



# Universol Charge Station

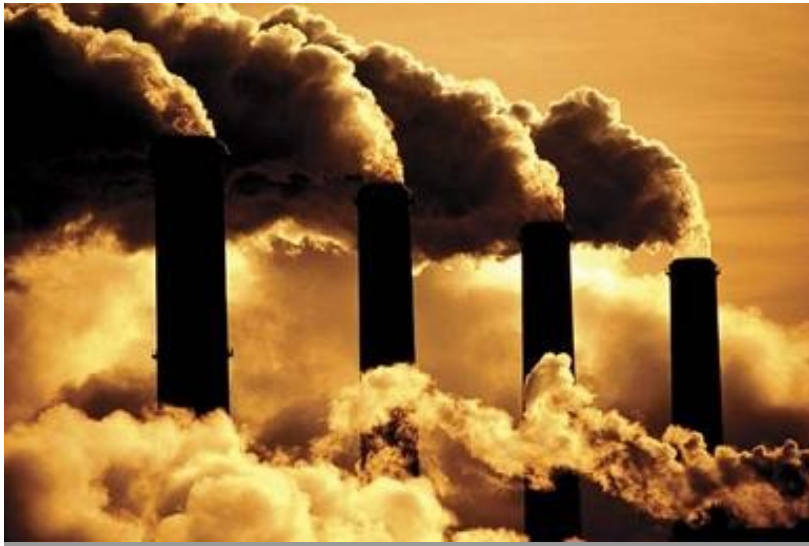
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# Motivations



## Environmental

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## Power Demand

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# Solution

## Universol Charge Station

- A Solar Powered Cell Phone Charging Station
- Photovoltaic Battery Charging System
- Zero Carbon Emissions
- Color Touchscreen User Interface
- Personalized PIN Number Security Access Code
- Charge Up To 4 Cell Phones Simultaneously
- Monitor Charging Activity
- Company Advertisement Slots
- 24 Hour Autonomy

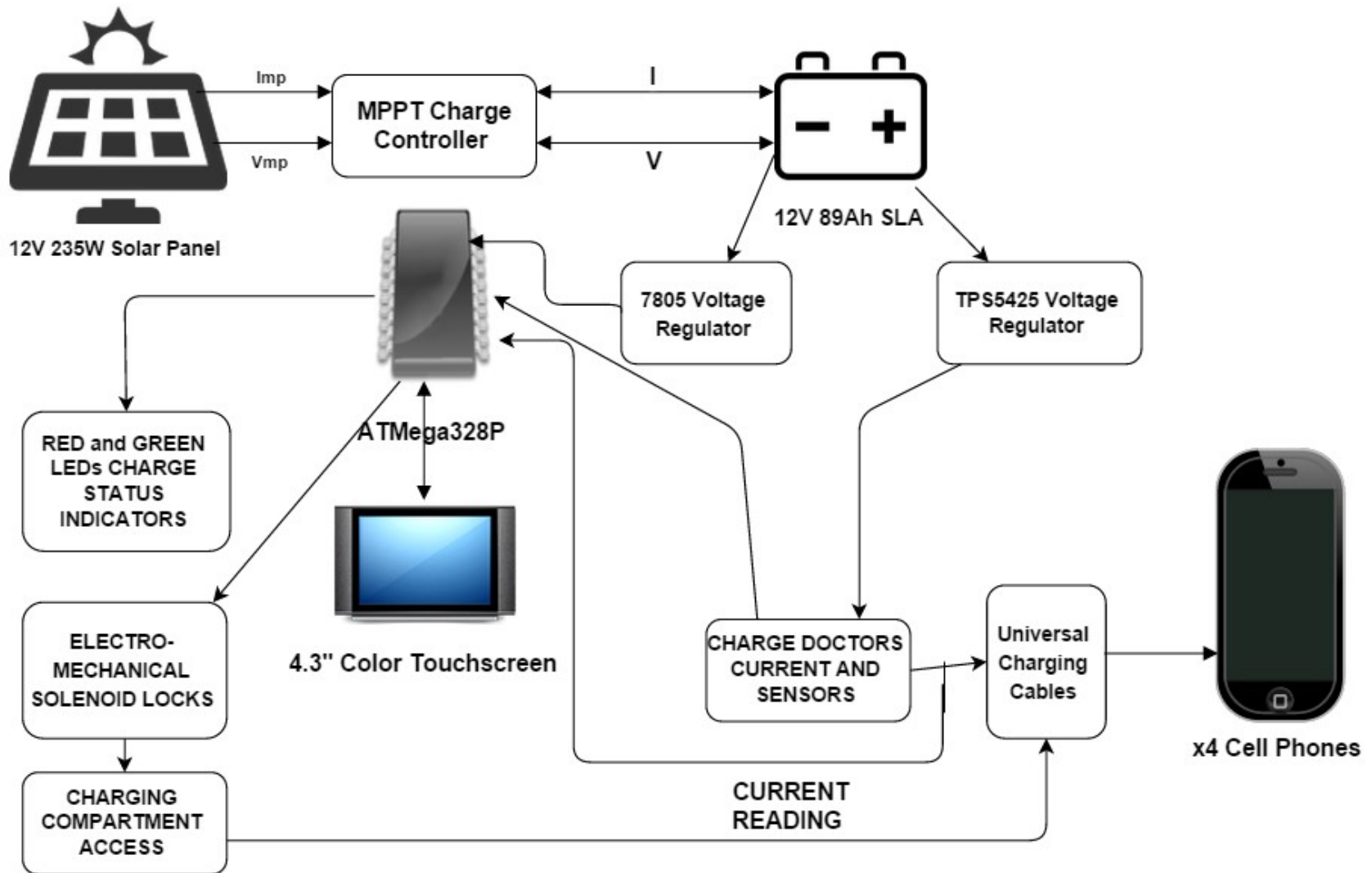
# Specifications

Item	Qty	Description
<b>12V 235W Solar Panel</b>	1	Power Input
<b>30A MPPT Charge Controller</b>	1	Controls Power from Solar Panel to Battery
<b>12V 89Ah SLA Battery</b>	1	Rechargeable Battery
<b>12V DC 5V 1A USB HUB</b>	1	Voltage Regulating Charging Hub
<b>Universal Charging Cables</b>	4	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Gen. Android and Iphone
<b>ATMega328P</b>	1	Microcontroller
<b>Green LEDs</b>	4	Charge Status Indicators
<b>Red LEDs</b>	4	Charge Status Indicators
<b>Current Shunt Resistors</b>	4	Charge Status Sensor
<b>4.3" Color Touchscreen</b>	1	User Interface, Advertisemnts
<b>5V Voltage Regulators</b>	2	12V – 5V Voltage Regulators
<b>Electro-Mechanical Solenoid Locks</b>	4	Programmable Compartment Locks
<b>Metal Enclosure with see through doors</b>	1	Metal with Clear Doors Weight: 60 LBS Dimensions: (12 x 78 x 18)in
<b>Solar Panel Mount</b>	1	Adjustable
<b>PCB board</b>	1	Special Order

# Requirements

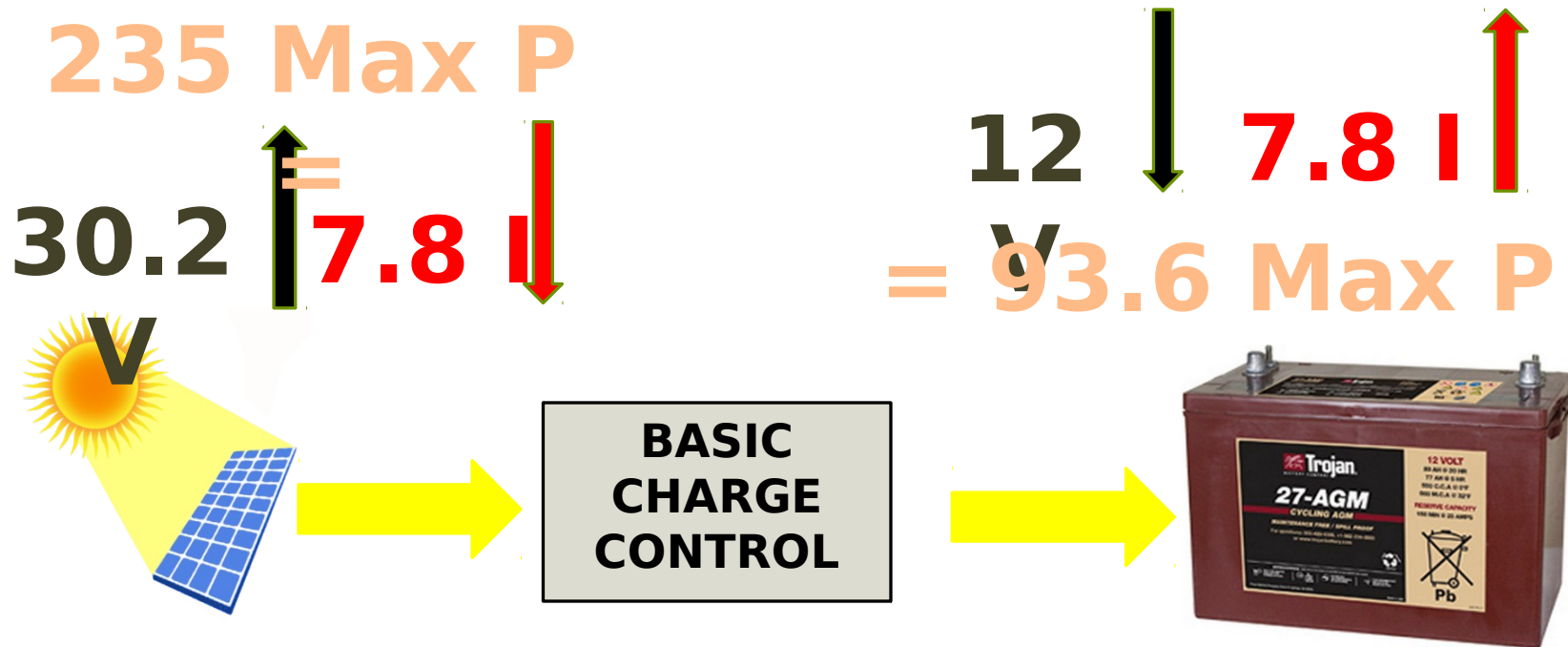
- Optimized Power System efficiency through MPPT
- The MCU must continuously monitor the current delivered to the charging phones
- LED charge status indicators
- High Level Security Access
- Durability - High volume of users
- The System must be able to operate with 24 hours

# Overall Block Diagram



# Photovoltaic (PV) Power System

- Small Off-Grid PV System
- Solar Panel Voltage Rated Higher than Battery
- Charge Control inhibits overcharge of battery
- Solar Panel Output Current Limited



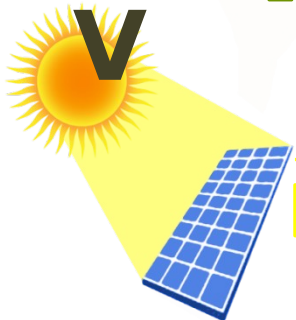
# Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)

- **Solution MPPT**
- Uses an algorithm to track max. power curve
- Enhances Power Gain by Increasing Current

## Ideal Conditions/ Ideal

**Goal**  $235 \text{ W Max}$

$$30.2 \text{ V} \times 7.8 \text{ A} = 235 \text{ W Max P}$$
$$12 \text{ V} \times 19.5 \text{ A} = 235 \text{ W Max P}$$



**MPPT  
CHARGE  
CONTROL**





# Design Considerations

## Common Industry Recommendations:

- 12 V Deep Cycle Battery
- Depth of Discharge (DOD) - 60% capacity

## Location:

- 5.76 Average annual Sun Hours in Central Florida

## Days of Autonomy:

- Selected 24 hours of system operation without Solar Power

# Sizing the PV System

Electrical Loads	Quantity	Watts	Hours/Day	Watt-Hours/day
Cell Phones	4	5	24	480
4.3" Color Touch Screen	1	0.25	24	6
ATmega 328 P	1	0.2	24	4.8
				490.8

Establish

$$\text{Size Battery Bank Capacity} = \sum \frac{\text{Load} \times \text{hours}}{\text{day}}$$

$$\text{Establish minimum Current output by Solar Panel} = \frac{\text{Watt hours} \times \text{Days of Autonomy}}{.85 \times \text{Max.DOD} \times \text{Nominal Battery Voltage}}$$

Establish minimum Current output by Solar Panel

Establish maximum Current output Charge Controller should handle

$$\text{Solar Panel Amperage} = \frac{\frac{\text{Wh}}{\text{day}}}{\text{battery nominal voltage}} * \frac{1}{5.76 \left(\frac{\text{h}}{\text{day}}\right)}$$

Establish maximum Current output Charge Controller should handle

$$\text{Charge Control Amp Cap.} = \frac{\text{Solar Panel (Watts)}}{\text{Nominal Battery Voltage}} + (.25 * \frac{\text{Solar Panel (Watts)}}{\text{Nominal Battery Voltage}})$$

1.25 NEC  
power factor  
buffer

# PV System Analysis/Design Minimum Requirements Design

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Design Parameters	Nominal Values	Units		
Autonomy	1	Days		
Nominal Battery Voltage	12	Volts		
DOD	0.6	Percent		
Average Sun Hours Central Florida	5.76	Hours/Day		
Design Results	Nominal Values	Units	Cost	
Battery Bank Size	80.20	Amp-hours	\$250.00	
Solar Panel Amperage	7.10	Amps	\$230.00	
Charge Controller Amperage Capacity	15.63	Amps	\$265.00	
				<b>\$745.00</b> Total Main System Cost

# Final Design Saved \$230.00

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Charge Controller Amperage Capacity	24.48	Amps	\$265.00	
				<b>\$515.00</b> Total Main System Cost

# Design Verification Trojan Battery off-grid calculator



## RE Renewable Energy Off-Grid Battery Sizing Calculator

Welcome to the Trojan Battery Renewable Energy Sizing Calculator. This calculator is a tool to help you determine the model and quantity of Trojan batteries needed for your renewable energy or backup power system. The calculator recommends batteries based on your inputs and the results are ranked according to cycle life performance.

### RE STEP 1

Please Select Your System Design Parameters

Choose system design battery voltage (12V, 24V, or 48V)

12 V

Choose desired battery depth-of-discharge (DOD)

50%

Type of Battery

VRLA - Maintenance Free

Days of Autonomy

1

### System Loads and Battery Capacity Requirements

Values below will change as you enter system parameters and load estimates.

Battery watt-hours per day for AC loads <small>(including 15% AC inverter loss)</small>	0.00	Wh/day
Battery watt-hours per day for DC loads	490.80	Wh/day
Total battery watt-hours per day <small>(assuming 97% wiring and distribution efficiency)</small>	505.98	Wh/day
Avg daily battery amp-hours needed <small>(with 12V battery system)</small>	42.16	Amp-hours (@12V)
Required system capacity* <small>(based on desired 50% DOD) to achieve 1 days of Autonomy.</small>	84.33	Amp-Hours (@12V)

## Battery w/in 5% (84.33 Ah)

### RE STEP 2

Please Enter Your Average Daily Load Estimates

[Click here to see average wattage for a typical appliance.](#)

Load Description	DC Load? <small>(uses AC load unless checked)</small>	Watts	Quantity	Hours Per Day	Days Per Week	Total Watts	Total Average Watt Hours Per Day*	Remove Item
cell phone charging	☑	5	4	24	7 ▼	20W	480Wh	<a href="#">REMOVE</a>
touch screen	☑	.25	1	24	7 ▼	0W	6Wh	<a href="#">REMOVE</a>
Microcontroller	☑	.2	1	24	7 ▼	0W	5Wh	<a href="#">REMOVE</a>

# AltE off-grid calculator

### STEP 3:

#### Determine How Many Solar Panels You Need In Your Array

How many solar panels do you need? That depends on the panel you choose.

Select the wattage of the panel your interested in, and see the results below:

235 watts per panel

You will need 1 panels for a total of 235 watts.

Select the solar panel that fits your needs.

#### Sizing your Solar Charge Controller

You will need a charge controller that can handle 20 amps

## CC w/in 2.5%

Select the solar charge controller that fits your needs

Sizing a charge controller can be complex, the above answer is a conservative estimate. Please feel free to call us to find a more accurate fit for your needs.

Now that you have sized up the system that fits your needs, call our Knowledgeable Sales Folks at 800-320-9514 and let them help you find the exact products for your system.

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# MPPT Charge Controller

## BLUE SKY Solar Boost 3000i

Characteristics	Blue Sky SB3000i MPPT Controller System	Linear Technology LT8490 I.C. System
Efficiency	95%	97%
Power Loss	5%	2-3%
Cost	\$265.00	\$195.00
Digital Display	Yes	No
Complexity of Design	Simple	Complex
Temperature Compensation	Optional	No
Communications Control	Remote Access	No
Adjustable Voltage Set Points	Yes	Yes

- **30A/15 V** Amperage Voltage Output Capacity
- Built-in **Charging Algorithm/MPPT**
- Built-in **Heat Sink** ★
- 95% power efficient



# Monitoring MPPT Efficiency/ Battery DOD



- Solar Amp In
- Controller Voltage Out
- Controller Amp Out

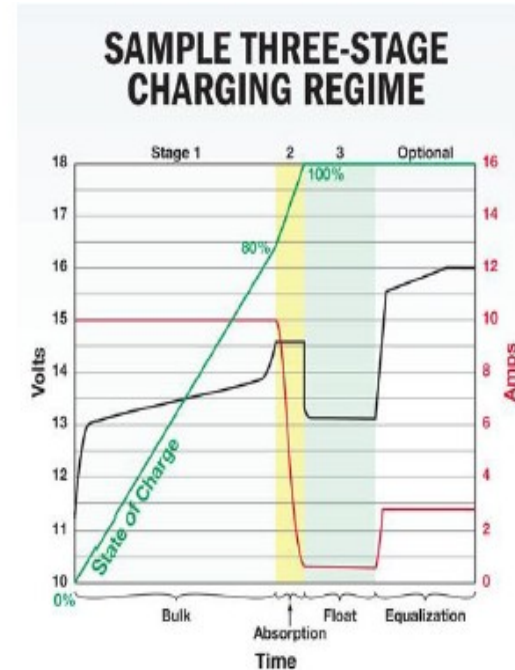


Figure 3.4-3 Sample Three-Stage Charging Regime

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CHARGE STATUS LED's	CHARGE MODE	APPROX. BATTERY CHARGE LEVEL	CURRENT OUTPUT
ABSORPTION & FLOAT OFF	CHARGE OFF	0%/DISCONNECTED	NONE
ABSORPTION & FLOAT ON	BULK	<70% FULL	HIGH
ABSORPTION ON – FLOAT OFF	ABSORPTION	70% - 95% FULL	TAPERS OFF
ABSORPTION OFF – FLOAT ON	FLOAT	FULLY CHARGED	TRICKLE/MAINTENANCE CHARGE

# Solar Panel Comparison

Minimum Current Output of 7.1A



	<b>Monocrystalline Solar Panel</b>	<b>Polycrystalline Solar Panel</b>
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>About 17%</b>	<b>11% - 14%</b>
<b>Power generated per (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>More</b>	<b>Less</b>
<b>Aesthetics</b>	<b>Consistent Deep Black Design</b>	<b>Inconsistent Blue Cell Design</b>
<b>Temperature Tolerance</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>Lower</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>Lower</b>

# Solar Panel Selection

## Suntech 235W Polycrystalline Solar Panel

### Electrical Characteristics

STC	STP235-20/Wd
Maximum Power at STC (Pmax)	235 W
Optimum Operating Voltage (Vmp)	30.2 V
Optimum Operating Current (Imp)	7.79 A
Open Circuit Voltage (Voc)	37.0 V
Short Circuit Current (Isc)	8.35 A
Module Efficiency	14.4%



Dimensions	1640 × 992 × 35mm (64.6 × 39.1 × 1.4 inches)
Weight	18.2 kgs (40.1 lbs.)



# Battery

## TROJAN 12 V 89 Ah (Absorbent Glass Mat) AGM

Parameters	Lead Acid Gel Sealed	Lead Acid AGM	Lithium Ion
<b>Average battery life</b>	Replace every 3-5 years	Replace every 10 years	Replace every 10 years
<b>Deep cycle DOD efficiency</b>	50%	60%	80%
<b>Weight</b>	66 lbs.	64 lbs.	4 lbs.
<b>Space requirements</b>	8.1 x 8.1 x 5.9 inches	12.05 x 6.84 x 9.32 inches	7.17 x 6.61 x 3.03 inches
<b>Cost</b>	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$560.00
<b>Charge Efficiency</b>	75%	75%	97%
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Moderate	Moderate	High
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	80% recyclable	97% recyclable ★	60% recyclable

- Most common practice in PV Systems
- Maintenance Free
- Cost Efficient ★
- Eco-conscious
- Weight and Space Accommodations met by Enclosure

# Power System

## Compatibility (Lose it?)

SPECIFICATIONS	Solar Boost 3000i
Nominal Battery Voltage	12 VDC
Automatic Output Current Limit	30.0A with 36 cell PV input • 22.0A with 60 cell PV input
Maximum PV I <sub>SC</sub> / Power	24.0A / 400W with 36 cell PV input • 11.8A / 290W with 60 cell PV input
Maximum Battery & PV Voltage	50.0VDC absolute maximum <sup>Ⓛ</sup> (Recommend maximum PV V <sub>OC</sub> at STC ≤ 40.0VDC)
Standby Power Consumption	30mA typical
Charge Algorithm	3-stage Bulk/Absorption/Float • Plus Auto/Manual Equalization
Power Conversion Efficiency	97% typical, 36 cell modules delivering 24A

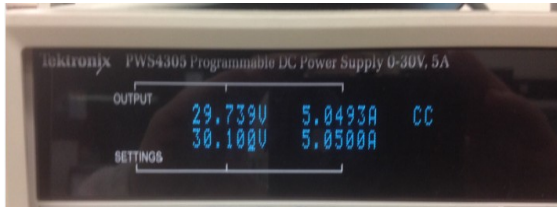
## Panel

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1.25 NEC buffered power factor

19.6 A

# UniverSOL PV System Prototyping



**INPUT  
150 W**



**OUTPUT  
137 W**

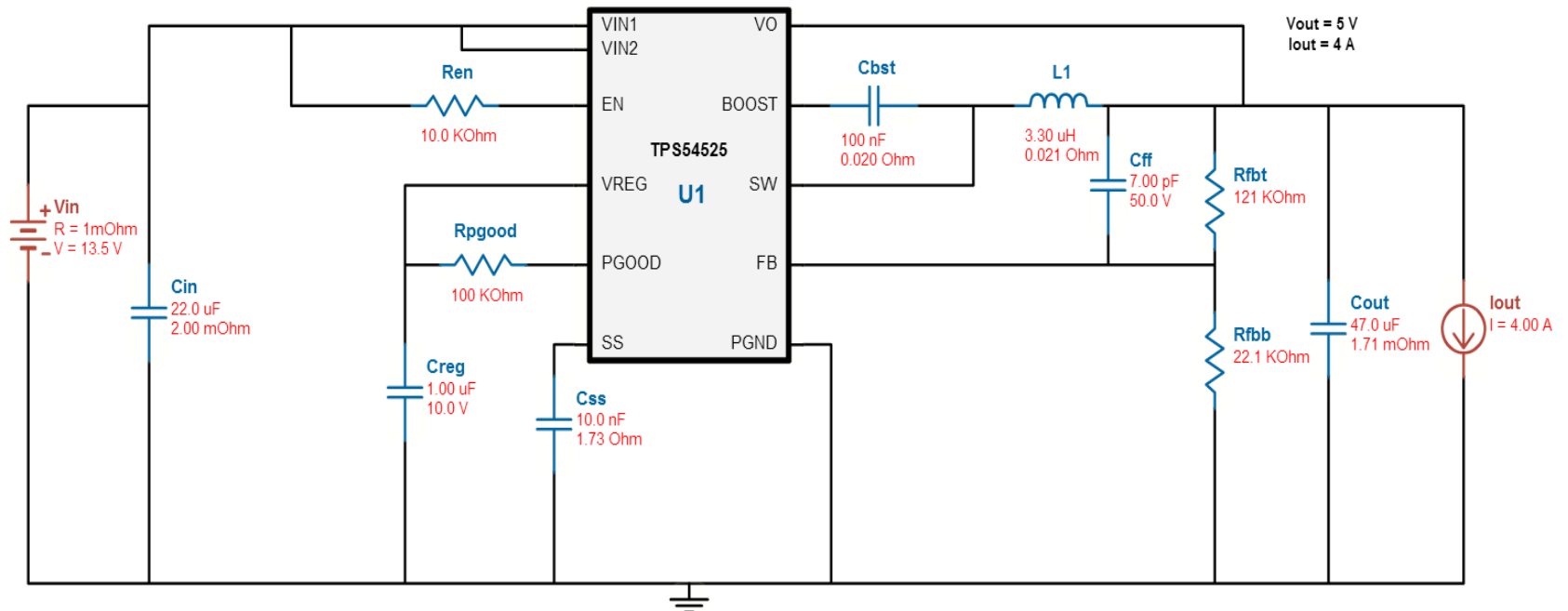


**91 % OF TOTAL POWER**

# Voltage Regulators

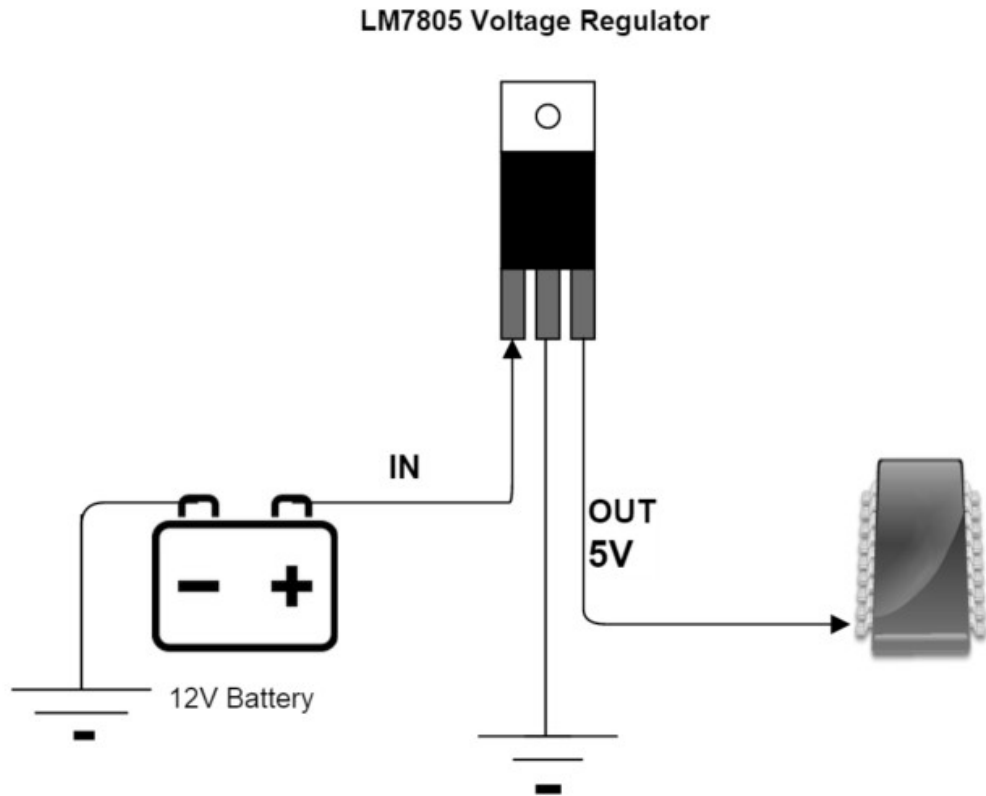


VinMin = 12 V  
VinMax = 15 V



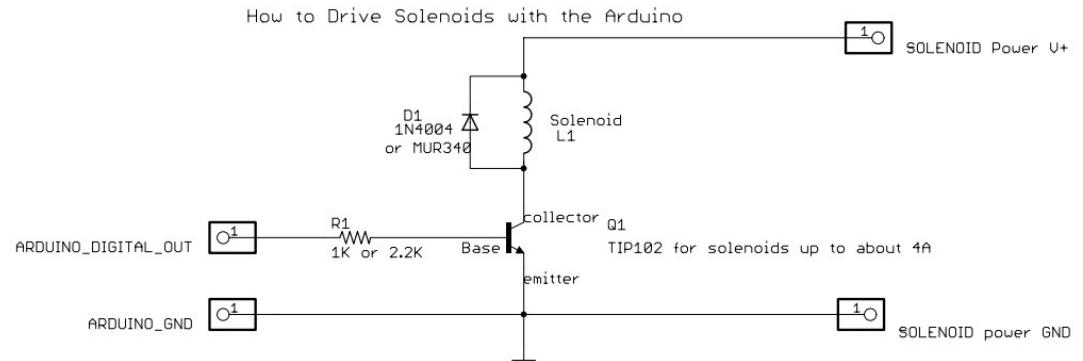
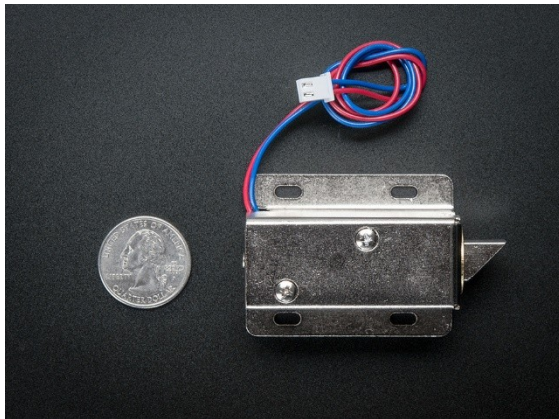
# Voltage Regulators

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- 12V
- LM



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# Cabinet Locks



## TECHNICAL DETAILS

- 12VDC (you can use 9-12 DC volts, but lower voltage results in weaker/slower operation)
- Draws 650mA at 12V, 500 mA at 9V when activated
- Designed for 1-10 seconds long activation time
- Max Dimensions: 41.85mm / 1.64" x 53.57mm / 2.1" x 27.59mm / 11.08"
- Dimensions: 23.57mm / 0.92" x 67.47mm / 2.65" x 27.59mm / 11.08"
- Wire length: 222.25mm / 8.75"
- Weight: 147.71g

# Current Sensors

- The PCB will have four mounted ACS712 Hall-Effect-Based Linear Current Sensor ICs with 2.1 kVRMS Voltage Isolation and a Low-Resistance Current Conductor
- Current flowing through a copper conduction path generates a magnetic field which is then sensed by the integrated Hall IC and converted into a proportional voltage
- The ATMEGA328 processor reads the voltage to determine the charge status of the phone being charged



## LED Status Indicators(JC)

- Status of charge level on phones
- Green and Red LED mounted inside each locker
- Visible from outside of locker to indicate status of locker or phone

**Red**  
**indicate**  
**s phone**  
**is**  
**charging**



**Green**  
**indicates**  
**phone**  
**charging**  
**complete.**



# The Charger Doctor Current and Voltage Meter

- Current and voltage test tool
- Digital LED 7-segment readout
- Alternates between voltage and current readings every 5 seconds



# Current Sensing to Indicate Charge Status

- No cell phone connected to charger plug
- All Indicator lights off due to no current



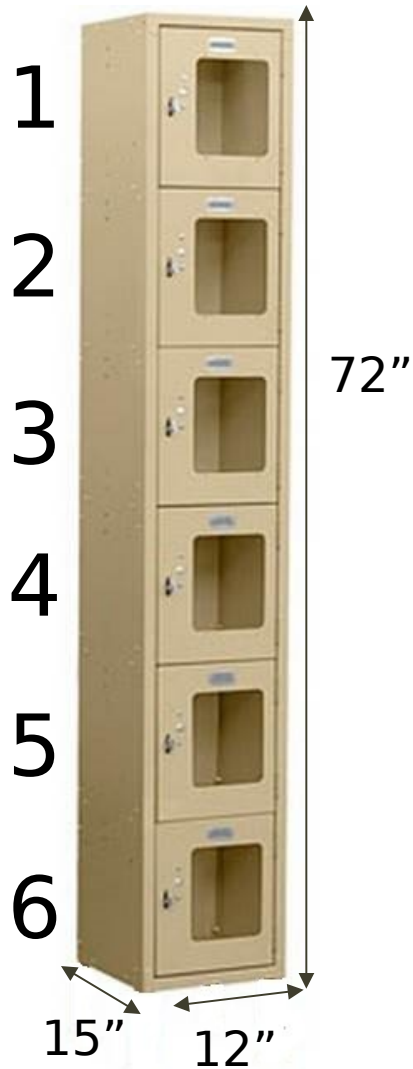
- Cell phone connected to charger plug
- Indicator light illuminated red due to cell phone battery receiving charge



- Connected cell phone completely charged
- Indicator light illuminated green due to cell phone battery drawing limited amount of current



# Charging Cabinet Modifications



- Decrease the height from 78" to 72" by removing legs, so Universol's available charging lockers are at a more user-friendly height
- New dimensions: 72"Hx12"Wx15"D
- Locker 1 used for storing battery and MPPT charge controller
- Locker 2 will house touch screen display
- Lockers 3 through 6 to be used for cell phone charging

# 4-in-1 Breakout Cables (JC)

- Apple i3 and i4 dock connector
- Apple Lightning iPhone 5, 5S, 6, 6+
- Micro USB
- Mini USB
- Total Length is 12.80"



# Cabinet Modification Detail: User-Charging Locker

## Each locker:

- Has a solenoid lock controlled by a user PIN entered through the touch-screen
- Will be equipped with red and green LED indicators
- Will have the 4-in-1 charging break-out cables for various cell phones

# Cabinet Back

- Easily accessible rear control panel
- Terminal strip for common tie-in points
- Power and signal separation to eliminate noise issues
- Charge Doctor in-line current sensors for constant monitoring of current to the phones
- Locker 1 to be ventilated due to heat released during battery operation

# Embedded System

## Microcontroller Unit I/O

ATmega328 Pin Mapping

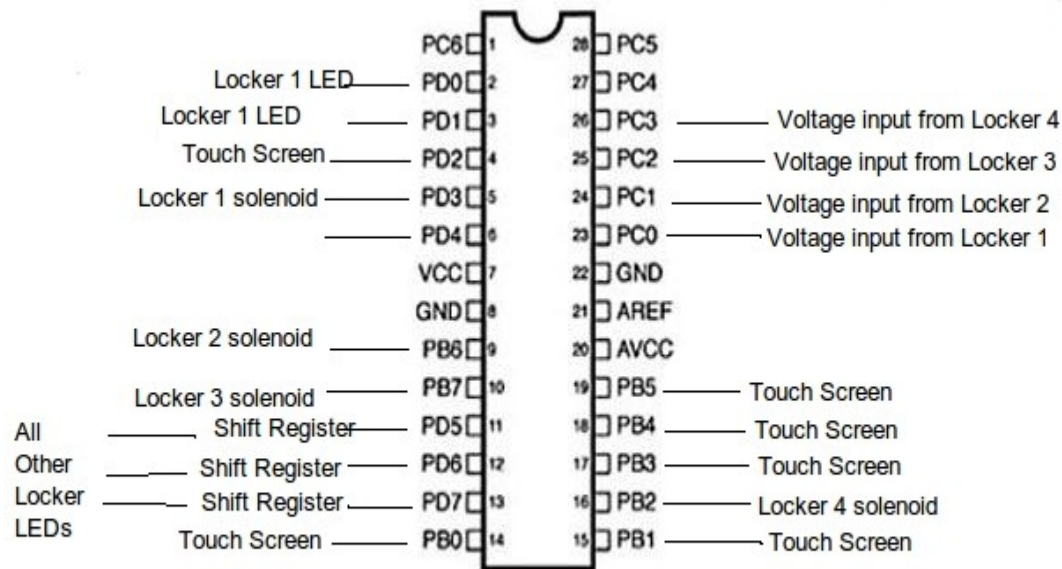
Arduino function	Pin	Microcontroller Pin	Microcontroller Function	Arduino function
reset	1	PC8	(PCINT14/RESET)	
digital pin 0 (RX)	2	PD0	(PCINT16/RXD)	analog input 5
digital pin 1 (TX)	3	PD1	(PCINT17/TXD)	analog input 4
digital pin 2	4	PD2	(PCINT18/INT0)	analog input 3
digital pin 3 (PWM)	5	PD3	(PCINT19/OC2B/INT1)	analog input 2
digital pin 4	6	PD4	(PCINT20/XCK/T0)	analog input 1
VCC	7	VCC		analog input 0
GND	8	GND		GND
crystal	9	PB6	(PCINT6/XTAL1/TOSC1)	analog reference
crystal	10	PB7	(PCINT7/XTAL2/TOSC2)	VCC
digital pin 5 (PWM)	11	PD5	(PCINT21/OC0B/T1)	digital pin 13
digital pin 6 (PWM)	12	PD6	(PCINT22/OC0A/AIN0)	digital pin 12
digital pin 7	13	PD7	(PCINT23/AIN1)	digital pin 11 (PWM)
digital pin 8	14	PB0	(PCINT0/CLKO/CP1)	digital pin 10 (PWM)
		28	PC5 (ADC5/SCL/PCINT13)	digital pin 9 (PWM)
		27	PC4 (ADC4/SDA/PCINT12)	
		26	PC3 (ADC3/PCINT11)	
		25	PC2 (ADC2/PCINT10)	
		24	PC1 (ADC1/PCINT9)	
		23	PC0 (ADC0/PCINT8)	
		22	GND	
		21	AREF	
		20	AVCC	
		19	PB5 (SCK/PCINT5)	
		18	PB4 (MISO/PCINT4)	
		17	PB3 (MOSI/OC2A/PCINT3)	
		16	PB2 (SS/OC1B/PCINT2)	
		15	PB1 (OC1A/PCINT1)	

Digital Pins 11, 12 & 13 are used by the ICSP header for MISO, MOSI, SCK connections (Atmega 168 pins 17, 18 & 19). Avoid low-impedance loads on these pins when using the ICSP header.

- Atmel ATmega328P
- 8-bit microcontroller
- 32 KB Program Memory
- Operating Voltage 1.8 to 5.5 Volts
- 6 analog input/output pins
- 14 digital input/output pins

# Microcontroller I/O

ATmega328 Pin Mapping



Input voltage from phone in each locker

One output to each locker for the solenoid locking mechanism

Output signal to the LED inside each locker

Input and output for the user display and interface via touchscreen

Shift register to add more digital pins



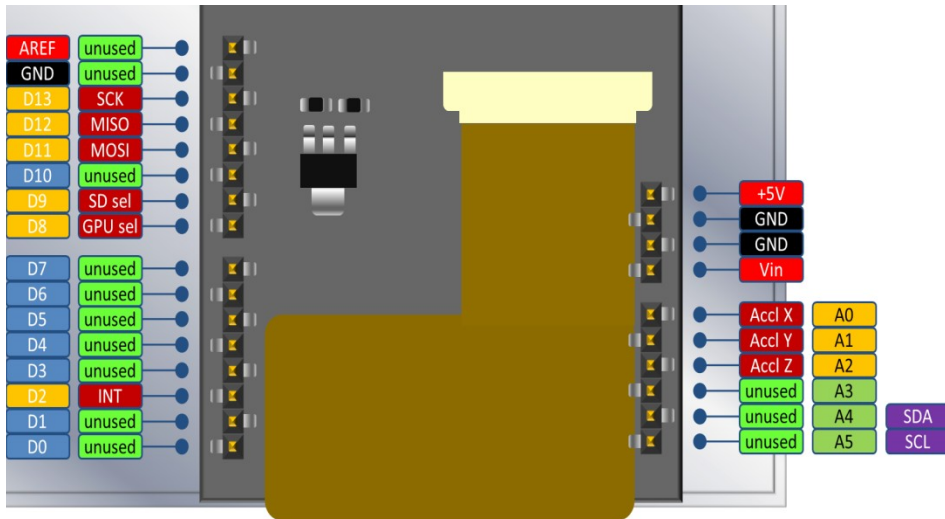
# Touch Screen

Main Component  
of our user  
interface

4.3 inch LCD  
Display

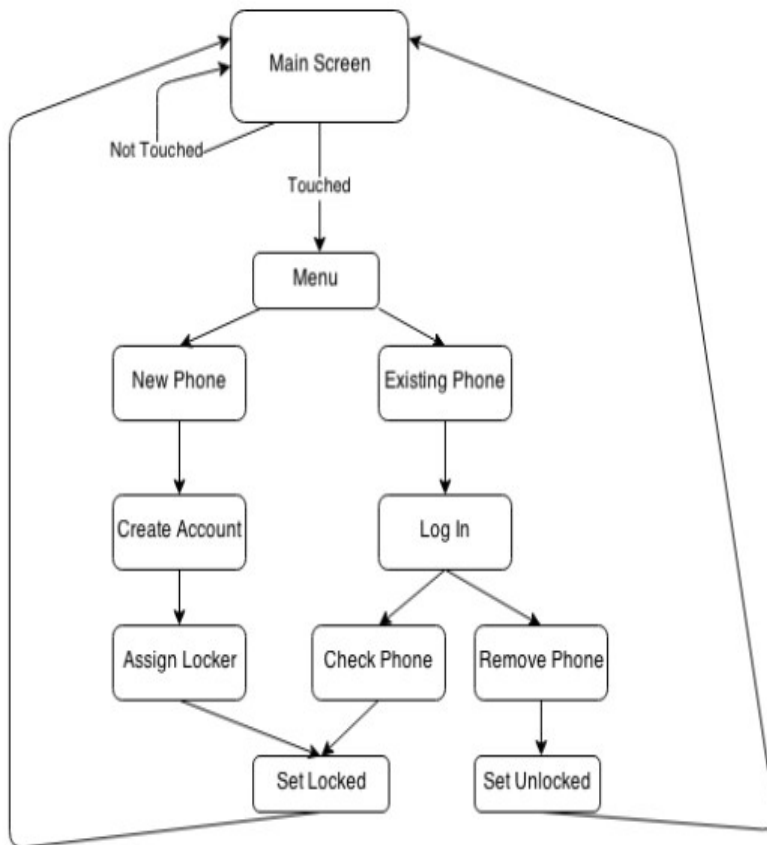
Anti-glare

Connected to the  
microcontroller  
by diagram  
shown to the  
right



# Touch Screen

## User Interface Flowchart



Something always displayed on the touch screen

After 20 seconds Main Screen will go into power saving advertisement mode

# Security System User Interface

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1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
Clear	0	Enter

- Each locker saves a 4 digit PIN
- Simple Easy to use with big buttons.
- Requires typing a PIN twice to ensure correct numbers
- All old PIN #s get deleted when the locker is done being used

# Lock Box/LEDs

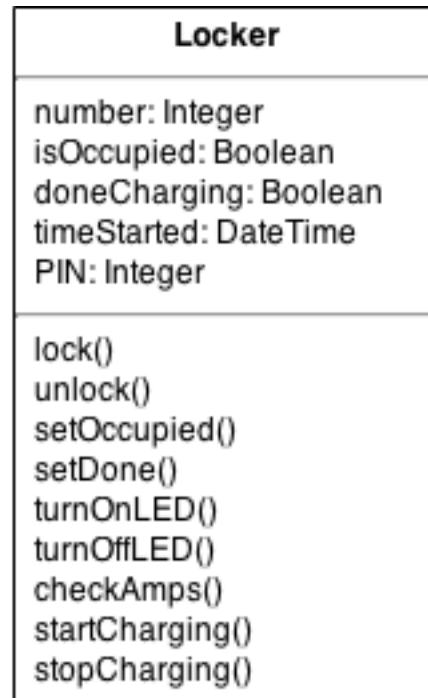
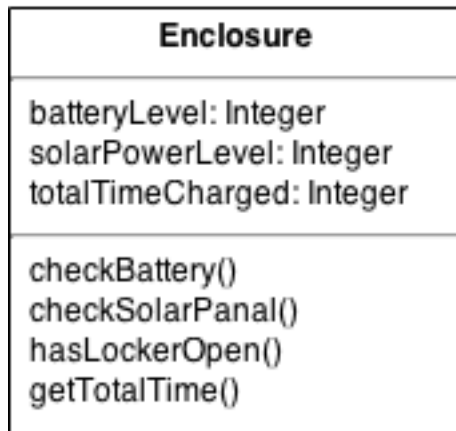


Magnetic Solenoid lock  
receives signal from  
Atmega328

Red = Charging  
Green = Done Charging  
No LED on = Vacant

Current sensor uses hall  
effect to get the current  
values from the phones

# Class Diagram

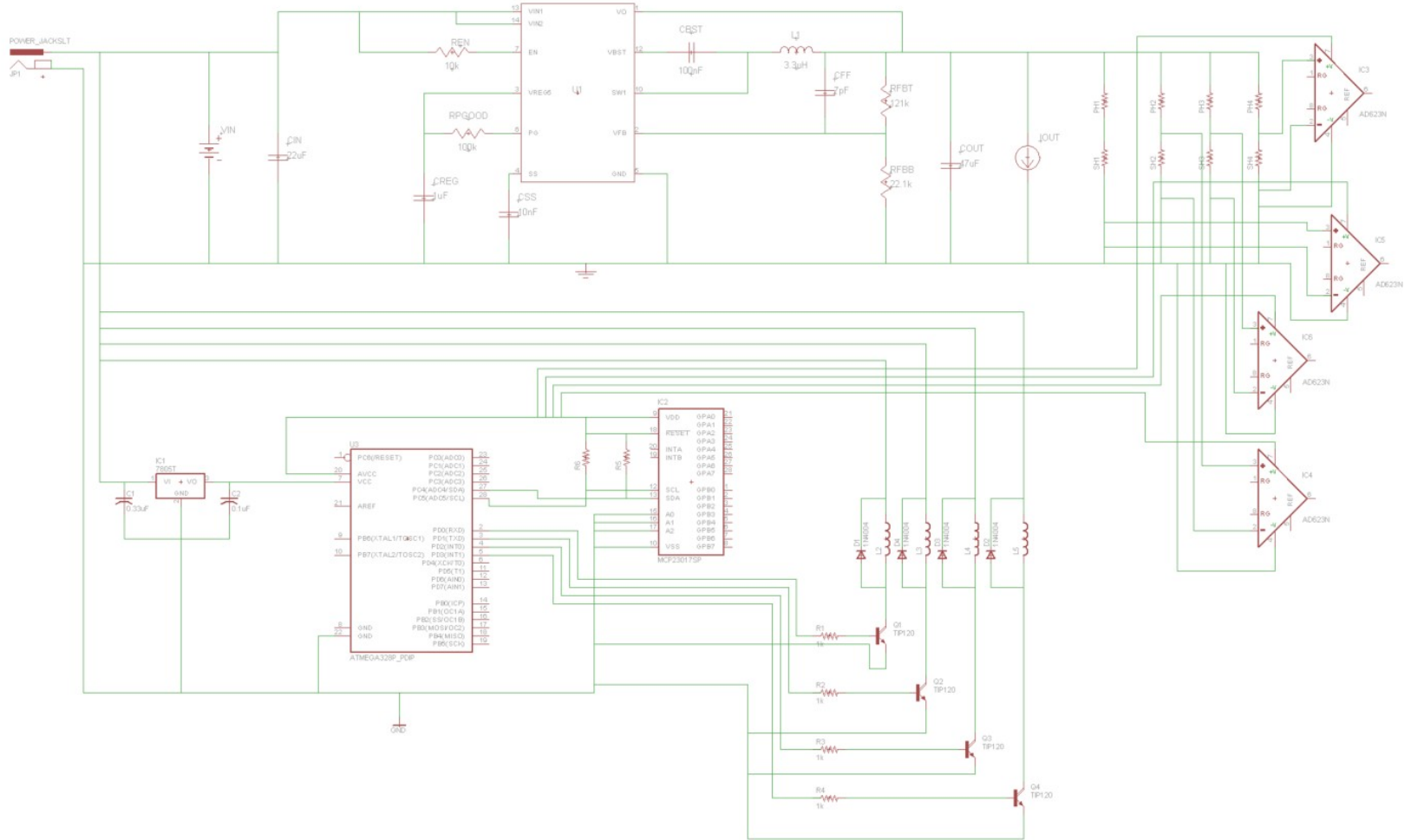


4 instances of  
Locker class

1 instance of  
Enclosure

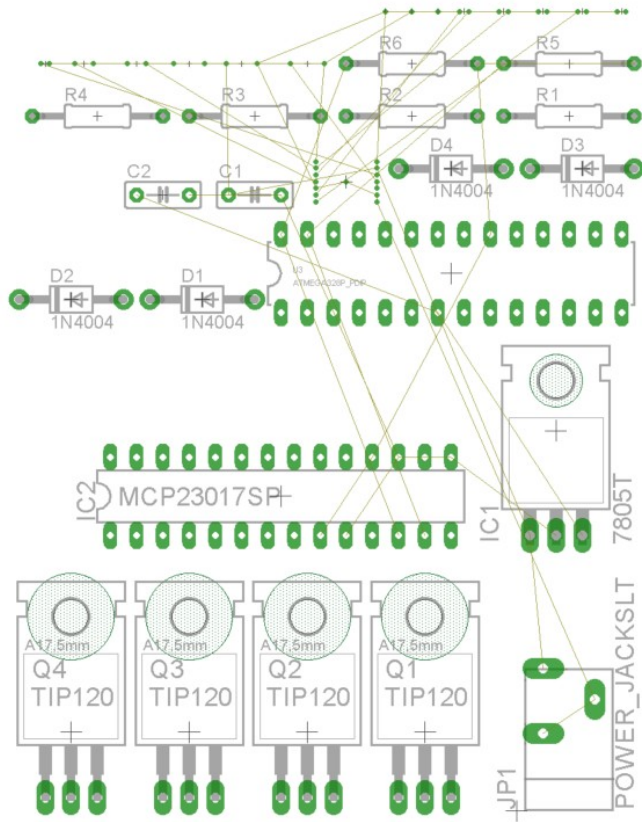
Enclosure  
handles all  
overall system  
information

# PCB Design



# PCB

## Design Board



# Division of Work

Amy	Jonathan	Brock	John
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Power System<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Battery</li><li>• MPPT</li></ul></li><li>• Microcontroller</li><li>• Hardware</li><li>• Testing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC to DC Converters</li><li>• PCB Design</li><li>• Hardware</li><li>• Testing</li><li>• Fabrication</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software</li><li>• Microcontroller</li><li>• Touchscreen</li><li>• Testing</li><li>• Security System</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hardware</li><li>• Sensors</li><li>• Safety</li><li>• Programming</li><li>• Testing</li><li>• Fabrication</li></ul>



# Budget and Finance

## Project Fully Funded

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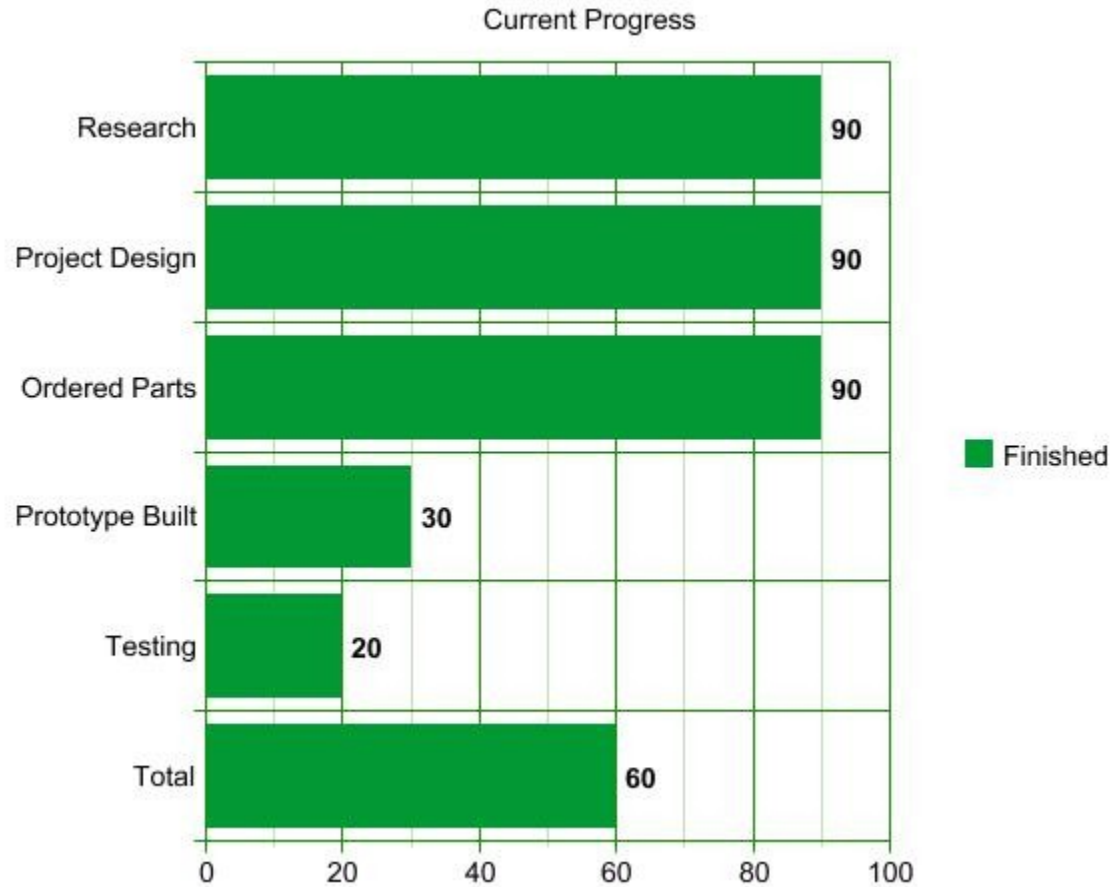
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Balance

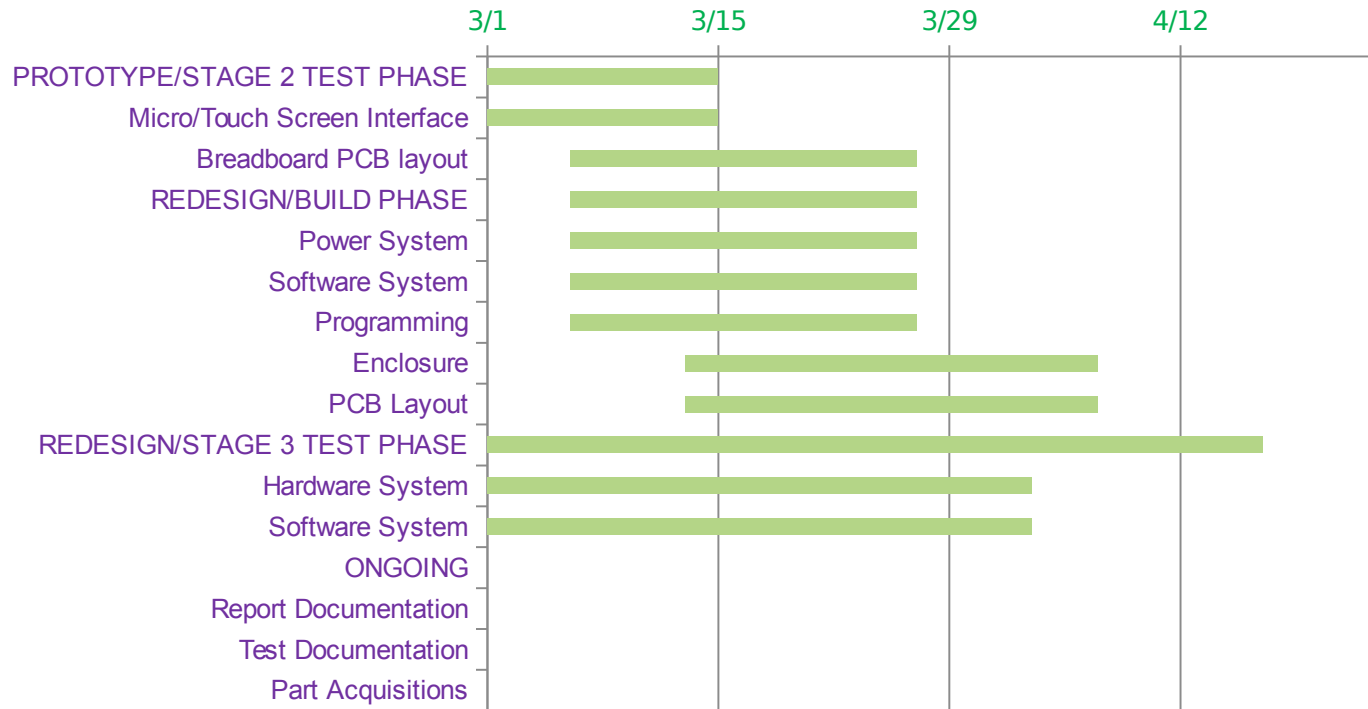
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Item	Price	Cost
235W Solar Panel	\$275.00	\$0.00
30A MPPT Charge Controller	\$279.24	\$279.24
USB Charging Cables	\$14.48	\$14.48
Universal Cell Phone Charging Cables	\$9.00	\$9.00
Atmega323	\$40.00	\$0.00
Current Meters	\$8.54	\$8.54
LEDs	\$5.00	\$0.00
9" Touchscreen	\$79.19	\$79.19
18F PIC MCU	\$13.06	\$13.06
PIC Dev Board	\$175.00	\$175.00
5V Voltage Regulator	\$2.00	\$0.00
High Powered USB Hub	\$25.49	\$25.49
12V 89Ah SLA Rechargeable Battery	\$259.00	\$259.00
Wire/Cable	\$15.00	
PCB	\$85.00	
Solenoid Locks	\$75.00	\$23.87
Printing	\$36.00	\$36.00
Enclosure	\$300.00	\$233.21
Protoype Socket	\$37.50	\$37.50
Misc.Circuit Components	\$25.00	\$17.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,758.50</b>	<b>\$1,211.06</b>

# Current Progress Report

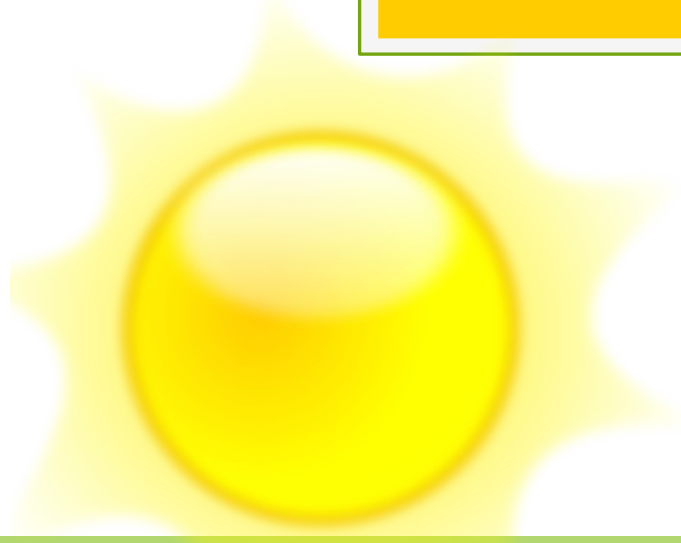


# Projected Design Stages



# Issues

- Touch Screen?
- Wiring through doors
- Solenoids Locks or Combination Lock
- Green Energy Chart
- System loses all power (hurricane)



**THANK YOU  
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AND  
ANY QUESTIONS?**