



**Wilmore**<sup>®</sup>  
ELECTRONICS CO., INC.

**USER MANUAL**  
Series 1620H  
DC-DC Converters

## **SERIES 1620H 400-Watt DC-to-DC Converters**



1620H-74-13-30

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

1620H-37-13-30  
1620H-37-24-16

1620H-74-13-30  
1620H-74-24-16



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## I. General Description

The Series 1620H dc-to-dc power converter provides an isolated, regulated voltage output from vehicle battery systems aboard locomotives and rail vehicles. The operating input voltage range, the output voltage and the output current are shown in Table 1 (depending upon output load and ambient temperature, a duty-cycle restriction may apply). Isolation capable of passing a 2500 Vdc "hipot" test is provided between the input and output and between the input and chassis. The converter output is galvanically isolated from the chassis ground and, therefore, may be connected as either a positive or a negative output.

This converter is electronically protected against overloads and short circuits. Recovery to normal operating conditions is automatic upon removal of an overload or short-circuit fault. Protection against accidental reversal of the input-voltage polarity during installation is provided by a shunt diode working in conjunction with a user-supplied input fuse or circuit breaker (see Section II: Installation and Operation).

This converter is a constant-output-power device, i.e., with a constant load, the input current and input voltage are inversely proportional. This means that the maximum input current is drawn at the minimum input voltage. An approximation of input current for a specific input voltage and output load current can be determined as follows:

$$\text{Input Current} = \frac{(\text{Output Voltage}) (\text{Output Current})}{(0.8) (\text{Input Voltage})}$$

This approximation applies for output load currents equal to or greater than 20% of maximum rated load current. For loads less than 20% of the maximum rating, linearly decrease input from its calculated value at 20% load to X milliamperes at no load (see Table 1).

**Table 1**

Nominal Input Voltage (Vdc)	Input Voltage Range (Vdc)	Nominal Output Voltage (Vdc)	Maximum <sup>1</sup> Output Current (Adc)	X (see paragraph above)	Model Number
37	25-45	13.6	30	120 mA	1620H-37-13-30
		24.0	16	220 mA	1620H-37-24-16
74	50-90	13.6	30	120 mA	1620H-74-13-30
		24.0	16	120 mA	1620H-74-24-16

<sup>1</sup>Depending upon output load and ambient temperature, a duty-cycle restriction may apply.

## II. Installation and Operation

**CAUTION: SERIES 1620H CONVERTERS ARE NOT INTERNALLY FUSED. EXTERNALLY FUSE THE INPUT LINE (SEE TABLE 2).**

Good installation practice for mobile electronic equipment dictates that input fuses or circuit breakers should be located at the power distribution end of the cables feeding the converter. For this reason, no protection devices are built inside Series 1620H converters to protect against fault conditions at the input to the converter. It is recommended, instead, that an appropriately-rated fuse or circuit breaker be connected near the dc-input source in series with the input lines to the converter (see Table 2).

Connection and operation of Series 1620H converters is almost entirely self-explanatory from the front-panel markings on each unit. The positive and negative terminals are clearly marked beside each input and output terminal block, and deliberate caution should be exercised to avoid polarity mistakes. Both the input and the output of the converter are dc-isolated from the chassis and from each other.

The input and output terminal block screws accept lugs for use with #8 hardware. The suggested cables to be used to connect the converter to its battery source and to connect to its load are shown in Table 2. The length of the connection cables ought to be kept to a minimum. If the length of the cables is to exceed 10 feet, lower gauge (i.e. larger) cables should be considered.

*Table 2*

Model Number	Input Cable Size (AWG)	Output Cable Size (AWG)	Recommended Input Fuse Rating (A)
1620H-37-13-30	10	8	30
1620H-37-24-16	10	10	30
1620H-74-13-30	12	8	20
1620H-74-24-16	12	10	20

### III. Maintenance Information

A damaged or malfunctioning unit should be returned to Wilmore for repair. Multiple-component cascade failures in power conversion circuitry can greatly complicate trouble-shooting 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](mailto: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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### IV. Limited Warranty

Wilmore Electronics Company, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year after delivery to the original purchaser. During this period, a defective product for which an authorization to return the product has been given, shall be returned to Wilmore freight prepaid. The products will be repaired, replaced, or credit allowed only if the defect, after examination by Wilmore, is determined to be a defect in material or workmanship. If this returned product is determined by Wilmore to have suffered from user misuse or abuse or to have been opened or modified without written instructions from Wilmore, or if the date of receipt of a request for return authorization exceeds the 1-year warranty period, the warranty is null and void. In such cases, Wilmore will determine the cost of repair, quote this price to the purchaser, and continue as advised by the purchaser.

The sole obligation of Wilmore and the purchaser's exclusive remedy under this or any other warranty, expressed or implied, is the repair or replacement of a defective product as provided above, or the issuance of credit in an amount not to exceed the contract price for the product deemed to be defective. Wilmore makes no warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular use. Wilmore shall not be responsible for incidental or consequential damage, whether or not foreseeable, caused by defects in this product. There are no other warranties which shall extend the description above.