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This article deals with issues surrounding wiring in parallel (i.e. increasing amp hour capacity). For more information on wiring in series see Connecting batteries in series, or our article on building battery banks.

It is for these reasons that you are advised to use batteries of the same brand, voltage and capacity. Failing to do so (if you don't have the knowledge and tools to check what you are doing) could create a potentially dangerous circuit.

I was looking on amazon for a converter to allow me to use a AA battery in place of a D cell. Many of the ones sold seem to use 3 AA hooked in paralel. This seems very dangerous to me, so I didn't buy them. What would happen if someone put an alkaline and a NiMH in together?

Why do the electrons not move to the positive (+) terminal from inside the battery? – This is because of a formation of a magnetic field / barrier which only allows the flow of current in one direction. Since the electrons cannot move against the flow, they move with the current and exit the only viable way via battery #1 through the positive red wire to the object being powered, compensating for the loss of electrons from the positive (+) terminal. The electrons have now combined forces for a total output of 12 volts 4.5ah.

It's time to replace my 3 12 v batteries wired in series (36V system) with new ones. When removing the old batteries do I remove all 3 negative leads first then do all the positives? Or do I remove one batteries neg. then the same batteries pos. then move to the next and the final battery? I'll reverse what ever method you recommend when installing of course. Any other tips?Thanks

I"m upgrading my power in my truck camper because replaced my absorption fridge for a compressor fridge. I bought a new AGM group 31 battery 12 volt. I would like to buy one more new AGM battery but half the size. Both new from same manufacturer same model and wire them parallel. I don"t have space for 2 group 31. What do you think? Thank you

That would take four 6v 4.5ah batteries. two in parallel to double the AH, and then another pair to double the voltage. The Watts, and Amp Hours double in parallelthe Watts and Voltage double in series.double both and you get 108 watts.each battery has 27 watts (watts=VxA). You can't get 108 watts (12vX9ah=108w) out of a pair of 27w batteries. 27X2 batteries=54 watts.

but… as you increase battery capacity and the load does not change, you actually get more usable AH from the same watts, because the battery chemistry has more time to react, instead of a more rapid discharge that reduces both time and efficiency.

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