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# The relationship between RV 12v power supply and inverter





## Overview

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What is an RV power converter?

This is the converter's moment to shine. An RV power converter does two crucial jobs: It "converts" 120V AC power into 12V DC power. This allows you to run all your 12V appliances (lights, fans, water pump, etc.) directly from shore power without draining your batteries.

Does an RV inverter work?

Your inverter is working, turning battery power into household power. Back in the day, most RVs came with a simple, single-stage converter. These are pretty basic. They put out a constant voltage, usually around 13.6 volts, whenever you're plugged in. While this works, it's not the best for your expensive house batteries.

What happens if you don't have a converter on your RV?

Without a working converter, your batteries would slowly drain even when you're plugged into shore power, eventually leaving you in the dark. It's the bridge that connects the outside world of AC power to the internal world of your RV's DC system. Converter vs. Inverter: What's the Difference?

Does My RV need 120V AC or 12V DC power?

Many appliances and devices require 120V AC power. When your RV is plugged into shore power, you're bringing a source of 120V AC electricity into your RV to power those appliances and devices, just as if you were at home. But the battery bank in your RV provides 12V DC power.



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### Inverter vs Converter: Power Your Camper Right

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### Can an Inverter 220V TO 12V be used in a RV?

Conclusion In conclusion, a 220V to 12V inverter can be a valuable addition to an RV. It offers the benefits of battery charging, powering 12V devices, and providing flexibility in power sources.  
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