

# J1939 POWERCELL NGX

## Setup and Configuration Guide

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## Overview

The Infinitybox J1939 POWERCELL NGX brings flexible multiplexed power distribution to any vehicle builder. Using standard J1939 PGN structures and commands, you can control the outputs on the POWERCELL NGX with practically any J1939 input device. In addition to high-current control, the POWERCELL NGX actively monitors the current flow from each output and reports that back on the J1939 network. These data can be used to monitor the status of the loads on your vehicle electrical system.

This document shows how to set up the J1939 POWERCELL NGX, wire it and details the PGN structure required to turn outputs on and off. It also details the CAN messages returned from the POWERCELL NGX.

## Warnings

THE INFINITYBOX J1939 POWERCELL NGX IS A FUSED POWER DISTRIBUTION MODULE FOR VEHICLES. PROPER CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO FUSE THE INPUT FEEDS TO THE CELL AND THE OUTPUT FEEDS FROM THE CELL. IMPROPER FUSE SELECTION CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM RESULTING IN FIRE.

PROPER CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT POWER IS CORRECTLY APPLIED TO THE POWERCELL NGX. REVERSING POLARITY TO THE POWER AND GROUND FEEDS WILL CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE CELL AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

## **J1939 POWERCELL NGX Technical Details**

System Operating Voltage: 9.0 to 30.0 VDC

Number of Outputs: 10

Output Type: High-Side Switched via MOSFETs

Maximum Current Rating per Output: 25-amps

Maximum Current Rating per POWERCELL NGX: 125-amps

PWM Capability: Outputs 1 through 8 can be dynamically pulse-width modulated

Internal Fusing: Standard Mini™ Fuse

Maximum Operating Temperature: 125 °C

Minimum Operating Temperature: -40 °C

# POWERCELL NGX Installation Steps

## Mounting the POWERCELL NGX

Mount the POWERCELL NGX on a suitable flat surface in the vehicle. Use the 4 mounting points in the corners of the cell and 1/4 -inch hardware. The recommended method to mount the POWERCELL NGX is to use 1/4-inch X 3/4-inch shoulder screws. If not using shoulder screws, take care as to not crush the mounting points by over tightening the screws.

In applications where the steady-state current draw out of the POWERCELL NGX exceeds 90-amps, mount the POWERCELL NGX in an area with adequate ventilation and with the fins of the heat sink running vertically.

## Supplying Battery Power

The POWERCELL NGX is designed to operate on 12 and 24-volt vehicle systems. It gets its power from the 3 circular Maxi-style connectors on the edge of the cell. Each of these connectors can accept up to 60-amps. The following table summarizes all the components for these connectors. The POWERCELL NGX input connectors use connector components from Aptiv, formerly Delphi. See the instructions from Aptiv for proper assembly and termination of these connector components.

The three power input connectors are electrically identical. You can use them in any order or combination. Based on the total current output of the POWERCELL NGX required, install 1 or 2 power feeds into the round Maxi-style connectors. Seal the third remaining connector with a POWERCELL NGX Sealing Plug (Infinitybox part number 869-026).

Table 1: POWERCELL NGX Input Connector Components.

		Aptiv Part Number
POWERCELL NGX Input	Connector/Seal	12129387
	TPA	12129384
	Wire Seal	12129381
	Terminal	12129414

Each of the power feed wires to the POWERCELL NGX should be protected with a fuse located as closely to the battery source as possible. Size the fuse based on the gauge of wire feeding the POWERCELL NGX. Table 2 summarizes the proper fuse sizes for different wires.

Table 2: Maximum Fuse Ratings for Different Wire Gauges.

AWG Size	Maximum Fuse Rating (Amps)
12	40
10	50
8	60

## Wiring the Output Harnesses

The POWERCELL NGX output connectors use connector components from Aptiv, formerly Delphi. See the instructions from Aptiv for proper assembly and termination of these connector components. Table 3 summarizes all the connector and terminal components required to build custom wiring harnesses for your J1939 POWERCELL NGX.

Table 3: POWERCELL NGX Output Connector Components.

		Aptiv Part Number
<b>POWERCELL NGX Output Connector</b>	Connector/Seal	12110295
	TPA	12059195
	Wire Seal	12015323
	Terminal	12129493

Each output harness has one ground wire and 5 output wires. The ground wires should be 14-AWG and should be connected to the vehicle ground. It is important that the POWERCELL NGX is grounded to the chassis through a metal-to-metal connection. Make sure to remove all paint, powder coating, dirt and grease from the contact area.

The individual output wires should be properly sized to carry the output load. The maximum output current for a single POWERCELL NGX output is 25-amps. The total POWERCELL NGX can carry up to 125-amps. Exceeding these values will damage the cell and void the warranty.

Table 4 summarizes the details of the output harnesses by connector and cavity identification.

Table 4: POWERCELL NGX Output Harness Connector Details.

Cavity ID	Connector A	Connector B
A	GROUND	GROUND
B	Output 10	Output 1
C	Output 9	Output 2
D	Output 8	Output 3
E	Output 7	Output 4
F	Output 6	Output 5

Figure 1 identifies all the connectors on the J1939 POWERCELL NGX.

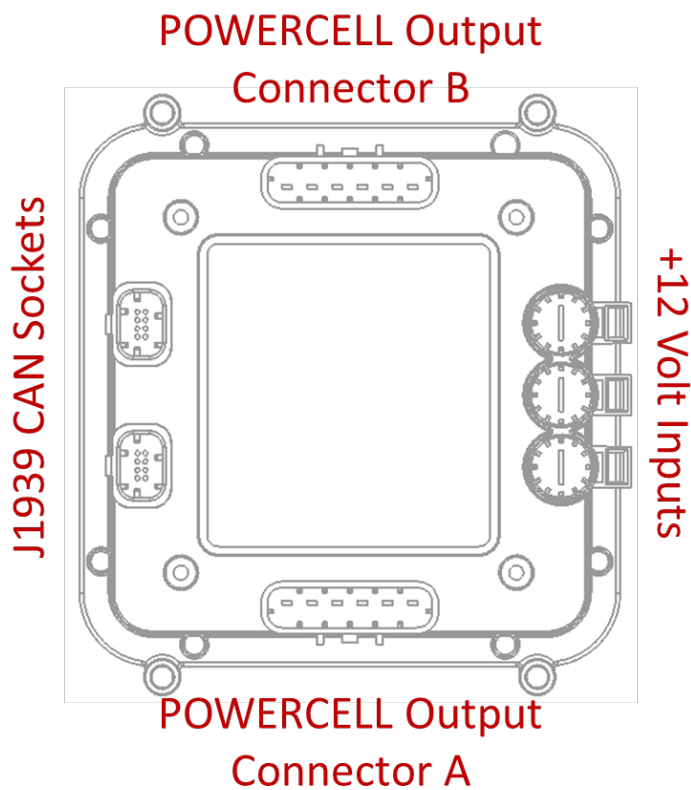


Figure 1: Socket Identification for J1939 POWERCELL NGX.

## Installing Fuses

The POWERCELL NGX has internal fuse holders to protect the output wires from short circuits and low-overloads. The holders are designed for a standard Mini™ automotive fuse. Select the rating of fuse to protect the smallest gauge of wire in the harness for each output. Table 5 gives recommendations on fuse ratings for different wire gauges.

Table 5: Maximum Fuse Ratings for Different Wire Gauges.

AWG Size	Maximum Fuse Rating (Amps)
20	10
18	15
16	20
14	25

Use only OEM approved Mini™ fuses to protect the POWERCELL NGX outputs. There are numerous grey-market manufacturers of fuses that are unsafe and unreliable. Recommended manufacturers for these fuses are Littelfuse, Inc, Bussmann and Pacific Engineering.

## Connecting J1939 CAN Network

The CAN sockets on the J1939 POWERCELL NGXs connect the J1939 input device to the cells. These sockets provide + Battery power for the J1939 input device and the CAN HI & LOW connection for the J1939 network.

There are two CAN sockets on the POWERCELL NGX so that multiple J1939 POWERCELL NGX Cells can be connected on the same network. A CAN terminator plug with a 120-ohm resistor should be inserted into the last open CAN socket on the J1939 network. The two CAN sockets on a POWERCELL NGX are electrically identical so you can plug the CAN connector into either socket.



Table 6 shows the function, cavity identification and wire colors for the CAN connector. Connect the corresponding wires from the J1939 input device to these cavities in the connector.

Table 6: CAN Connector Wiring Details.

<b>Cavity ID</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Standard Wire Color</b>
<b>5</b>	Ground	Black
<b>6</b>	CAN LOW	Green
<b>7</b>	CAN HIGH	Yellow
<b>8</b>	+Battery Power	Red

When building the J1939 network between the cells, the +Battery Power wires and the Ground wires should only go between the first POWERCELL NGX and the J1939 input device, if required. There should not be power and ground wires between the different J1939 cells in the network.

The J1939 POWERCELL NGX can supply a total of 1.0-amps out on the +Battery Power wire in the connector socket. If the total current draw for the J1939 input devices exceeds this limit, they must be connected to +Battery Power from a different source. This power feed is fused on the printed circuit board to protect against overloads and short circuits.

## Setting the J1939 POWERCELL NGX Address

Each J1939 POWERCELL NGX Cell must have its own unique address for the network to work correctly. The address is set by arranging jumpers in a binary pattern under the cover of the POWERCELL NGX. Figure 2 shows the location of the address headers on the POWERCELL NGX.

### LOCATING THE ADDRESS

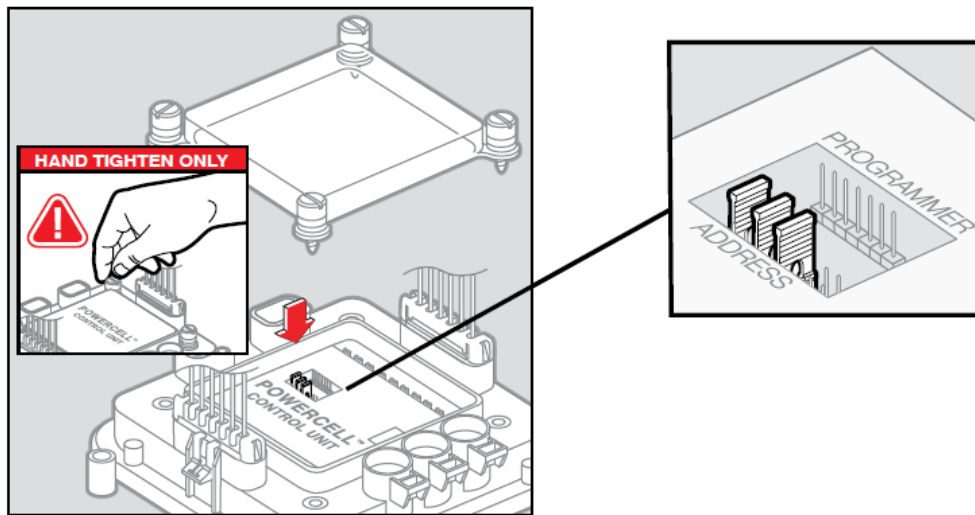


Figure 2: Location of the Address Headers on the J1939 POWERCELL NGX.

From left to right, the jumpers correspond to address values of 1, 2, 4 and 8. The POWERCELL NGX adds up the values of the missing jumpers to set the address. Figure 3 shows examples of different address settings with different jumper positions. Note that the POWERCELL NGX only learns its address upon power up. If the address headers are changed, power must be cycled so that it can relearn its address.

Figure 3 shows how to properly orient the jumpers on the headers to set the cell address.

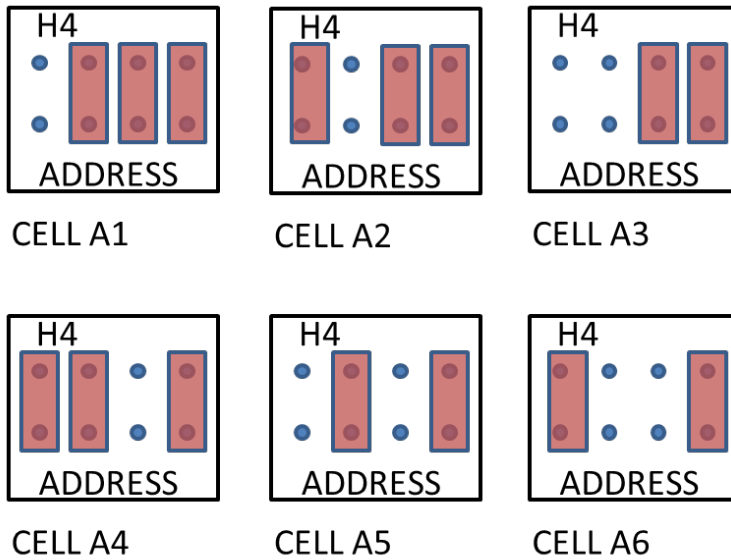


Figure 3: Correct Orientation of the Address Headers.

### Inbound CAN Messages

The POWERCELL NGX will respond to incoming PGN's per table 7. The default source address for the incoming message is 1E.

Table 7: Inbound and Outbound PGN's for different addresses settings.

<b>Cell Address</b>	<b>Incoming PGN HEX</b>	<b>Reported Message 1-5 HEX</b>	<b>Reported Message 6-10 HEX</b>
1	FF01	FF11	FF21
2	FF02	FF12	FF22
3	FF03	FF13	FF23
4	FF04	FF14	FF24
5	FF05	FF15	FF25
6	FF06	FF16	FF26
7	FF07	FF17	FF27
8	FF08	FF18	FF28
9	FF09	FF19	FF29
10	FF0A	FF1A	FF2A
11	FF0B	FF1B	FF2B
12	FF0C	FF1C	FF2C
13	FF0D	FF1D	FF2D
14	FF0E	FF1E	FF2E
15	FF0F	FF1F	FF2F
16	FF10	FF20	FF30

Table 8 summarizes the control bits for the 10 outputs on a POWERCELL NGX. The first 10 bits control the 10 outputs in order. This personality is called track. The output state tracks the state of its control bit. If the first bit in the CAN message is 1, output 1 will turn on. If that same bit is set to 0, the output will be off.

The next 10 bits control the same 10 outputs except the outputs will soft-start when their control bit is set to 1. This feature gradually ramps up the current to the load over 500 ms. When the control bit is set to 0, the output will turn off.

The next 8 bits control outputs 1 through 8 through pulse-width modulation. There are 4 bits of PWM steps for each output which yields 16 steps. To set a PWM value on an output, a 1 must be written to its corresponding control bit and a duty cycle value must be written to the nibble that corresponds to the output in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> bytes.

In cases where multiple CAN messages are sent to control a single POWERCELL NGX output, there is a hierarchy of personalities. Track supersedes Soft-Start and PWM. Soft-Start supersedes PWM.

Table 8: Incoming J1939 Message Format.

		Byte 1								Byte 2								Byte 3								Byte 4							
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Cell Output		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Personality		Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Track	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	Soft-Start	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM	PWM				
		Byte 5								Byte 6								Byte 7								Byte 8							
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Cell Output		1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8			
Personality		4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle				4-Bit PWM Duty Cycle							

### Outbound CAN Messages

The POWERCELL NGX will respond with two CAN messages every cycle. The first message corresponds to the state of outputs 1 through 5. The second message corresponds to the state of outputs 6 through 10. The PGNs for these two messages are summarized in Table 7 above. Table 9 summarizes the data in these outbound messages.

Table 9: Format for Outbound CAN Messages

	Byte 1								Byte 2								Byte 3								Byte 4							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Cell Output	All								1 / 6								2 / 7								3 / 8							
	Output 1/6 State	Output 2/7 State	Output 3/8 State	Output 4/9 State	Output 5/10 State				Current Monitor								Current Monitor								Current Monitor							
					X	X	X																									
	Byte 5								Byte 6								Byte 7								Byte 8							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Cell Output	4 / 9								5 / 10								Cell Voltage								Cell Temperature							
	Current Monitor								Current Monitor								Cell Voltage Broadcast								Cell Temperature in C							

The first 5 bits in the first byte broadcast the state of the outputs in the CAN message. If the bit is 1, the corresponding output is on. If the bit is 0, the corresponding output is off. In the first CAN message, these bits correspond to outputs 1 through 5. In the second CAN message, these bits correspond to outputs 6 through 10.

The next 5 bytes in the CAN message broadcast the real-time current flowing out of each output. In the first CAN message, these 5 bytes correspond to the current flow for outputs 1 through 5. In the second CAN message, these 5 bytes correspond to the current flow for outputs 6 through 10. Each count in these bytes represents 0.117 Amps of flow out of the output.

The 7th byte in the CAN message broadcasts the voltage as measured locally at the POWERCELL NGX. This value will be the same in both CAN messages broadcast by the POWERCELL NGX. Each count in this byte represents 0.125 Volts. This value can be used to monitor battery voltage at different locations on a vehicle’s electrical system.

The last byte in the CAN message broadcasts the temperature measured inside the POWERCELL NGX enclosure. This is broadcast in degrees Celsius using 2’s Compliment.

## **POWERCELL NGX Personality Glossary**

The J1939 POWERCELL NGX has a pre-configured library of personalities that define how the output reacts when it receives a J1939 command. The following list describes these different personalities and their behaviors.

### **Track**

Track is the most basic personality. The output tracks the state of the input. When the J1939 switch is pressed or latched into an ON position, it is broadcasting an ON command to the POWERCELL NGX output. That output will remain ON as long as the J1939 input device is broadcasting the ON command. When the J1939 input device broadcasts an OFF command, the POWERCELL NGX output turns OFF.

### **Soft-Start**

Soft-Start works in a similar way to Track. The output tracks the state of the input. When the J1939 switch is pressed or latched into an ON position, it is broadcasting an ON command to the POWERCELL NGX output. That output will remain ON as long as the J1939 input device is broadcasting the ON command. When the J1939 input device broadcasts an OFF command, the POWERCELL NGX output turns OFF. The difference is that the Soft-Start personality will ramp up current flow to the output over 500 ms. This is intended to limit the in-rush current to incandescent lamps and inductive loads.

### **Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)**

The Power outputs are controlled by solid-state MOSFETs. This allows the POWERCELL NGX to vary the amount of power coming out of an output by pulsing the output rapidly. This allows for easy control of light dimming, heater control and motor speed. The base frequency of the PWM pulse is 200 Hz.

## Powering the System

Once the J1939 input devices are properly set up and configured, connect the network to + Battery Power through the input harnesses to the cells. After 3 seconds, the system will be communicating with the J1939 input devices.

There is a blue LED located towards the center of the inMOTION Cell under the clear cover. This light indicates the status of the communication on the network. When the system receives a packet of data on the J1939 network, the light will blink. It will also blink when the POWERCELL NGX broadcasts CAN messages. The default setting is every 250 ms.



## Warranty Information

Infinitybox, LLC (“Infinitybox”) warrants against any defects in materials and workmanship to the Product’s modules, wiring harnesses and accessory modules for a period of one (1) year from the first date of purchase. Subject to the terms of this warranty described below, Infinitybox will replace any such defective Product that is returned to Infinitybox within the one (1) year period from initial purchase. Replacement of any defective part or Product will not extend the applicable warranty period.

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