

DC-TO-AC INVERTER

1746/1766-24-120-60-U	1746/1766-24-120-60-L
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USER'S INFORMATION



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This User's Information manual is applicable for the following Models:

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1746/1766- 48 -120-60-U	1746/1766- 48 -120-60-L
1746/1766- 130 -120-60-U	1746/1766- 130 -120-60-L

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WARNING - DANGER OF ELECTRIC SHOCK!

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The installer should read all of Section II (Installation and Operation) and refer to Figures 1 & 2 for additional information **BEFORE MAKING ANY CONNECTIONS TO THE INVERTER.**

CAUTION - TO AVOID EQUIPMENT DAMAGE DURING INSTALLATION...

Prior to installing the inverter, verify that its front-panel input power switch (a “rocker-arm” circuit breaker) is in the OFF position, indicated by a wedge-shaped section of the rocker arm protruding from the front panel and exposing white plastic in the rocker assembly. If the inverter does not appear to be turned off, push against the word “OFF” printed on the switch face to expose the white plastic indicator before making any connections to the inverter.

**...DO NOT “HOT PLUG” OR APPLY AN ENERGIZED
CONNECTION TO A “TURNED ON” INVERTER!**

I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Series 1746/1766 dc-to-ac inverters provide a regulated, 120-Vac, frequency-stable 60-Hz sine-wave output from station batteries and other widely-fluctuating battery systems. Maximum rated output power is 1000 volt-amperes (continuous duty rating at 50°C ambient temperature). The dc input and the ac output are galvanically isolated from the chassis and from each other.

The suffix letter **U** or **L** in its model number indicates that this inverter is provided with integral sensing and transfer circuitry which allows it to function in one of two configurations:

1. **U Suffix** indicates that this inverter is designed to function as an inverter-preferred uninterruptible power system. In this configuration, the load power is normally provided by the inverter. However, if the inverter output is interrupted, an internal transfer switch automatically transfers the load from the inverter to an alternate ac power source (commercial ac power or another dc-to-ac inverter, for example). Upon restoration of inverter power, there is a delay of several seconds, and then transfer back to inverter power automatically takes place.
2. **L Suffix** indicates that this inverter is designed to function as a line-preferred uninterruptible power system. In this configuration, the load power is normally provided by the external ac power source (commercial ac power or another dc-to-ac inverter, for example). However, if the external source is interrupted, an internal transfer switch automatically transfers the load from the external source to the inverter. Upon restoration of the external ac power source, there is a delay of several seconds, and then transfer back to the external source automatically takes place.

Please note: Upon application of DC input power, L-suffix models undergo an initialization sequence to ensure the presence and stability of the inverter output before making it available as an alternate ac source. This sequence may take up to 12 seconds to complete. Any interruption and reapplication of the DC input power, whether by breaker action, battery disconnect, input line fault, etc. will reinitiate this sequence.

This inverter is electronically protected against output overloads and short circuits. Recovery to normal inverter operation is automatic upon removal of the fault. The fault may also clear the rear panel **AC LINE FUSE** which protects the alternate AC power source. This source will not be available to the load until the fuse is replaced. A front-panel circuit breaker provides protection against accidental reversal of dc-input polarity during installation.

CAUTION

Do not misinterpret unlit LED's to indicate the absence of AC power. The front-panel LED's will not remain lit if DC input power is removed from the input connector. However, AC input power, if present, will be connected to the AC output receptacle via the inverter's internal

transfer switch, and so **AC voltage may still be present at the output receptacles even when no LED's are lit.**

II. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

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Connection and operation of Series 1746/1766 inverters are almost entirely self-explanatory from the front and rear panel markings on each unit.

All electrical connections to the inverter are located on the rear panel. The **DC INPUT** power connections are made via a two-part (i.e. header and plug) connector. Input cabling can be connected to the inverter without separating the plug from the header. Alternately, the plug may be removed from the inverter by disengaging its mounting-flange screws, and the cabling can be connected to the plug prior to re-engaging it with the header on the inverter's rear panel (be sure to re-engage the mounting-flange screws as well). The positive and negative terminals on each power connector are clearly marked, and deliberate caution should be exercised to avoid polarity mistakes. To connect the power cables, simply strip 3/8" – 1/2" from one end of each cable and insert into the appropriate connector wire clamp. Tighten the wire-clamp screw securely and, if using stranded wire, check to make sure that all wire strands have been captured by the wire clamp.

Suggested wire sizes for dc-input cabling are shown in the chart below. It is desirable that these cables be kept as short as possible, and, if their length must exceed 10 feet, it may be desirable to use larger diameter (lower gauge) cables.

Model Number	Input Voltage Range (Vdc)	Input Current (A _{dc})*	Suggested Cable (AWG)
1746/1766- 24 -120-60	21-29	53.5	#6
1746/1766- 48 -120-60	42-58	26.0	#8
1746/1766- 130 -120-60	105-145	10.2	#12

*Typical at full load and minimum input voltage.

Note that these inverters are constant-output-power devices, i.e., with a constant output load, the dc-input current and dc-input voltage are inversely proportional. This means that the maximum input current is drawn at the minimum input voltage.

The **AC INPUT** receptacle should be connected to the user's alternate ac source using the supplied detachable power cord. The **AC OUTPUT** receptacles provide output power to the user's load. The **CHASSIS GROUND** screw provided on the rear panel is electrically common with the ground connections on both the AC INPUT and AC OUTPUT receptacles. An **AC LINE INPUT** fuse is accessible from the rear panel, and a spare fuse is located on the inside cover of the fuse holder.

The **OUTPUT STATUS** connector provides a set of Form C contacts for remote monitoring of inverter status. This is a two-part (i.e. header and plug) connector and, as with the dc-input power connector described previously, wiring connections can be made without separating the plug from the header. Alternately, the plug may be removed from the converter, and the cabling can be connected to the plug prior to re-engaging it with the header. This plug is held in place by a friction lock – to remove it from the header, grasp the plug firmly and pull it straight out from the rear panel. To connect signal wires to this connector, simply strip approximately ¼” from one end of each wire and insert into the appropriate connector wire clamp. Tighten the wire-clamp screw securely and, if using stranded wire, check to make sure that all wire strands have been captured by the wire clamp. For system wiring flexibility, access to both normally-open and normally-closed contacts is provided (see Figure 2). “Normal” condition, as used in this context, means that the inverter is ON and operating normally. The maximum voltage, current and power ratings (resistive) for these contacts are 125 volts, 1 ampere and 30 watts, respectively.

For more information on rear-panel connectors, see Figure 2.

Good installation practice for power conversion equipment dictates that an input fuse or circuit breaker should be located at the power-source end of the cables feeding the equipment. The type and rating of such devices are largely dependent on local and/or national codes and installation variables such as cable routing and wire gauge. Wilmore cannot anticipate these variables and consequently does not recommend specific fuse or circuit breaker values. However, it is important to note a few operating characteristics of this unit that may affect an installer's choice of protection devices.

1. As mentioned previously, this unit is a constant-power device; that is, it draws its maximum input current at its minimum input voltage.
2. As with essentially all electronic equipment with significant input capacitance, the unit will draw an initial peak current many times its normal operating current for a very brief period (a few milliseconds or so) when power is initially applied. Consequently, instantaneous-trip circuit breakers or non-time-delay fuses may be activated by normal power-up events and are not recommended.
3. This unit is capable of providing output current well beyond its continuous-duty rating for brief periods in order to power loads with high start/surge currents (e.g. small motors). Consequently, it will draw proportionately higher input current during such peak power demands, and the installer's choice of input protection devices should take this into account. Moreover, and even though the user's application may only require a fraction of its full

power rating, the unit may briefly draw this higher current at start-up when the unit is charging its output filter capacitors and/or the load's input filter capacitors (effectively placing a temporary overload on the unit's output). This time period may be much longer than the few milliseconds required to charge the input capacitors as referenced in 2) above. If the user is experiencing nuisance circuit breaker or fuse operation at power-up, please contact Wilmore's customer service group to discuss information about your particular application:

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FRONT PANEL CONTROLS / INDICATORS

All models in this series provide a combination circuit breaker and ON/OFF switch on the front panel for **DC INPUT** power. Its rocker handle is flush with the front panel while in the ON position to guard against unintentionally turning the circuit breaker OFF through incidental contact. Front-panel indicators include LED's to display the ac source connected to the output receptacle (**AC LINE** or **INVERTER**) and to alert the user in the event of an **ALARM CONDITION**. See Figure 1 for more information.

AC Panel Meter (Model 1766 Only)

The digital power meter on the front panel measures and displays the rms voltage and current, active (real) power and the power factor of the inverter's output.

Basic Operation:

When powering up the inverter for the first time, the meter will perform a self-test routine and then continuously display the inverter's output, measured in ac volts. The display will remain in the **VOLTS** mode as long as the front panel **SEL** (Select) button is not touched.

After the unit powers up to normal operation in the **VOLTS** reading mode, momentarily (approximately one second) touching the **SEL** button three times in succession will cycle the display to **AMPS**, **WATTS**, and **PF** (Power Factor). Momentarily touching **SEL** a fourth time will return the display back to the **VOLTS** reading mode.

Holding the **SEL** button down for 3 seconds will place the unit in a continuous auto-cycling mode, and the display will repetitively scroll through all four measurements, with each measurement remaining displayed for 3 seconds.

When the continuous auto-cycling mode is initially selected, the meter will briefly display **Auto On** before continuous cycling begins. Momentarily touching the **SEL** button again will cause the unit to briefly display **Auto OFF** before it returns to the fixed **VOLTS** reading mode.

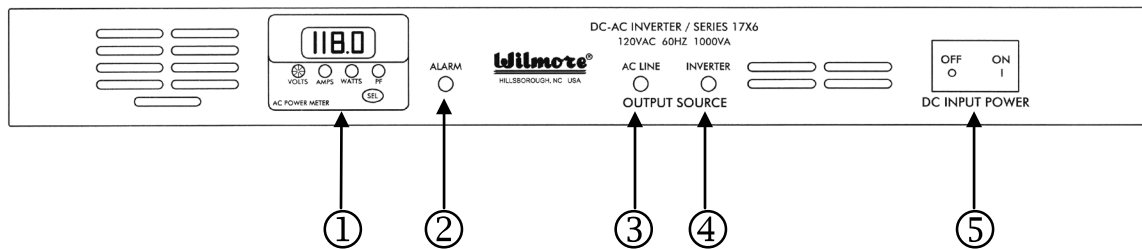
Displaying a Specific Mode on Power Up:

The meter can be configured to automatically show any one of the four display modes upon future applications of ac power. For example, it may be desirable to configure the unit to always power up in the **AMPS** mode.

To set the unit to always read **AMPS** on power up, tap the **SEL** switch until the **AMPS** mode is displayed, and then leave the unit in this mode for at least 60 seconds. As long as the **SEL** switch is not pressed again during the 60 second interval, the unit will configure itself to always power up displaying the chosen mode, which is **AMPS** in this example.

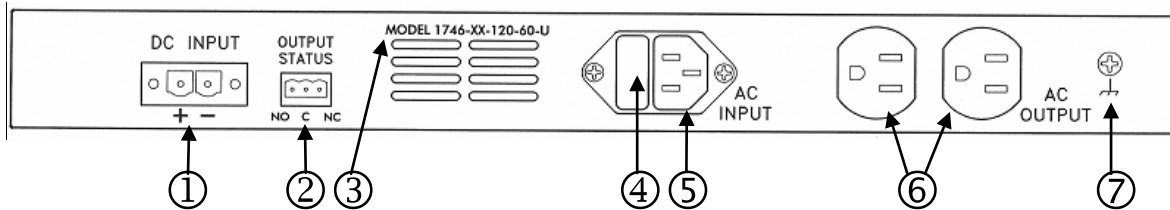
This functionality also applies to the auto-cycle mode. That is, the unit can be configured to always power up in the auto-cycle (scrolling) display mode by following the instructions outlined above.

FIGURE 1. FRONT PANEL
(shown without mounting brackets)



- ① **AC PANEL METER** (Model 1766 Only): This provides various information on the inverter's output status. It can be set to continuously display any of the following: volts, amperes, watts, or power factor. The display can also be set to continuously auto-cycle between each of these. For additional information, see Section II.
- ② **ALARM CONDITION LED:** This red LED is "on" when the Form C alarm contacts on the rear panel indicate an alarm condition.
- ③ **AC LINE LED:** This LED is "on" when the transfer circuitry has selected the commercial ac line (or another alternate AC power source connected to the AC-input receptacle) to power the load. **AC power may be present at the output receptacles even though the LED is not "on"; e.g. if the circuit breaker is turned off or under certain fault conditions.**
- ④ **INVERTER LED:** This LED is "on" when the transfer circuitry has selected the inverter output to power the load.
- ⑤ **DC INPUT CIRCUIT BREAKER:** This is a combination DC input switch and circuit breaker, provided in the positive (+) input line. It does NOT interrupt the commercial AC line input.

FIGURE 2. REAR PANEL (shown without plugs attached)



- ① **DC INPUT CONNECTOR:** Connections for DC input power are provided via a two-part (plug and header) connector, which accommodates appropriate wire sizes. Please refer to Section II for recommended wire sizes for this inverter.
- ② **OUTPUT STATUS INDICATOR:** This three-position connector provides access to a set of Form C relay contacts. These contacts are provided for a remote indication of an inverter output fault and/or loss of the alternate ac source. The maximum voltage, current and power ratings (resistive) for these contacts are 125 volts, 1 ampere and 30 watts, respectively.
- ③ **MODEL NUMBER:** This is a complete model number of the inverter, including any standard or special factory-assigned modification codes.
- ④ **AC LINE FUSE:** This is a 250-volt, 15-ampere non-time-delay ¼" x 1¼" fuse which protects against load faults appearing on the commercial AC line when it is selected by the transfer circuitry to power the load. The fuse is accessible by carefully pressing the locking tab to the left and pulling the fuse holder completely out. A spare fuse is provided and stored in the bottom position of the fuse holder.
- ⑤ **AC INPUT RECEPTACLE:** This is an IEC 60320-C14 receptacle for connecting an alternate 120-Vac, 60-Hz power source (commercial ac line or another dc-to-ac inverter, for example) to power the load. A three-conductor detachable cable terminated in a NEMA 5-15P plug is provided with the inverter for this purpose.
- ⑥ **AC OUTPUT RECEPTACLES:** Connections to the AC output power source selected by the internal transfer circuitry (inverter or alternate AC source) are provided via two standard NEMA 5-15R three-prong receptacles. The combined load should not exceed the power rating of the inverter.
- ⑦ **CHASSIS GROUND TERMINAL:** Connection to chassis ground is provided for use with #8 hardware.

III. MAINTENANCE INFORMATION AND TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE

Other than preventing dust and debris accumulation on internal components and external surfaces of the inverter, no periodic maintenance should be required.

If a problem is encountered using the inverter, the user should first make sure that the problem is definitely within the inverter before returning it for repair. The following chart lists a few common operating modes and system problems external to the inverter that may occur during installation or operation. Taking a few moments to read through this chart may save an unnecessary return for repair.

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE EXTERNAL CAUSES
All LED's are OFF (all versions).	DC input source is not present at the input connector. CAUTION: AC VOLTAGE MAY STILL BE PRESENT AT AC OUTPUT RECEPTACLE.
Only red LED is ON (all versions).	DC input source is present but front-panel circuit breaker is OFF or DC input voltage is abnormally low. CAUTION: AC VOLTAGE MAY STILL BE PRESENT AT AC OUTPUT RECEPTACLE.
Front-panel circuit breaker trips immediately when applying DC input power (all versions).	DC input has polarity reversed.
"L" Version (part number includes "L" suffix): when front-panel circuit breaker is switched ON, YELLOW and RED LED's are ON initially even though AC line is present at the AC output receptacles. After a few seconds, the YELLOW and RED LED's turn OFF and the GREEN LED turns ON.	This is the normal wake-up sequence for the LED's when both AC and DC inputs are present. No AC source transfer has been initiated.
"L" Version (part number includes "L" suffix): when front-panel circuit breaker is switched ON, YELLOW and RED LED's are ON but no AC output is present initially. After ~12 seconds, transfer to inverter occurs and AC output is present (YELLOW and RED LED's remain ON).	AC line is not present at AC input terminals or AC line input fuse has opened. Application of DC input power begins a 12-second initialization sequence before inverter output is made available as an alternate AC source.
"L" Version (part number includes "L" suffix): Yellow & Red LED's are ON.	Transfer from AC line to inverter has occurred. AC line is not present at AC input terminals or AC line input fuse has opened.
"L" Version (part number includes "L" suffix): Green & Red LED's are ON.	Inverter output is not available because DC input is too low or too high.
"L" Version (part number includes "L" suffix): internal transfer relay cycles between inverter and AC line.	A severe overload is present at the AC output or AC-line is in brown-out.

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE EXTERNAL CAUSES
“U” Version (part number includes “U” suffix): Yellow and Red LED’s are ON.	Transfer from inverter to AC line has occurred. Inverter output is not available because DC input is too low or too high.
“U” Version (part number includes “U” suffix): Green and Red LED’s are ON.	Adequate AC line is not present at the AC input terminals or AC line input fuse has opened.
“U” Version (part number includes “U” suffix): internal transfer relay cycles between inverter and AC line.	The load exceeds the inverter’s capacity.

A damaged or malfunctioning unit should be returned to Wilmore for repair. Multiple-component cascade failures in power conversion circuitry can greatly complicate troubleshooting procedures, and factory technicians familiar with the circuitry can locate the problem quickly, explore adjacent circuitry for stressed or damaged components, and subject the inverter to a thorough retest.

Wilmore maintains a **Return Material Authorization** system in order to efficiently track your inbound shipment and expedite its repair and return to you. Before shipping material for repair to Wilmore, please call (919) 732-9351 or email info@wilmoreelectronics.com and request an **RMA Number** for your shipment. If possible, please provide the complete model number of the equipment, its serial number, and a brief description of the problem. Place this **RMA Number** on the outside of the package and ship prepaid to:

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