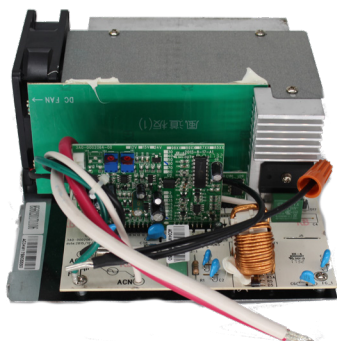


Operator's Manual

WF-8500MBA Series

WF-8540MBA | WF-8560MBA

(The Power Center model number is located on the front panel label next to the breakers)



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⚠ WARNING

RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK

Disconnect or isolate all power supplies before making electrical connections. More than one disconnection or isolation may be required to completely de-energize equipment. Contact with components carrying hazardous voltage can cause electric shock and may result in severe personal injury or death.

All wiring must conform to local, national, and regional codes and regulations. Use copper conductors only for all wire connections. Do not exceed the electrical ratings for the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly or the equipment connected to it. Failure to follow these precautions may cause equipment failure and/or electrical shock which could result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

INSTALLATION AND SERVICING

This product should be installed and serviced by a certified or licensed electrician familiar with applicable safety codes and installation requirements. Failure to observe this precaution could result in electrical shock or bodily injury. Consult your servicing dealer before attempting any work on this product.

⚠ WARNING

SPARK HAZARD

This unit employs components that can produce arcs or sparks. To prevent fire or explosion, do not install in compartments containing batteries or flammable materials (LP gas). This product is NOT ignition protected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly Safety Features

Automatic Cooling Fan

The cooling fan in the WF-8500 Series Power Center is incremental and is controlled by the current drawn out of the converter to the applied load. The on-board microprocessor increases fan speed as the total load increases and decreases fan speed as the load decreases. Unlike traditional temperature-controlled fans, the load-controlled fan provides better component cooling by avoiding temperature spikes which can lead to premature component failure.

Over-Temperature Protection

If the internal temperature of the converter exceeds a critical point, it will shut down. This protects the unit from excessive heat that may damage sensitive components. The unit will restart once the temperature inside has dropped.



Electronic Current Limiting

In the event that the output current exceeds the maximum rating for the WF-8500 Series Power Center converter, the output current will remain constant but the output voltage will begin to drop. If this occurs, the unit will recover once loads are reduced.

Short-Circuit Protection

Should a short circuit occur in the RV, the WF-8500 Series Power Center converter will drop the voltage output to zero volts. If the short-circuit condition is removed and no other fault conditions are detected, the converter will resume normal operation. However, short-circuit conditions are **dangerous**, and an RV will require inspection by a qualified service technician.

CIRCUIT PROTECTION

WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly Fuses and Breakers

Reverse Battery Protection

The WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly will charge the 12-volt House battery if installed. A battery DOES NOT have to be installed for WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly to operate. When a battery is installed, two reverse polarity fuses protect the MBA circuitry. The fuses are located along the left-center edge of the DC fuse board below the VCC+ lug. Refer to Figure 1 below. This feature prevents permanent damage to the MBA from a battery connected into the circuit backwards. In addition to protecting the MBA, the reverse polarity fuses are the main connection between the MBA and the DC fuse board.

The fuse values and quantity vary depending on which WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly you have. Refer to the table below.

- WF-8540MBA – 25A (2)
- WF-8560MBA – 35A (2)

The circuit fuses and the Reverse Battery Protection fuses should be replaced with ATC or ATO automotive type fuses such as:

- Littelfuse type 257
- Bussmann type ATC

DC Fuse Board

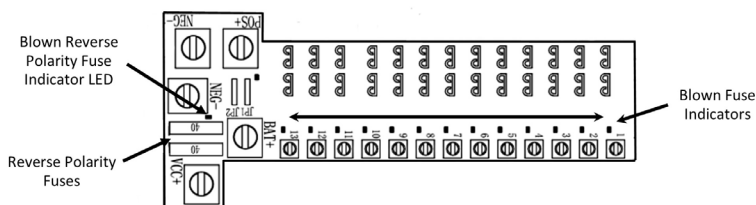


Figure 1

OPERATIONAL FEATURES

Converter Operation Modes



Three-Stage Smart Charging

In order to maximize battery life, it is best to charge batteries slowly, keep them topped off with a trickle-charge when the RV is not being used. The 3-Stage “smart” charger continuously measures the battery voltage output and regulates the amount of charge using three modes of operation; Absorption, Bulk and Float modes.

All WFCO power converters are automatic three-stage switching power supplies. The converter senses which mode it needs to be in by checking the RV system voltage.

The converter normally provides a constant target output voltage of 13.6 volts (nominal) to power all the branch circuits. However, it is current limited, and if the output (load) current reaches its maximum, the output voltage will drop as necessary to hold the converter’s maximum output current level (the amperage rating) without exceeding it.

If the output current reaches its maximum (normally caused by a discharged battery), this will cause the converter to go into Bulk Mode, which means the target output voltage will change to 14.4 volts and a timer will start. Although the converter is outputting 14.4 volts, you will not be able to read that on a voltmeter due to the voltage-current relationship.

From the paragraph above, as load current increases, output voltage decreases. The actual output voltage will not rise until the load current is reduced, which happens naturally as the battery charges or if 12-volt appliances are turned off.

Bulk Mode will be maintained until the current draw drops to approximately five Amps, or until the timer reaches four hours (whichever happens first). Then the target output voltage is changed back to 13.6 volts for Absorption Mode. Lights that are powered from the output may change brightness slightly at that time.

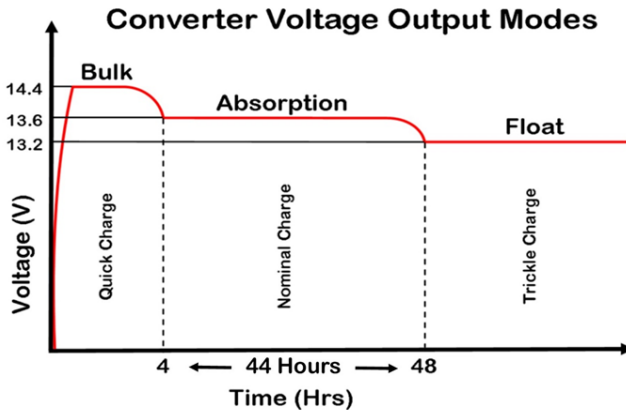


Figure 2

NOTE: for a detailed explanation of the charging modes, please refer to our publication Theory of Operation, document #AD-TD-0001-0.

TROUBLESHOOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Troubleshooting the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly

Refer to the Troubleshooting Guide for the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly (Figure 3) below.

Converter Output Voltage

Before checking the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly output voltage, disconnect the battery cables at the battery. Make sure the converter is plugged into an AC source (105-130 Volts). Check the converter output voltage at the battery with a voltmeter. Place the meter probes on the disconnected battery cables; place the **Positive** (red) meter probe on the **+ Positive** red battery wire and place the **Negative** (black) meter probe on the **- Negative** black wire on the battery cable. Be sure you have good connections at the cables. If the voltage reads 13.6 VDC (+/- 0.2) with no load, the converter is functioning properly.

If the converter output voltage at the battery reads 0.0 VDC, or if the battery is not charging, check for an open inline fuse in the battery wire circuit. One may have been installed by the RV manufacturer. Also check for loose wiring connections.

DC Reverse Polarity (Fuses)

If there is no DC output coming from the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly converter section, first check the reverse polarity fuses on the fuse board. Then, visually inspect the fuses for any breaks in the fuse element. If no breaks are found, use a continuity tester to check for continuity. If the reverse polarity fuses are blown, it means the RV battery was accidentally connected in reverse, either at the battery or at the converter. Investigate the connections and reconnect the cables properly. Replace the fuse with the same type and amperage rating as the original.

IMPORTANT: These fuses protect the converter from damage in the event that the RV battery is accidentally connected in reverse. A reversed battery connection, even if for only a second, will cause these fuses to blow.

AC Reverse Polarity (Audible Alarm)

This power center is equipped with an AC REVERSE POLARITY PROTECTION feature. Should the incoming AC neutral wire and lead wire be connected backwards at the power center, an alarm located in the power center enclosure will sound. This alarm will continue to sound until the AC wires are connected correctly.

If the above checks have been made but the converter output still reads 0.0 VDC, the converter is not functioning properly. Contact the Arterra Distribution Power PROs at 1 (877) 294-8997.

Troubleshooting Guide for the WF- 8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly

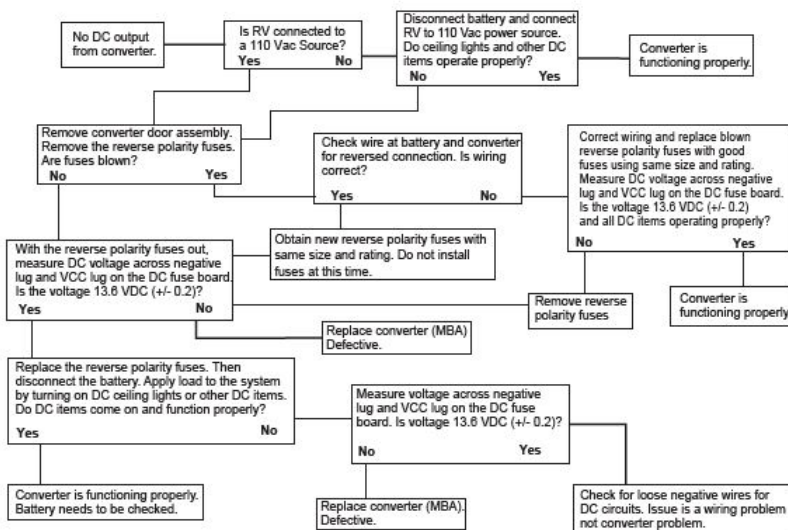


Figure 3

Should it be determined that the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly needs to be replaced, removal of the Main Board Assembly Is a simple process.

Replacing the Converter Section (MBA)

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DC Wire Removal:

1. Drop door down and remove the door assembly by loosening the two screws in the middle of the door assembly. The screws are captive and will not fall out. Pull out at the top of the door assembly to remove from case.
2. On the bottom left side of the fuse board find the lug that is marked NEG and has a white wire going to it. Loosen screw and remove wire.
3. On the bottom right side of the fuse board find the lug that is marked VCC and has a red wire going to it. Loosen screw and remove wire.

AC Wire Removal:

CAUTION: MAKE SURE THE RV IS UNPLUGGED FROM ANY 110V POWER SOURCE (SHORE CORD, GENERATOR, OR INVERTER).

4. Remove the converter black wire from the breaker. NOTE: This wire has a metal pin that is inserted into the breaker with a pigtail wire added to it. If the pigtail wire is connected to another wire, disconnect that wire from the pigtail.
5. Remove the converter white wire from the neutral bus bar.
6. Remove the converter green wire from the ground bus bar.
7. In the converter compartment, remove the two screws at the front of the MBA holding it in place. Slide the MBA forward routing the wires through the slots in the case until you see the majority of the MBA board. Disconnect the 4-pin connector on the MBA control board by gently pulling it out of its socket. Similarly, disconnect the 3-pin connector from the small vertical daughter board. At this time, you can pull the MBA fully out of the case.

NOTE: When installing a replacement MBA, reverse the order of steps 1-7.

If the MBA is being returned under a warranty claim, follow the packaging instructions in your warranty claim packet.

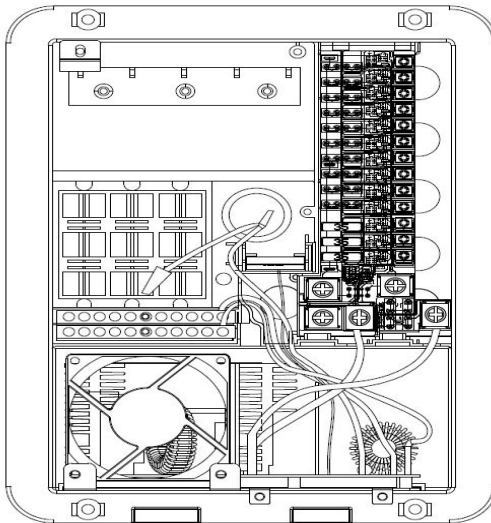


Figure 4

GENERAL COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Agency Listings



UL

The WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assemblies are UL-Listed, and cUL-Listed (Canadian).

FCC Compliance Class B

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Installing the WF-8500MBA Series Main Board Assembly

Mounting the Converter Section (MBA)

Refer to Replacing the Converter Section (MBA) on page 8 for complete removal and installation instructions.

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CONSUMER LIMITED WARRANTY for WFCO Electronic Products

WFCO extends, to the original owner, a Two Year Limited Product Warranty. This warranty is in effect from the date of original purchase for a period of two (2) years. This limited warranty is extended specifically for and is limited to Recreational Vehicle application and is only valid within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Provinces of Canada. WFCO warrants, to the owner, that its products are free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service based on its intended use and function. This warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at WFCO's discretion, of any defective parts or defective assembly. Any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for intended use are limited in duration unless applicable State Law provides otherwise. You may have other rights as specified by each individual state.

EXCLUSIONS and LIMITATIONS

The OEM warranty specifically does not apply to the following:

- Any WFCO product that has been repaired or altered by an unauthorized person;
- Any damage caused by misuse, faulty installation, testing, negligence, accident or any WFCO product installed in a commercial vehicle;
- Any WFCO product, whose serial number has been defaced, altered or removed;
- Any WFCO product, whose installation has not been in accordance to the WFCO written instructions;
- Any consequential damages arising from the loss of use of the product including but not limited to: inconvenience, loss of service, loss of revenue, loss or damage to personal property, cost of all services performed in removing or replacing the WFCO product. Specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.
- Any WFCO Electronics products sold through unauthorized Internet sources (Example: eBay) will be excluded from all warranty coverage offered by Arterra Distribution / WFCO.

CONSUMER WARRANTY CLAIM PROCEDURE

Upon determination and validation by an authorized OEM dealer that a WFCO product has a defect, a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) number will be required before the product can be returned. The RGA number can be requested by completing the Warranty Information Fax Sheet and appropriate Troubleshooting Form found at www.wfcoelectronics.com. Once these forms have been completed, email the forms along with Proof of Purchase to warranty@wfcoelectronics.com or fax the three documents to the Warranty Department at (574) 294-8698. After receipt of the forms, an RGA number will be issued. This number shall appear on all correspondence with warranty service. Upon validation of the warranty, WFCO shall replace the product with a like product. The RGA number shall be placed on the outside of the carton used to return the product for ease of identification. Do not mark directly on the product. The product must be packaged properly to avoid further product damage which could cause a non-warrantable condition.

WARRANTY ASSISTANCE

The consumer may contact the selling Dealer or OEM for warranty assistance. The consumer may also contact Arterra Distribution, exclusive distributor to WFCO Products at: (574) 294-8997 or Fax (574) 294-8698.

WF-8500-MBA Specification			
Model No.	WF-8540-MBA	WF-8550-MBA	WF-8560-MBA
	LA & AGM		
Converter Input Power:			
Voltage:	105-130Vac		
Frequency:	60Hz		
Max. Input Current @105Vac	8A	10A	12A
Max Power	685 watt	860 watt	1030 watt
Converter Output Power			
Continuous Power:	550 watt	685 watt	820 watt
Rated DC Output Voltage	13.6V		
Rated DC Current	40A	50A	60A
Charging Control	Automatically controlled by microprocessor		
Charging Modes	3-stage Intelligent charge		
Intelligent Charge Mode	Absorption 、Bulk and Float (Storage)		
Battery Adaptability	LA & AGM		
Absorption Charge Voltage	13.6V		
Bulk Charge Voltage: (4 Hrs)	14.4V		
Storage Charge Voltage	13.2V		
Regulation	± 1% accuracy against input or load changes		
Cooling Fan	Two speed according to the DC load amperage		
VA Efficiency:	> 80% (under 70% of load condition)		
Protection:			
Overload	Current-limiting & shut down; auto recovery upon return to normal load		
Short-circuit	Shut down & auto recovery upon return to normal		
Over-temperature	Shut down & auto recovery upon return to normal		
Battery Reverse Polarity	Protected by Fuse; same rated fuse replacement required		
Mechanical:			
Dimension: W x H x D	174.5 x 86 x 179 mm / 6.86 x 3.38 x 7.01 inch		
Weight:	2.43 kg / 5.36 lbs.	2.63 kg / 5.8 lbs.	
Environmental Condition:	20 ~ 90% Non-condensing		
Safety	UL458 /UL67 certified; FCC Class B compliant		

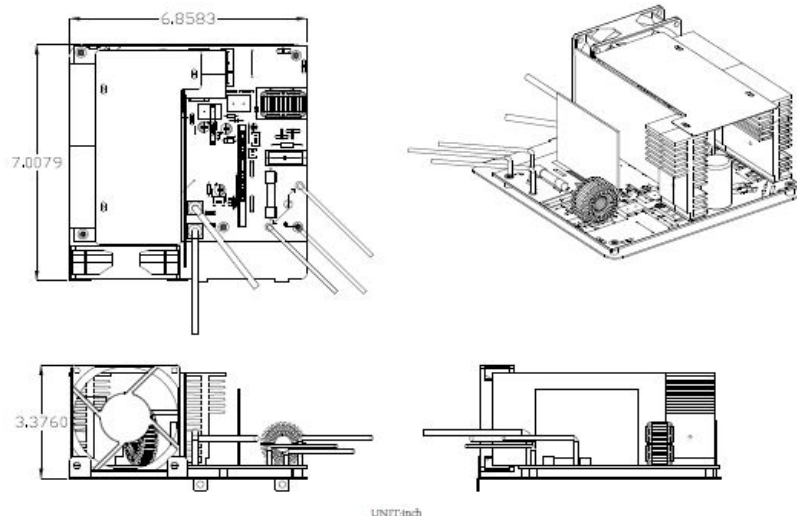


Figure 5



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