

## Re: Using a Solar Panel for 12V battery

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In article <3jci74t524d2trb8sv08s87poi65asv7nf@xxxxxxx>, <hpitney3@xxxxxxx> wrote:

I have one of those 12 volt solar panels. It was on a electronic solar fence charger for farms. The rest of the fence charger was dead, but the solar panel works. I want to connect it to a 12V car battery. Do I just connect it directly, or does there need to be a diode or other parts in between, so the battery dont fry the solar panel?

If the panel is large enough to produce a meaningful charge into your battery it will need some form of regulation to prevent overcharging the battery.

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