# **RV-LT PWM**



### Are MPPT solar charge controllers better than PWM?

MPPT solar charge controllers can be up to 99% efficient, increasing the performance of your solar panels by over 20% compared to PWM controllers. On the whole, MPPT solar charge controllers are generally favored by RVers. However, they do cost quite a lot more, although you can harvest more power from fewer panels than with a PWM.

### What is the difference between PWM & MPPT controllers?

In situations where the solar panel and battery voltages don't match, an MPPT controller can convert the excess voltage into amperage, thereby getting more power from the same amount of sunlight, while a PWM controller cannot.

### What is a PWM solar charge controller?

PWM stands for Pulse Width Modulation. PWM solar charge controllers draw the charge out of your solar panels at a rate just above the battery voltage. Basically, a PWM controller will switch on for bulk charging your battery, then move to a pulsing on and off mode to hold it at the absorption voltage.

### How does a PWM controller work?

Basically, a PWM controller will switch on for bulk charging your battery, then move to a pulsing on and off mode to hold it at the absorption voltage. Once your battery is at the flat stage, it switches off, then pulses back on and off to hold it at the float voltage. MPPT stands for Maximum Power Point Tracking.

### How does an RV controller work?

A cable runs directly from your controller to your RV fuse boxwhere it will power these small electronics, cutting off the supply should your battery power drop down below a certain voltage. Display screens can be really useful to let you know exactly how your system is working and how much power you have available, plus any error codes.

### Are all RV controllers compatible with lithium batteries?

While most controllers will list standard flooded, sealed, and gel batteries, not all units are currently compatible with lithium batteries, so do double-check carefully before ordering if you own or are considering upgrading to lithium RV house batteries.

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