

# How much capacitor is needed for a 48v inverter



## Overview

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How do I choose the right capacitor for my inverter?

In practice, selecting the right capacitor for your inverter involves more than just calculating the required capacitance. Other factors to consider include:

- **Voltage Rating:** The capacitor must have a voltage rating higher than the DC link voltage to prevent breakdown.

Why do inverters need a capacitor?

The capacitor helps maintain the desired voltage level by reducing the ripple generated by the inverter's switching operations. The inverter's power rating determines how much current is drawn from the DC bus. Higher power ratings require larger capacitors to ensure adequate energy storage and voltage stabilization.

Is 20R a good voltage for a 48V inverter?

20R at 48V is about 2.5A or thereabouts, I'd suggest that will be just fine, give it a suitably rated switch and you're good to go. You're just trying to avoid that massive (almost infinite) current splat when you first connect the discharged inverter. The Seplos 48V BMS has a 51R 10W pre-charge resistor for about 1A pre-charge.

How big should a DC link capacitor be?

With electric vehicles, inverters are typically optimized for two things - power density and efficiency. Thus, DC link should not be any larger than what the requirements call for. The objective of this article is to help you better understand the role of the DC link capacitor and how to properly size it based off your requirements.

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You won't need a particularly large capacitor - the 48V rail comes from a regulated

power supply so there's not much ripple to filter out anyway. However, you will need a low ...

Your 2.5 amps 20r at 48V drops down to less than 1 amp before capacitor is even charged to 30V. Math:  $(48V - 30V) / 20R = .9A$  For what it's worth, I went with 25-ohm for my 36V battery and it ...

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