
<b>Advanced</b>	
Ending Amps <sup>3</sup> (A)	2% of the PHI Battery bank's capacity
Re-Bulk Voltage (V)	25.6 / 51.2
<b>Limits</b>	
Output Amps <sup>1,2</sup>	75A per PHI 3.8 24V; 37.5A per PHI 3.8 48V
Input Amps <sup>1</sup>	Size based on input charging source
Min T-Comp	N/A (Disabled)
Max T-Comp	N/A (Disabled)
<b>Mode</b>	
<b>Battery Charge Setpoints</b>	
On/Off	ON
Mode	Hydro / Solar / Legacy P&O / Wind Track / Dynamic / U-Set Voc%
AUX 1	Manual Off
AUX 2 <sup>3</sup>	Manual Off

Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Per PHI battery – Refer to Section 3.0 herein for charge controller PHI battery bank sizing.
- <sup>2</sup> Per PHI battery – These settings are calculated by multiplying the nominal value per each PHI battery times the # of PHI batteries. For other batteries, refer to the Warranty and Specification Sheet for the specific model.
- <sup>3</sup> End Amps settings only work when the "Midnite Whiz Bang Jr & 500A/50mV shunt" are installed. When the Whiz Bang Jr is used, Aux 2 is not available for a turn off signal from auxiliary source.
- Levels are typical @ 25°C and may need adjusting at temperature extremes.
- When performing rapid deep charge/discharge cycles, the PHI battery should be allowed to "rest" 15 minutes in between
- Always refer to the SimpliPhi Power Manual and Warranty for the specific PHI battery model.



**CAUTION:** When PHI battery quantities change, the capacity & charge/discharge current settings must to be reassessed. Failure to do so will void the Warranty.

## 5.0 – Specifications & Warranty

For your reference:

- See PHI 3.8 kWh 48V Specifications sheet.
- See PHI 3.8 kWh 48V 10-Year Warranty.
- Failure to adhere to installation protocol will void Warranty.

## 6.0 – SimpliPhi Technical Support

For technical support related to your PHI 3.8 kWh or PHI 2.9 kWh Battery (or other SimpliPhi Power products), please contact us directly at:

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