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Model: PM3-75LK | Brand: PowerMax

1. INTRODUCTION

The PowerMax PM3 75LK RV Power Converter is a sophisticated AC to DC power converter and battery charger designed for recreational vehicles, automotive applications, boats, and other 12V power needs. It features a 3-stage smart charging mode and is compatible with various battery types, including lithium-ion. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, installation, and maintenance of your PowerMax PM3 75LK converter.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **3-Stage Smart Charging:** Automatically charges and maintains batteries, extending battery life.
- **Lithium Compatible:** Engineered to fully charge and maintain lithium-ion batteries.
- **Adjustable Power Supply Modes:** Provides clean DC power for various applications.
- **Wide Amperage Range:** Available in various sizes, including this 75 Amp model, and can be wired in series or parallel for higher outputs.
- **Safety Protections:** Includes reverse polarity, overload, and thermal protection for safe operation.
- **Easy Installation:** Designed for quick and straightforward setup.

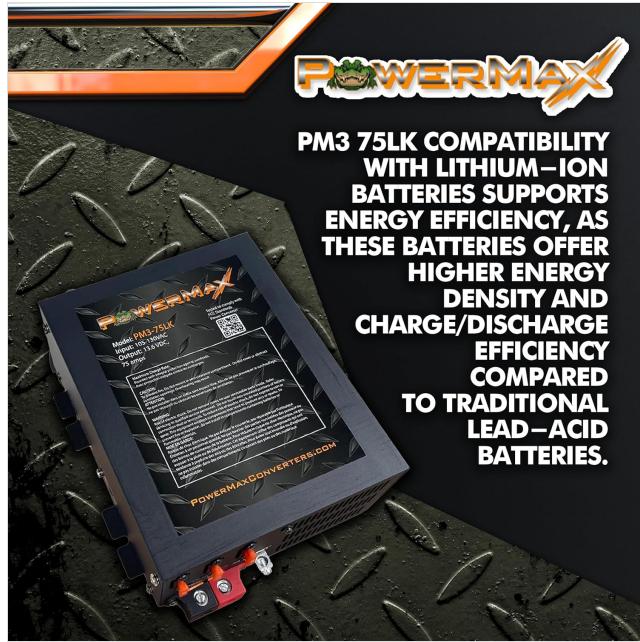


Figure 2.1: The PowerMax PM3 75LK converter, emphasizing its compatibility with lithium-ion batteries for enhanced energy efficiency.



Figure 2.2: An illustration demonstrating the intelligent charging system, which ensures optimal battery maintenance without overcharging.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The PowerMax PM3 75LK converter is designed for straightforward installation. Ensure the unit is placed in a well-ventilated area, free from obstructions, to prevent overheating. Do not cover or obstruct ventilation openings.

3.1. Pre-Installation Checklist

- Verify the converter's input voltage (105-130VAC) matches your power source.
- Ensure adequate space for ventilation around the unit.
- Gather necessary tools: screwdriver, wire strippers, mounting screws (not supplied).

3.2. Wiring Connections

Connect the converter following these steps:

1. Connect the AC cord to a suitable AC socket.
2. Connect the chassis ground to the bonding lug.

3. Connect the 12V (+) and (-) wires from your battery/system to the corresponding output ports on the converter.
4. Secure the converter using four screws (not supplied) to anchor it to a stable surface.



Figure 3.1: The PowerMax PM3 75LK converter, illustrating its compact design and clearly labeled input/output terminals for easy wiring.

3.3. Initial Configuration

The converter may have small switches or adjustment points for fine-tuning. Refer to the specific markings on your unit:

- **Voltage Adjustment:** A small screw-adjustable potentiometer may be present on one of the sidewalls to tune the output DC voltage. Use a small flathead screwdriver for this adjustment.
- **Charging Mode Switch:** A switch on the sidewall allows you to select between 'fixed output' and '3 stages' charging mode. Select the appropriate mode for your battery type and application.



Figure 3.2: Side view of the PowerMax PM3 converter, showing the cooling fan which aids in maintaining optimal operating temperatures.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once properly installed, the PowerMax PM3 75LK converter operates automatically to provide stable 12V DC power and manage battery charging.

4.1. Automatic 3-Stage Charging

The built-in 3-stage smart charger optimizes battery charging for longevity:

- **Bulk Stage:** Delivers maximum current to rapidly charge a depleted battery.
- **Absorption Stage:** Maintains a constant voltage while the current gradually decreases as the battery approaches full charge.
- **Float/Storage Stage:** Reduces voltage to a lower level to maintain the battery at full charge without overcharging, preventing electrolyte boil-off.

4.2. Power Conversion

The converter efficiently transforms incoming AC power (105-130VAC) into stable 12V DC power, suitable for powering various electronic devices and appliances in your RV, boat, or other applications.

4.3. Fan Operation

The converter includes an internal cooling fan that activates as needed to prevent overheating. The fan's operation is automatic and may vary in speed depending on the load and ambient temperature. This is normal and ensures the unit maintains optimal performance.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your PowerMax PM3 75LK converter.

- **Ventilation:** Periodically check that the ventilation openings are clear of dust, debris, or obstructions. Ensure adequate airflow around the unit.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the exterior of the converter clean. Use a dry, soft cloth to wipe away dust. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Connections:** Occasionally inspect all wiring connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- **Battery Health:** While the converter intelligently manages charging, it is good practice to periodically check your battery's electrolyte levels (for flooded batteries) and terminal condition.



Figure 5.1: The converter features automatic thermal protection, contributing to its durability and safe operation.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your PowerMax PM3 75LK converter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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No Power Output	No AC input; Blown fuse; Loose connections; Thermal shutdown.	Check AC power source and circuit breaker. Inspect fuses and all wiring connections. Allow unit to cool if it was under heavy load.
Battery Not Charging	Incorrect charging mode; Battery fault; Loose battery connections.	Verify charging mode switch setting. Check battery condition. Ensure battery connections are clean and tight.
Converter Fan Runs Constantly or Loudly	High ambient temperature; Heavy load; Obstructed ventilation.	Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Reduce load if possible. This is often normal operation under load.
Battery Overcharging (Boiling)	Incorrect voltage setting (rare with smart charger); Faulty battery.	The 3-stage smart charger is designed to prevent this. If observed, verify voltage setting and have battery inspected.

If issues persist after following these steps, contact PowerMax customer support or a qualified technician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Name	PM3-75LK
Input Voltage	105-130 VAC
Output Voltage	13.6 VDC (Nominal)
Output Amperage	75 Amps
Product Dimensions	11 x 8.5 x 4.5 inches
Item Weight	6.5 pounds
Charging Stages	3-Stage Smart Charging
Battery Compatibility	Lead-Acid, Lithium-Ion
Safety Features	Reverse Polarity, Overload, Thermal Protection

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information and terms, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official PowerMax website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or service inquiries, please contact PowerMax customer service directly.

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