



BLACKOUT BUDDY™

QUICKSTART GUIDE

Thank you for choosing 4Patriots! Before you start using your new power product, here are a few **must-know tips** to get the most out of it.

FIRST THINGS FIRST:

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOUNT THE BLACKOUT BUDDY TO ANY SURFACE BEFORE CAREFULLY READING THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USER MANUAL.

HOW TO CHARGE THE UNIT (FOR AC)

- This device is designed to safely remain plugged in at all times. It will automatically back up any appliances connected to it when the power goes out.
- Connect one end of the included charging cable to the AC input port on the right side of the unit and the other end to an AC wall outlet.
- On the remote LCD display (if connected), you'll see the charging status and current power. Once it reads 100%, you'll know the unit is fully charged.
- Do not use an extension cord, power strip, surge protector, or smart outlet to charge the unit.

HOW TO CHARGE THE UNIT (FOR SOLAR)

- The Blackout Buddy is designed to only work with 4Patriots 100W and 200W solar panels (not included).
- Unfold a solar panel and place it in direct sunlight.
- Connect the output cable from a solar panel to the matching solar input port on the top of the unit, matching red to red and black to black.
- Once it reads 100%, you'll know the unit is fully charged.

HOW TO USE THE UNIT

- This unit is a UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) capable of automatically backing up any connected appliances that require a total of 600W or less when the grid goes down.
- Connect the Blackout Buddy to any wall outlet. The unit will automatically turn on. There is no on/off switch.
- Connect an appliance or device to one of the AC outputs located on the right side or top of the unit.
- Your appliance or device will immediately receive power from the grid (if your Blackout Buddy is plugged into a wall outlet) or the Blackout Buddy's battery (if the battery is charged and the grid is unavailable).

CONNECTING THE REMOTE SCREEN

- Using the included USB-C cable, connect the remote screen to the USB-C port on the top of the unit. (Note: This USB-C port only works with the remote screen. It cannot be used to power other devices.)
- Place the screen in a visible location. Magnets on the back of the screen unit can stick to the front of a fridge or other magnetic surface.
- Press the button under the screen to toggle it on and off. The Blackout Buddy will continue to function with the screen off.

CONNECTING ADDITIONAL UNITS

- You never know how long an outage might last. To extend your runtime, add a second Blackout Buddy to the mix by using below instructions.
 1. Make sure both units are unplugged from the wall and hold the On/Off button until the unit turns off (about 10 s)
Note: They will not turn off if plugged in. The Blackout Buddy is designed to activate automatically if plugged into the wall.
 2. Connect the expansion cable from the “Expansion Input” port on one unit to “Expansion Output” on the other unit. It does not matter which unit is the input and which is the output.
 3. Choose one unit to be your “Main” unit. Connect the Main unit to the wall outlet using the included charging cable, this will reactivate both units.
 4. Connect your appliance to one of the AC outputs on the Main unit. This will deactivate the AC outputs on the other units for as long as the units are connected.
 5. Connect the LCD screen (if desired) to the USB-C port on the Main unit. You only need one LCD screen to monitor the whole system.

CAUTION: Do not disconnect the expansion cable without first turning all units off by holding the On/Off button for 10s.

HOW TO STORE THE UNIT

- You can keep the unit plugged in at all times. But if you choose to store it, store it in a **cool, dry place**.
- Do not store it for more than 10 days in an environment where the temperature may exceed 120° F (49° C).
- Store the unit fully charged.
- Drain and recharge every 6 months – even if not in use, this keeps your battery healthy and extends its life.

KEY FEATURES (AND WHAT THEY MEAN FOR YOU)

✓ AUTOMATIC BACKUP / PASSTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY

- **What it Means:** The Blackout Buddy provides instant backup power equipped with pass-through technology.
- **Why it's Useful:** You can keep your appliance or device plugged into the unit at all times. The unit will power that appliance or device while it's charging and remain at 100%.
- **How it Works:** The unit will continue to power your fridge or other appliance/device during a power outage, without interruption, provided the battery is charged.

✓ IMPORTANT FEATURES

- **Safety First:** Featuring a lithium-iron phosphate battery, the Blackout Buddy is safe for indoor use.
- **Compact:** This slim unit fits into small gaps between a fridge and a wall. It can also stand, lie flat, or hang upside down.
- **Port Placement:** The unit's rear AC port is ideal for a fridge, but there's also a port toward the front near the solar port. If your unit is on top of or next to your fridge, you can plug in a lamp or other electrical items without having to slide the fridge out.



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