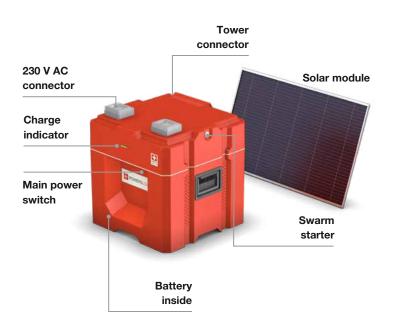# Power-Blox PBX200

Renewable Energy

THE POWER-BLOX PBX200

Power wherever you are

The Power-Blox PBX200, the first product that was developed based on our swarm technology, is a revolutionary modular energy system producing alternating current from 200 W up to the Kilowatt range, which serves as a "portable socket" to off-grid energy demands. Its modularity allows it to produce and easily scale electricity.

The system is Plug & Power and requires no configuration, specific know-how or maintenance. It consists of intelligent energy cubes with an integrated battery (available as lead or lithium-ion version). Each cube provides 200 Watt of alternating current and can be powered by an solar unit or from any external source (such as solar, wind, hydrothermal, biomass, or a generator etc.) to supply a household or small commercial business with electricity. Power-Blox acts as universal energy interface and can be combined with various external energy sources or storage devices.

Tower connector

230 V AC connector

Charge indicator

Solar module

Main power switch

Swarm starter

Battery inside

- 230 V AC/200 W true sinus inverter
- 100 Ah solar battery
- 200 W solar module + 10 m cable included
- MPP solar charger
- Swarm-/mini-grid enabled
- 4 x stacking sockets

- Integrated stacking cable
- Grid/generator connector
- 12 V DC/3 A (cigarette lighter socket)
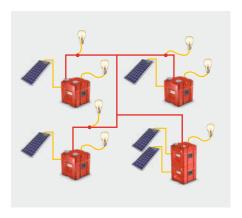- 2 x USB output

Nearly unlimited scalability

The nearly endless scalability of the Power-Blox system represents a breakthrough in energy technology. It allows scalable growth based on increasing energy requirements, without the need of modifying/replacing existing installations.

Standalone Power-Blox
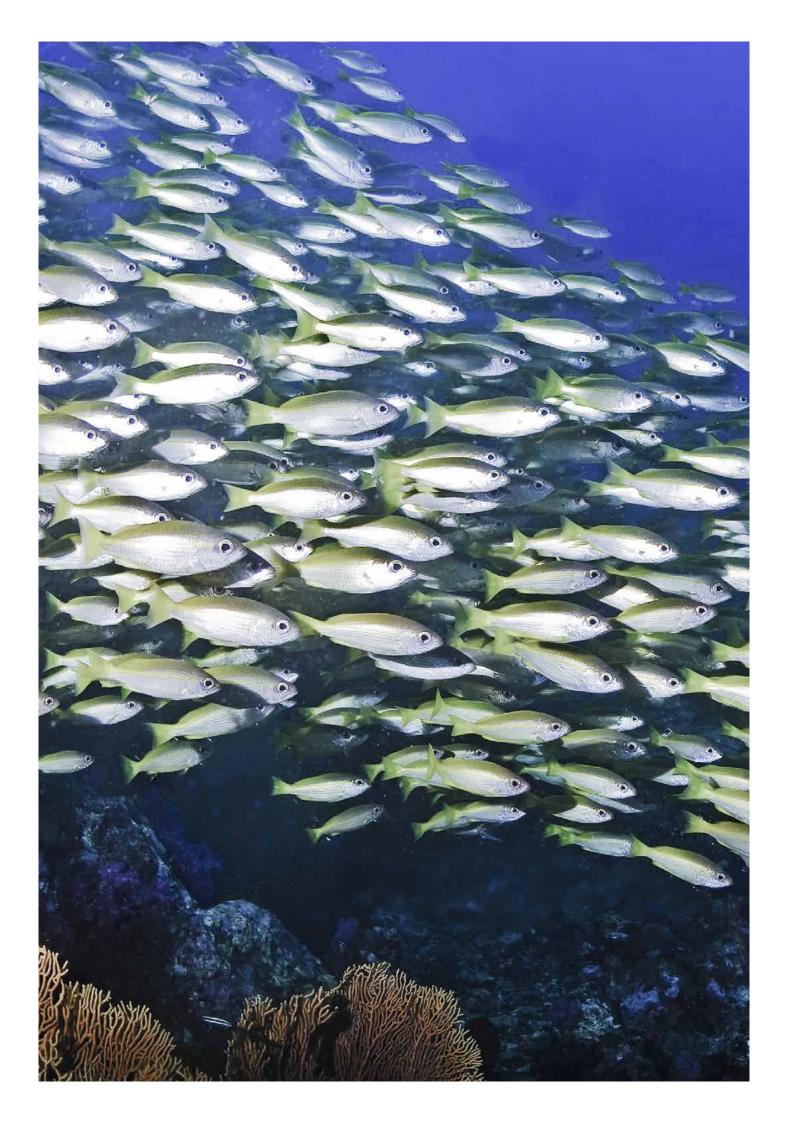Instant plug & power.
Directly supplies 230 V AC.

Stacking Power-Blox
Get more energy and power.
Expand by stacking units.

Build a swarm grid
More units increase the stability and power of the grid. Every consumer in the system can use the full power of all units.
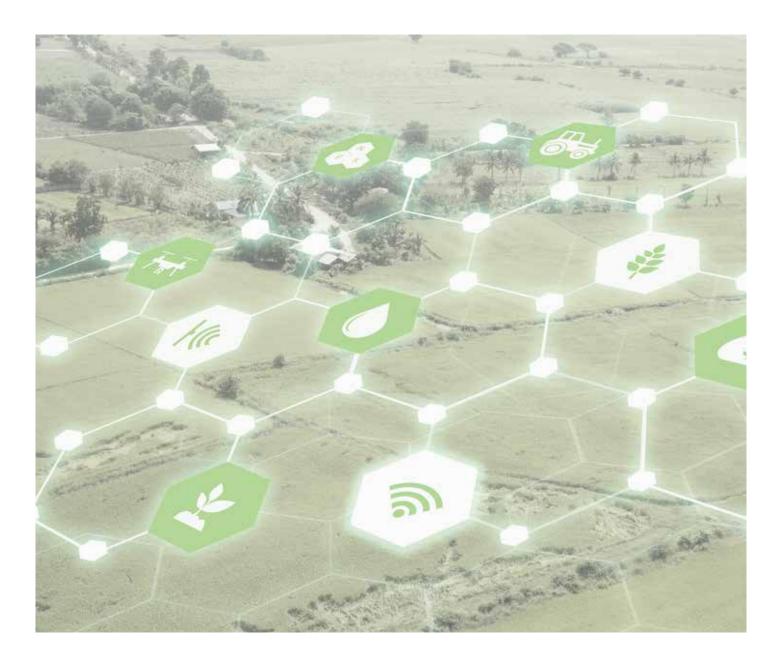
NEW WAYS TO CONNECT AND POWER

Swarm power

The next technology leap after smart grids
The most complex system we know is decentralized: It's nature and evolution. With nature in mind, we asked ourselves what kind of concept allows small to large groups of individuals to behave like an organism? How does nature act in complex situations with requirements of maximum flexibility, stability, survival but nevertheless simple principles? Our answer was the swarm. A swarm in nature is based on simple principles and a few rules. The swarm helps individuals improve their chances of survival. The swarm provides safety, nutrition and guidance for every member. And it is a perfect example of how simple rules can manage a complex system without the need of a centralized control.

Power-Blox has taken this concept and applied it to a power grid. Swarm grids manage power generation, storage and consumption with a totally different approach than smart grids. They use a fully decentralized architecture to manage fluctuating current, as opposed to a smart grid which needs a centralized architecture to steer power generation and storage. The energy in the swarm is stored in nodes and every component of the grid learns how to adapt to the current state of the grid by observing the grid parameters and adapting its behavior with the use of artificial intelligence.
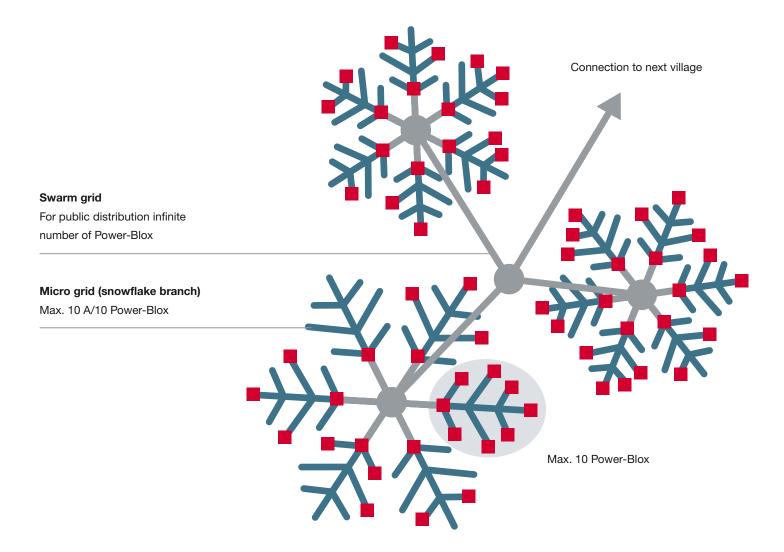
Swarm grid distribution

How to set up a swarm grid

Setting up a swarm grid is easy. You have two options:

Create a **centralized installation** of Power-Blox cubes at one location (stack cubes to create towers and walls), from where you distribute the power to all consumers via switchboard with conventional wiring.

Create a **decentralized installation** by using Power-Blox at different locations and connect them based on a "snowflake topology". If there are less than 40 cubes (in total 8 kW) you can use a 16 mm cable and no special fuses.

Connection to next village

Swarm grid

For public distribution infinite number of Power-Blox

Micro grid (snowflake branch)

Max. 10 A/10 Power-Blox

Max. 10 Power-Blox

- Each Power-Blox works stand-alone
- Each snowflake branch works stand-alone
- Each snowflake works stand-alone
- The whole swarm grid works stand-alone
- The Power-Blox algorithm stabilizes the whole grid.

KEY FEATURES

Benefits at a glance

Clean energy immediately

Deployed in a matter of minutes with minimal ecological footprint.

Intelligent & failure-safe

The technology is self-configuring and self-learning. In case of any failure or break-down of the grid, the units automatically disconnect and run as autonomous off-grid power supplies.

Scalable – grows with your needs

Start with one single cube and then scale up to a theoretically unlimited size. From kW to MW with only one product.

Secured investment

Scalability ensures the continued use of existing devices that can easily be supplemented with additional units. In conventional systems, some of the existing components must be replaced due to increased power demands and other limitations.

No engineering or maintenance needed

Our systems do not need any special skills to be configured, installed and maintained. Even bigger systems in the Kilowatt range can easily be built by simply connecting multiple cubes.

PBX200
200 W, 1.2 kWh

From grocery stores and small businesses to schools, camps or mobile operations.
Power-Blox delivers flexibility and simplicity for many applications.

**Easy to use –
plug & power**
Place the solar module outside. Switch on to get energy delivered to the integrated socket. Done!

Build power grids anywhere in no time
Mini-grids can be quickly built at different locations and combined to deliver more power. Power grids for whole villages can be created.

Swiss quality
Highest quality – engineered, produced and assembled in Switzerland.

Universal energy interface
Allows to easily combine various energy sources and battery technologies from different vendors. While there are many solutions for energy storage, they cannot be combined as every solution with an integrated master device tries to control the grid and gets in conflict with other masters.

Pay as you go & prosumer
Combined with a pay-as-you-go model, it can serve as incubator for micro-entrepreneurs and provide affordable solar power to customers in developing countries. The excess production of electric power in the system can be sold for a fee.

Food & agriculture

- Fruit drying
- Water irrigation
- Milling
- Office infrastructure

Small businesses

- Electrification fridges, hair shavers, etc.
- Workshop tools e. g. saw, drilling machines, welding, etc.
- Computers and Internet, printers, etc.
- Mobile phone charging services
- Reselling of electricity

Health care

- Electrification of hospitals
- Vaccination fridges
- Lighting of birth stations
- Radiology stations
- Dialysis stations
- Water purifying/water pumping

EMERGING MARKETS

Easy and affordable access to energy

Education

- Electrification of schools
- Lighting of classrooms
- Electrification of computer rooms
- Digital learning
- Overhead projectors
- Internet infrastructure

Mobile camps

- Lighting
- Medical appliances
- Infrastructure
- Heating
- Water treatment and pumping
- Telecommunication
- Phone charging
- Ventilation

Wildlife preservation

- Electrification of radio outposts
- Device charging
- Fridges and freezers
- Telecommunications

In emerging markets, the use of Power-Blox supports the development of the local economy and of continuously functioning structures. Mainly complex and inflexible solutions are available on the market for the higher power range, and it is precisely this range that is central to the growing middle class as well as to the small and medium-sized enterprises.

INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

Easy and affordable access to energy

In industrialized countries, the modular energy units can serve as a portable socket and can be used for example, in mountain huts, for emergency units or for private use (holiday houses, campers, family gardens, boats, etc.)

Tourism

- Lighting
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Ventilation
- Home appliances

Events

- Lighting
- Powering audio and video equipment
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Infrastructure

Family & garden plot

- Lighting
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Ventilation
- Home appliances

Camping

- Lighting
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Ventilation
- Home appliances

Camper

- Lighting
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Ventilation
- Home appliances

Remote homes

- Lighting
- Mobile phone charging
- Entertainment
- Food cooling
- Ventilation
- Home appliances

Technical data

Inverter	PBX200 Pb	PBX200 Li
Rated grid voltage	230 V	
Rated frequency	50 Hz	
Harmonic distortion	< 4%	
Continuous power at 25	200 W	
Power for 5 sec. at 25	230 W	
Power for 3 sec. at 25	370 W	
Maximum load	Up to short-circuit	
Cos φ	0.1 to 1	
Grid/generator input		
Input voltage	230 V ± 15%	
Frequency range	47-64 Hz	
Grid charger current	5 A	
Charging characteristics	IUoU [1]	Li BMS [1]
Resettable fuse	10 A	
Transfer connectors		
Transfer voltage	230 V ± 15%	
Frequency range	47-64 Hz	
Resettable fuse	10 A	
Solar input		
Solar charger type	MPP [2]	
Input voltage range	30-45 V	
PV current	8 A	
Maximum PV power	250 W	
Recommended PV power	200 W	
Charging characteristics	IUoU, temperature regulated	Li BMS [1], temperature regulated
Battery		
Included batteries	2 x Hoppecke sun power VR M 12 V 58	2 x Li-Ion batteries 12 V 50 AH
Battery technology	Lead acid/AGM [3]	Lithium/LiFePo4 [4]
Internal battery voltage	24 V	
Cycle stability	2500 cycles	5000 cycles
Expected lifetime	3-5 years	> 10 years
DC output		
Cigarette lighter socket	12 V, 3 A	
USB socket	2 x 5 V, 2 A	
Connectors		
Solar	Neutrik powerCON TRUE1 inlet/clamps	
Transfer/stacking	Neutrik powerCON inlet/clamps	
Transfer cable	1.3 m cable with Neutrik powerCON plug	
Grid/generator	Grid socket C14, 10 A/clamps	
Clamps	Tool-less Phoenix clamps, 0.2-6 mm^2	

Swarm connection

Stacking possibility	Via attached cable
Connecting towers	Via attached cable
Maximum tower height	3 units
Maximum stacking/transfer power	10 units/2 kW
Maximum swarm-grid size	Infinte, tested up to 20 units

Certificates

EMC (Electro Magnetic Compatibility)	IEC/EN55022, IEC/EN61000
Safety	EC/EN62109-1, IEC62109-2

Environmental conditions

Protection index	IP20	
Relative humidity in operation	95% without condensation	
Operating temperature range	-10 to 45°C [5]	-20 to 60°C
Ventilation	Passive, no active ventilators	

General data

Weight	52 kg (114.6 lb)	27 kg (59.5 lb)
Dimensions (W/H/D)	400 mm/443 mm/400 mm	

[1] IUoU = Multiple charge process for optimal battery charging
BMS = Battery Management System

[2] MPP = Maximum PowerPoint Tracker for upto 30 % higher solar yield

[3] AGM = Absorbent Glass Mat, electrolyte is bonded in a nonwoven of glass fibers

[4] LiFePo4 = Lithium iron phosphate

[5] If the operating temperature is above 30 °C, the batteries age considerably faster

Order numbers

Country	AC socket	PBX200 Pb	PBX200 Li
Switzerland		32.0200-50010	32.0200-50020
Germany/Italy		32.0200-50011	32.0200-50021
France/Belgium		32.0200-50012	32.0200-50022
United Kingdom		32.0200-50013	32.0200-50023
South Africa/UK-Multi		32.0200-50014	32.0200-50024
Australia/New Zealand		32.0200-50015	32.0200-50025
Israel		32.0200-50016	32.0200-50026
Denmark		32.0200-50017	32.0200-50027
Asia/Thailand		32.0200-50018	32.0200-50028

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