

**LD550-24 Operating Manual**



Serial No \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note - Your 2 Year Warranty can only be valid once your warranty card is completed and returned to Selectronic Australia



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## Introduction

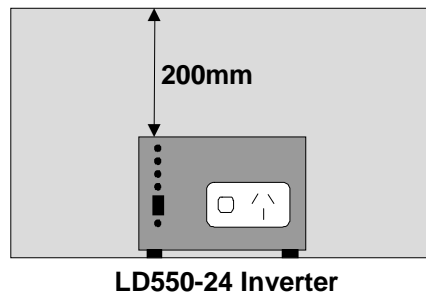
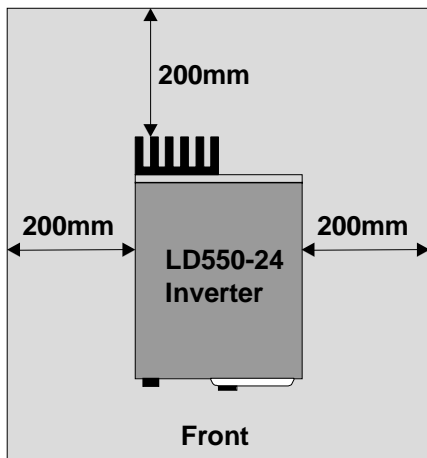
*Thank you for choosing to purchase the Selectronic LD550-24 TRUE SINE WAVE inverter. Many hours of Research and Development have gone into the LD550-24 to ensure this inverter provides you with many years of reliable service*

## Warranty Card

It is imperative that you complete your warranty card NOW. Your LD550-24 is covered by a TWO year warranty; this warranty is in addition to your rights under the trade practices act of your state or territory.

Returning your completed warranty card will enable us to register your warranty and avoid any possible delays should service be required. If you have any comments about our product that will not fit on the warranty card please feel free to drop us a line. Yes, constructive criticism will also be welcome.

## Installation



Please leave a clearance of 200mm on all sides and top of the Inverter. The LD550-24 must be installed in a dry, cool, dust-free environment. It is recommended that the inverter be placed as far from any radio receivers as possible.

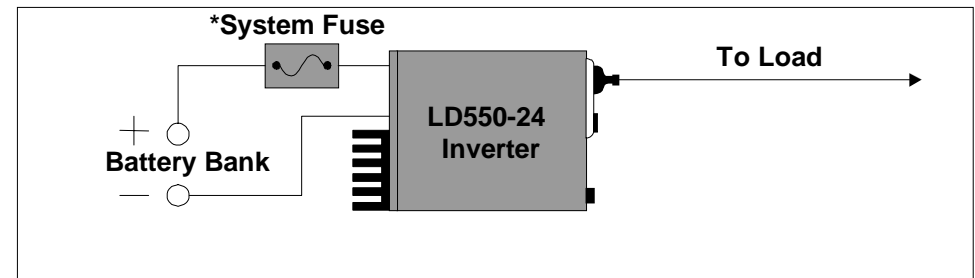


mounts of DC current can be drawn by your LD550-24, *care must be*



## Fixed Installation

All fixed installation battery connections must be securely bolted, using stainless steel nuts and bolts. To protect the connection from corrosion smear a small amount of Vaseline or similar over the joint. Never place batteries directly onto a concrete floor, place timber or similar material beneath the batteries.



\* A system fuse (of at least 25 Amps) should be placed before the battery. An HRC motor start type is recommended. (See your system designer for details).

## Warning

As a matter of safety, Selectronic strongly recommend that all fixed installations be designed and installed by appropriately qualified person. The Solar Energy Industries Association in your state or territory can provide names of accredited system designers and installers.

**The output voltage from an inverter is as lethal as mains electricity.**

All AC wiring **MUST** be carried out by an accredited electrician and must conform to AS3000 and/or any relevant local standards.



## Electrician's Note

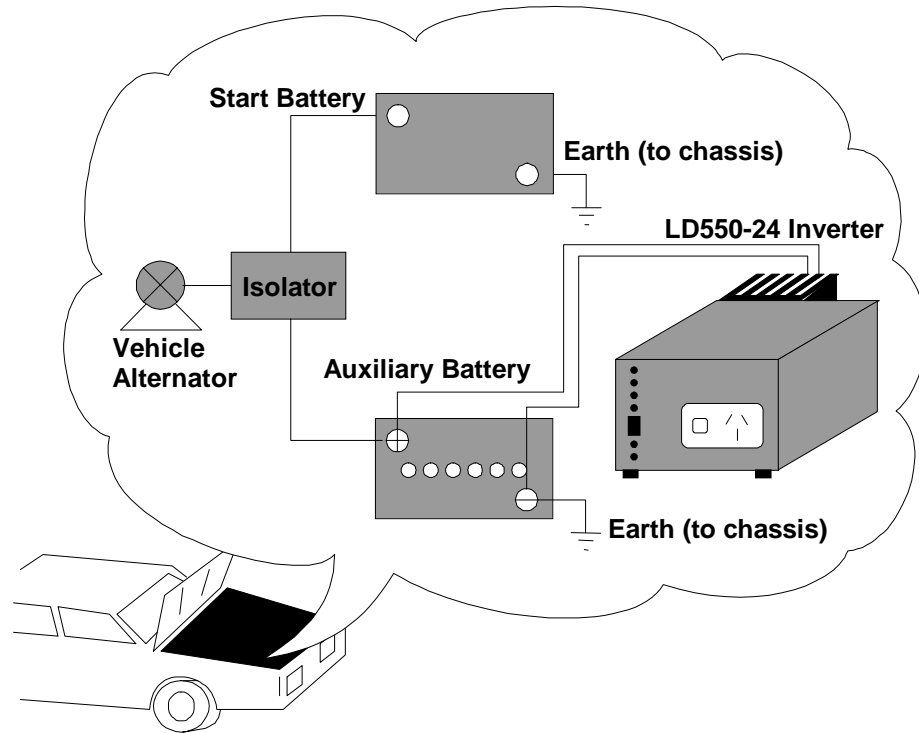
- All earth's AC and DC should be bonded
- RFI/Lightning Earth stake should be within 3m of the inverter
- The LD550-24 is suitable for connection to MEN wiring
- Any AC changeover switch must be a 'break before make' type

## Portable Use

By using optional battery clips, the LD550-24 can be connected directly to a vehicle battery. When using Alligator clips ensure they have a tight grip around the battery post. Wherever possible battery connections should be bolted. If connecting the LD550-24 through a cigarette lighter socket the maximum power output of the LD550-24 will be *severely* restricted, this practice should be avoided. Check with your supplier or installer if you are unsure.



**Do not use alligator clips in a moving vehicle**



By incorporating an auxiliary battery in the manner above, the starting battery should remain charged for vehicle starting (see your auto electrician). The LD550-24 has sufficient battery cable length to allow it to sit underneath the vehicle whilst in use. If the ground is wet, place the LD550-24 on a waterproof liner.

## Batteries and Connections

Batteries are the key to maximum performance from your LD550-24, if a battery is too small or not fully charged it may result in de-rated performance from your LD550-24.

### Battery ratings

Batteries can be rated in one of two ways:

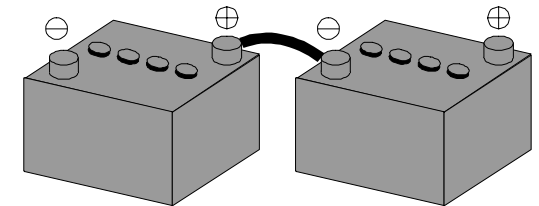
1. CCA = Cold Cranking Ability. This is the amount of power or current that a battery can deliver for a short period, typically a few seconds. This how a car battery would normally be rated.
2. Ah = Ampere Hours. This is the maximum amount of energy that can be stored in a battery; this figure will generally be stated at a particular hour rate. This is how a deep cycle or storage battery would normally be rated.



100Ah @100hr, this means that when this battery is discharged over a period of 100 hours, the battery has a capacity of 100Ah. This in theory means 1 Amp for 100 hours, although this would in practice result in a totally discharged battery that may not then recover.

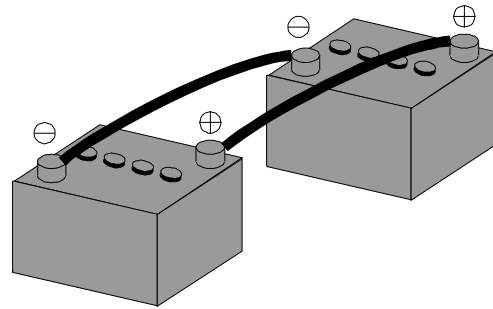
To achieve maximum performance from your LD550-24 you must have a battery capable of delivering 75 Amps for a short period whilst maintaining at least 21.0 volts. To increase the capacity of your battery you may need to join more than one battery together.

- Where batteries are joined in *series*, add the voltage of each battery.



The capacity will equal the capacity of the smallest battery. 2 x 12 Volt 150 Ah batteries connected in series would have a total capacity of 24 Volts – 150 Ah.

Where batteries are joined in **parallel**, add the capacities together, the voltage will remain the same as each batteries voltage.



2 x 12 Volt 150 Ah batteries capacity of 12 Volts – 300 Ah. This would not suit your 24 Volt LD550-24.



Only use identical batteries when joining batteries together.

### How long will my battery last

To work out how long your battery will last follow this basic guide.



This guide presumes commencing with a fully charged battery.

Take the total rating of the appliance being run

1	light globe	25watts
1	20 inch TV	67watts
1	VCR	30watts

**Total load** =122watts

Divide this figure (122) by 20 to know the approximate DC current draw  
=6.1Amps

To convert this to Ampere hours, multiply by the number of hours used -  
Say 1 hour =6.1Ah

So if we have a 150Ah battery, then with the above example we should have 150 minus 6.1 = 143.9 Ah remaining in the battery.



As a general guide never discharge a battery below 50%. The deeper a battery is discharged on a regular basis, the less life you can expect from the battery. See your battery specifications for full details.

### Getting Started Quickly

If you want to get powered up quickly here are the 11 simple steps.

1. Familiarise yourself with the details in the first 6 pages on this manual.
2. Unpack the LD550-24 from the packaging.
3. Check unit for any damage that may have resulted during transport, if any damage is evident report this to your supplier immediately.
4. Make sure the LD550-24 ON/OFF switch (12) is in the off position.
5. Connect battery positive wire (red) (10) to battery positive or battery fuse.
6. Connect battery neg. wire (black) (11) to battery negative or battery fuse.
7. Plug a 230 - 240V appliance into inverter front power point (8) but do not switch on.
8. Turn ON/OFF switch (12) to ON.
9. After 3 seconds LED (1) will begin to flash. If no LEDs light, check for correct connection to battery.
10. Turn power point (8) on
11. You're away.

### LD550-24 Parts Identification



(8) Power Point/GPO

Positive (Red) Battery lead (6) can be viewed from the rear.

Negative (Black) Battery Lead (7) can be viewed from the rear.

## Operation

Five LEDs are provided on the front panel to indicate a number of parameters, and allow adjustment of some of these parameters.

LED (5) tells you what LED (1) – (4) is displaying as indicated on the front panel of the LD550-24. Pressing Mode Button (7) will change the information being displayed.

### STATUS indicators LED (5) (green) flashing

When power is first applied LED (1) should flash.

When LED (5) (green) is OFF, this indicates the LED (1) – (4) is showing the inverters STATUS, as per written notation to the right of the LEDs. In this mode there are no adjustments to be made.

**LED (1) Flashing** indicated the LD550-24 is in Demand Start mode, this indicates that no power is being drawn from the inverter so it has gone to SLEEP to save power. If no power is used within 12 minutes, the LED (1) will flash at a slower rate therefore saving more power.

**LED (1) Stays ON**, the inverter has been commanded to provide power to the load (e.g. a light switch has been turned on) so it has gone from SLEEP mode to ON. Once the load has been removed (e.g. the light switch is turned off) the inverter will wait 10 seconds and return to SLEEP mode.



It is good practice to have your LD550-24 in SLEEP mode as often as possible. When the LD550-24 is in SLEEP mode it uses 0.05 amps from the battery, when the inverter is in the ON mode it uses at least 0.50 amps from the battery.

The amount of power required to go from SLEEP to ON is adjustable and is described on page 11.

**LED (2) AC Overload** should normally remain OFF. If the inverter shuts down due to too much AC load being drawn from it then LED (2) will come ON. The LD550-24 will remain in this condition for 1 minute after the AC load has been decreased to a safe level. LED (2) will flash if the inverter shuts down due to “time to shutdown”, see page 18

- If the inverter remains in this condition after one minute, switch (12) should be turned OFF and then back ON.

**LED (3) DC Volts Low / High** should normally remain OFF. If the inverter shuts down because the battery volts are too high then this LED (3) will come ON. It will remain ON until normal battery volts are restored.

- If the inverter shuts down due to not enough battery volts, then LED (3) will flash.
- LED (3) will continue to flash until the battery volts have risen sufficiently. In this case, charge the battery by starting the vehicle or using a battery charger.

The low voltage point that the inverter will cut out is adjustable to suit your particular battery, see page 12 for details of this adjustment.

**LED (4) Temperature Overload** should normally remain OFF. If the inverter shuts down due to the heatsink getting too hot, then this LED (4) will come ON. If the transformer is too hot then LED (4) will FLASH. The LED will remain ON or FLASHING until the temperature has lowered to a safe level; the inverter will then come back ON.

- If this LED (4) is coming on regularly, either reduce the amount of load on the inverter or try to move the inverter to a cooler location.

## Demand Start Adjust LED (5) (green) ON

It is sometimes necessary to adjust the demand start sensitivity to overcome what is called “Phantom Loads”. A phantom load is a load that tricks the inverter into thinking it should be ON instead of in SLEEP mode.

The wiring of a house or a portable stereo system in standby are good examples of a phantom load. These loads serve no purpose but yet can increase battery drain by bringing the inverter ON. Hold the Mode button (7) down until LED (5) comes ON, (approximately 1 second) indicating you are ready to adjust this setting. The LD550-24 will leave the factory with a setting of 4 watts. Now press the Mode button (7) until the desired value is sought. LEDs (1) – (4) will return to Status after 20 seconds.

Demand Start Watts	LED 1	LED 2	LED 3	LED 4
4 Watts				ON
5 Watts			Slow Flash	ON
6 Watts			Medium Flash	ON
7 Watts			Fast Flash	ON
8 Watts			ON	
9 Watts		Slow Flash	ON	
10 Watts		Medium Flash	ON	
11 Watts		Fast Flash	ON	
12 Watts		ON		
13 Watts	Slow Flash	ON		
14 Watts	Medium Flash	ON		
15 Watts	Fast Flash	ON		
16 Watts	ON			
Continuous	ON	ON	ON	ON

After “continuous”, the next button press “rolls back” the demand start setting to 4 Watts

## Low Volts Adjust LED (5) (green) FLASHING

To avoid total discharging of your battery the LD550-24 shuts down at a pre-set low voltage. As all batteries are different, so too is the minimum voltage they should be discharged to. The LD550-24 will leave the factory with a setting of **22.0 volts**, change this setting if required.

Hold the Mode button (7) down until LED (5) is FLASHING, (approximately 2 seconds) indicating you are ready to adjust this setting. Now press the Mode button (7) until the desired value is sought. LEDs (1) – (4) will return to Status after 20 seconds.

Low Volts Cut-out	LED 1	LED 2	LED 3	LED 4
20.0 Volts				ON
20.2 Volts			Slow Flash	ON
20.4 Volts			Medium Flash	ON
20.6 Volts			Fast Flash	ON
20.8 Volts			Fastest Flash	ON
21.0 Volts			ON	
21.2 Volts		Slow Flash	ON	
21.4 Volts		Medium Flash	ON	
21.6 Volts		Fast Flash	ON	
21.8 Volts		Fastest Flash	ON	
22.0 Volts		ON		
22.2 Volts	Slow Flash	ON		
22.4 Volts	Medium Flash	ON		
22.6 Volts	Fast Flash	ON		
22.8 Volts	Fastest Flash	ON		
23.0 Volts	ON			

After “23.0 Volts”, the next button press “rolls back” the Low DC Volts Cut-out setting to “20.0 Volts”

## Maintenance

### Inverter

Periodic maintenance of your LD550-24 inverter involves little more than checking for any obstructions to the black cooling heatsink at the rear of the inverter. The heatsink must be cleared of any accumulated foreign matter that may have lodged itself between the fins since the last maintenance check, e.g. insect nests. Also verify that airflow around the inverter has not become restricted.

### Batteries

1. Every week, carry out a thorough visual inspection of all battery wiring, taking particular note of the condition of inter-connections between cells. This maintenance should be carried out in conjunction with the battery manufacturers recommended maintenance.

#### Safety Hint



When working on batteries of such high capacity it is essential that you wear protective clothing, some form of eye protection and rubber-soled work boots. Please regard your batteries with a great deal of caution, and if in any doubt, entrust this work to your supplier / installer.

2. Check that the stainless steel inter-connecting bolts are tight and have no corrosion. If corrosion is evident, carefully follow the following procedure.
  - Disconnect the system battery fuse before working on the battery bank.
  - Unbolt the stainless steel bolts and nuts of any corroded connections and thoroughly clean the joint with a wire brush or file, taking extreme care not to short circuit any battery cells with any tools.
  - Re-assemble and smear a small amount of Vaseline or similar grease over the surface of the joint to slow down any future corrosion.

Once a fortnight or as directed in your battery manufacturer, check the specific gravity (SG) of each battery cell using a hydrometer, to ensure that all cells are performing correctly and are properly charged. Any serious imbalance should be reported to your system designer in case remedial action needs to be taken.

#### Handy Hints



It is very important that you become familiar with the functioning of your inverter. From a distance, it is not always easy to know what if the inverter is On or in Sleep mode. An easy way to determine this is to plug a small child's night-light (neon type) into a power point that is easily visible, or replace this power point with a safety type with a neon indicator. This will indicate the inverter's operation by flashing when the inverter is in SLEEP mode and remaining ON when the inverter is brought ON by a load.

## Radio Frequency Interference

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Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) can be a problem for owners of inverters. RFI in a domestic situation may produce noise or interference on a radio or TV receiver.

Considerable development time has resulted in a reduction of the RFI generated by the inverter to a level that complies with C-tick requirements. Compliance to this standard means RFI is low, but how well the inverter performs in a particular installation can vary. Below are some suggestions to help reduce the effects of RFI in your installation;

- It is recommended that the power system including the inverter be housed at least 15 metres from the home.
- Ensure an earth stake is placed as close to the inverter as possible and connected to the inverter via a short length of wire. See page 2 for wiring details.
- Avoid running DC cables into the home, if at all possible. If this cannot be avoided, run DC and AC in separate conduits separated by as much distance as practicable. All DC wiring should also be kept together and be as short as possible.
- If your inverter is to be installed in a mobile home or similar, try to keep your inverter at least one metre away from your radio or audio equipment. The further the better.

## Fault Finding

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### No indicators ON when power is first applied

When first connected, if the LD550-24 shows no indicators the battery connections may be reversed. Check that the red battery wire (10) is connected to the battery positive, and the black battery wire (11) is connected to the battery negative. Remember there is a 3 second delay before power is available after switch ON.

### Inverter stays ON when no appliance is being used

This can be a common problem known as a “Phantom Load”, but can be easily overcome. Some appliances will need to be switched off at the power point as they may still represent a small load despite being switched off at the appliance.

Check again to make sure that there are no appliances left ON, the sequentially switch off appliances at the wall and by watching your night light (as described in Handy Hint, check to see if the LD550-24 returns to pulsing (SLEEP) mode after a 10 second delay. Once you have found the offending appliance, increase the sensitivity of the “Demand Start” (see page 11) until the inverter turns OFF. Once this is done re check that small loads will still bring the inverter ON when required.

### Inverter shuts down during the middle of the day, and comes back ON late in the afternoon

This is more than likely caused by high battery volts during peak charging times from Solar Panels. Battery volts should never exceed 34 volts. If this is the case, have your Solar Regulator checked.



## Product Warranty Conditions

### Warranty

Selectronic Australia Pty Ltd warrants your inverter to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service, for an initial period of two (2) years. Defective parts will be replaced or repaired free of charge within this period.

### Conditions

This warranty is applicable only from the date of original purchase.

The provision of this warranty shall not apply if the unit has been subject to misuse, neglect, act of God, accidental damage or has been used for a purpose for which it is not intended.

Unauthorised modification or repair will void your warranty.

To ensure a smooth and speedy response to your warranty claim, please complete and return your reply paid warranty card within 30 days from date of purchase.

### Within Australia & New Zealand

The inverter must be returned, at the owner's cost, to an authorised

### Outside Australia & New Zealand

Product purchased for use outside Australia & New Zealand must be returned to Selectronic Australia's Service Centre to enable warranty claims to be processed. Freight cost to be borne by the customer. No charge will be made for the product return.

## LD550-24 Volt Specifications

**Inverter Type** Microprocessor control circuit with PWM full bridge power stage. True sine wave AC output

### Current draw from Battery

Condition	Amperage
Demand Start SLEEP mode (average)	0.06 Amps
Inverter ON, with no Load	0.45 Amps
Maximum Continuous Load (550 Watt)	27.0 Amps
Half hour rating (720 Watt)	36.0 Amps
Surge rating (1650 Watt)	69.0 Amps

### Inverter Power Ratings @ 25° C

Condition	Total Inverter output	
	Wattage @ 1.0pf	Current
Continuous	550 Watt	2.3 Amps
Half hour rating	720 Watt	3.0 amps
Surge rating (5 seconds)	1650 Watt	6.8 Amps

### Demand Start

Type	Pulsing AC
Minimum Load to Start	4 watts – 16 watts user adjustable
Response Time Normal Pulse Mode	1 second maximum

### Battery Voltage Range

Battery Voltage Range	Voltage
Low DC Volts Cut Out–10 second delay	20 – 23 volts user adjustable
Low DC Volts Cut In	24 volt
High DC Volts Cut Out–Instantaneous	34 volts

## Selectronic Authorised Service Network

Miscellaneous Specifications	
Reverse Polarity Protection	Full Electronic Protection
Output Voltage Accuracy 0-350 watts	± 4% @ 12 volt input
Output Frequency	50Hz ± 0.01%
Peak Efficiency	92%
Total Harmonic Distortion	<4%
Operating Temperature Range	-10° C to 50° C
Transformer Type	Toroidal
Cooling Method	Convection
Power Point	10 Amp Single Pole
Chassis Material	Zinc Coated Steel
Chassis Coating	Powder Coated
Size	230W x 130H x 260mm D

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