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USER MANUAL
Series 1737
DC-DC Converters

SERIES 1737 **DC-to-DC Converters**



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

1737-12-74-4
1737-24-74-4



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I. General Description

Models **1737-12-74-4** and **1737-24-74-4** are dc-to-dc converters designed to provide a nominal 74-Vdc output from 12-Vdc and 24-Vdc vehicles, respectively. Conservative electrical design, very high operating efficiency and rugged mechanical construction make them well suited for powering voice/data radios and other sensitive electronic loads in the harsh railroad vehicle environment. Isolation capable of passing a 1,500-Vdc insulation stress test is provided between the converter circuitry and chassis ground. The input and output are not isolated from each other and share a common return.

II. Mechanical Installation

The four slotted mounting holes on the converter's base flange were designed for use with #10 hardware. The mounting hole pattern is 4.5" along each flange x 8.0" front-to-back (flange-to-flange).

Although this power converter is very efficient, some power is lost to heat. The aluminum chassis of the converter is also its integral heatsink, and it is important to allow air to flow unrestricted around the converter if it is to be used at or near full power for extended periods of time.

III. Electrical Connections

The input/output terminal block is designed for use with #10 hardware. A chassis ground connection is provided for use with #8 hardware. The input, common, and output terminals are clearly marked beside the terminal block, and deliberate caution should be exercised to avoid wiring and polarity errors.

The suggested cables to be used to connect the converter to its battery source and to connect to its load are shown in Table 1. The length of the connection cables ought to be kept to a minimum. If the length of the cables is to exceed ten feet, lower gauge cables should be considered.

Table 1

Model Number	Input Cable Size (AWG)	Output Cable Size (AWG)
1737-12-74-4	8	16
1737-24-74-4	12	16

IV. Operation and Maintenance

The **1737-12-74-4** should never be operated from a source voltage greater than 15Vdc, and the **1737-24-74-4** should never be operated from a source voltage greater than 30Vdc as this may stress or damage internal circuitry.

Other than preventing dust and debris from accumulating on external surfaces of the converter and occasionally checking the integrity of the electrical connections, no periodic maintenance should be required.

V. Repair and Return 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 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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VI. 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.