

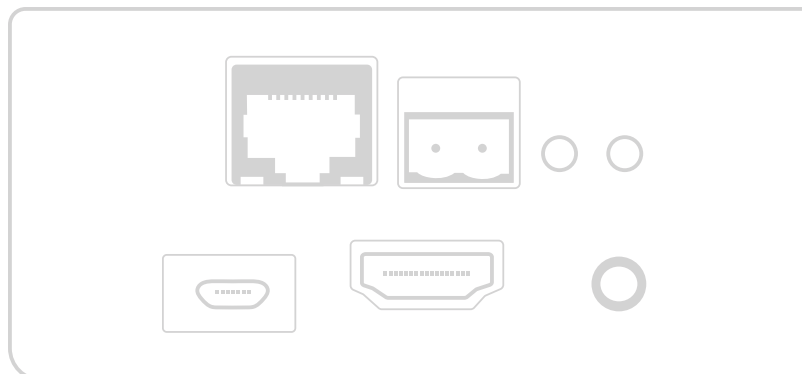
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# Modbus Configuration

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Instructions on how to enable the Modbus service on the Powerlink.



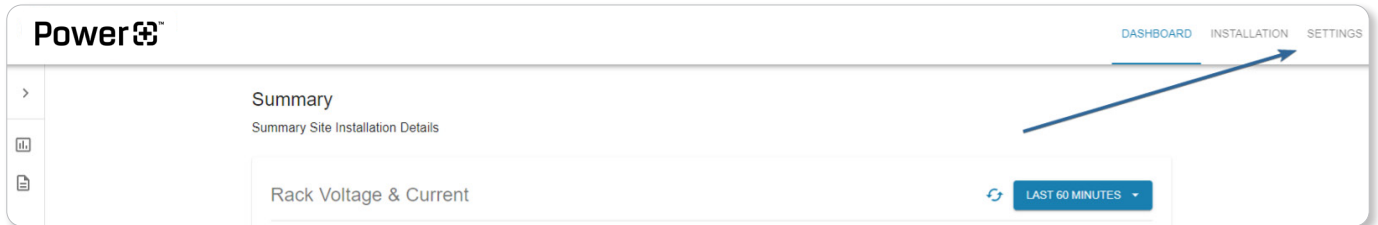
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# 1. Modbus Configurations

## 1.1 ENABLE MODBUS

The Powerlink modules support the use of Modbus TCP, the steps for enabling this feature are listed below.

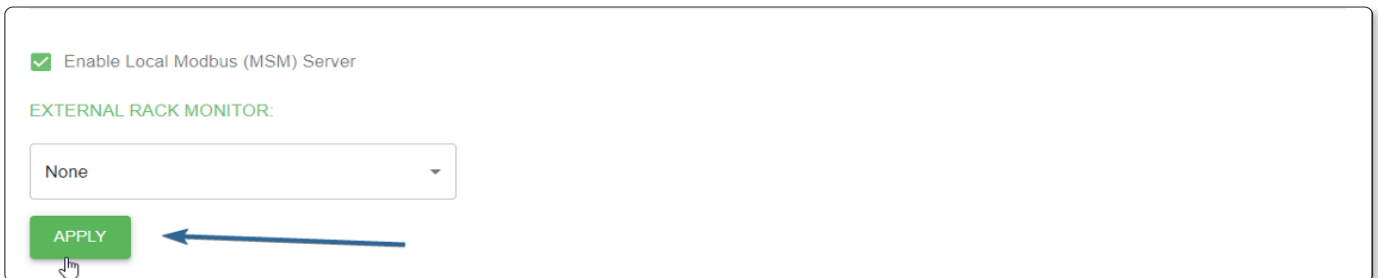
1. Navigate to the provisioning site of the PowerLink, and then to the settings tab in the top right-hand corner.



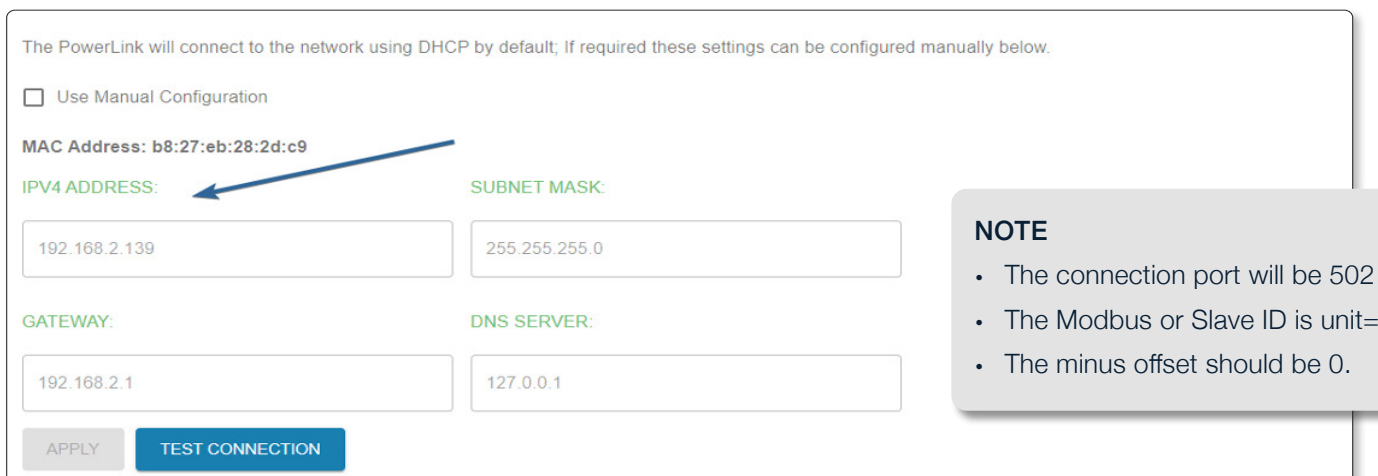
2. Locate the Modbus settings panel and click the checkbox to enable



Make sure to then click 'Apply'



3. You will now be able to connect to the Modbus service via a client, exact configuration will depend on the client used however you will need the IP address of the PowerLink in order to connect, if you are using the hostname of the device to connect you can find the IP address on the settings page under Network > IPV4 Address.



- Once you are connected you will want to access the registers outlined in the provided “MSM Register Map” spreadsheet.

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled "Modbus TCP - Summary Registers" with columns for Register Offset, Register Name, Units, Data Type, and Description. It lists various battery pack parameters like serial number, voltage, current, and temperature. It also includes sections for "Register Locations for Each Battery Pack" and "Alarms: Battery Pack (Battery Pack Register Offset 7)".

## 1.2 VICTRON VENUS

This document is a reference and guide only. Please see the Victron datasheet for more information about connecting a Venus and Lynx device in a system. To enable this connection you will first need to select Victron Venus from the drop down box under Modbus Server.



### 1.2.1 BACKGROUND AND POWERLINK BASICS

These instructions provide basic setup information about the Lynx Shunt and the Venus GX, both Victron devices that can be configured to work with the Powerlink. Note that the Lynx Shunt sends data to the Venus GX via CAN Bus and the Venus populates registers on its own Modbus TCP Server, which is accessed via the network.

First the Powerlink needs to be provisioned with the latest firmware, at least v2.0.2. Then the Venus and Lynx must be setup. This includes setting up Venus settings, enabling Modbus TCP and configuring the Lynx for the connected batteries.

### 1.2.2 COMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS

- Connect the shunt to the Venus device via CAN bus, a network cable is used for this connection. On the Venus side, the top VE.Can connector is used and a provided CAN bus terminator is used on the bottom input (see right image).
- Note the power cables in the bottom right. See datasheet for power specifications. These cables power the Venus. The shunt is powered by the SBMS batteries.

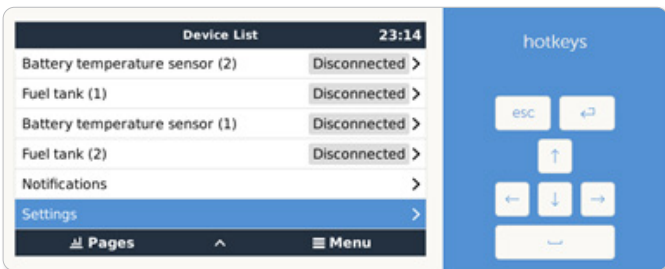


- On the Lynx Shunt, connect the CAN bus on the right side, or the side away from the large metal terminals and the CAN terminator on the left (See below image).
- Follow the datasheet to correctly connect with the SBMS batteries.

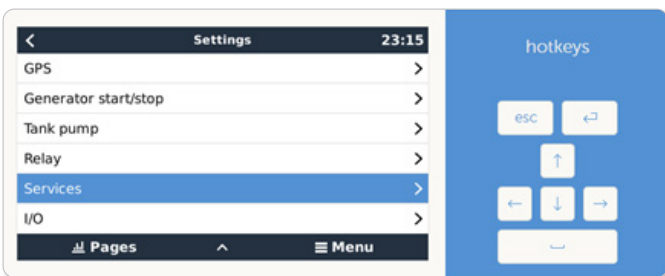


### 1.2.3 ENABLING THE MODBUS TCP

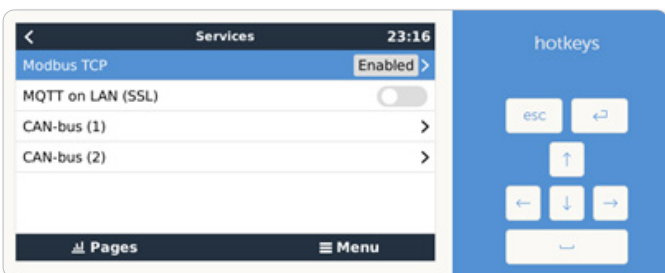
- Connect to venus.local or via the devices IP address
- On the main page, scroll down to settings.



- Under settings, scroll down (a bit) to services.

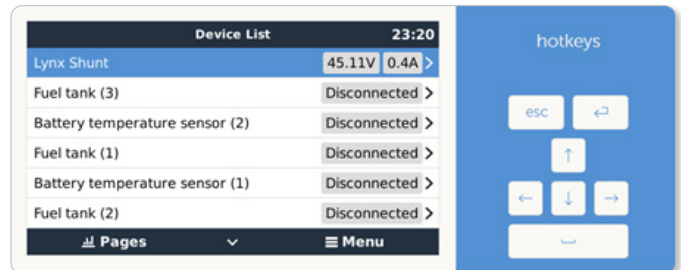


- Ensure sure Modbus TCP is Enabled.

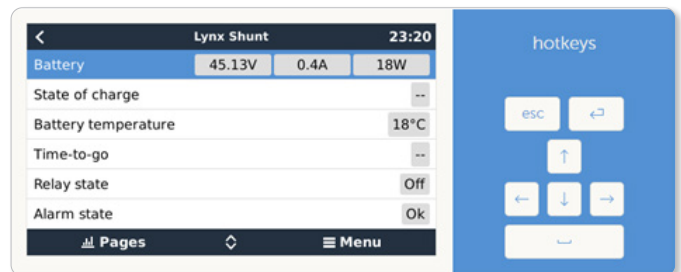


### 1.2.4 CONFIGURING LYNX SHUNT BATTERY SETTINGS

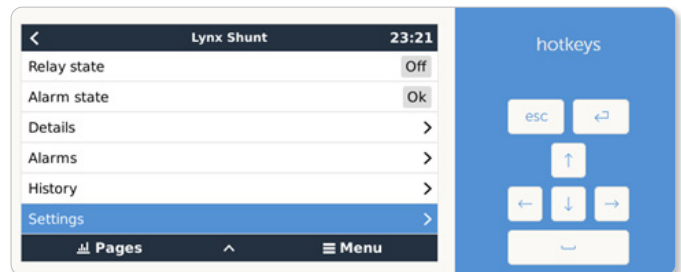
- Connect to venus.local or via the devices IP address.
- First verify the Shunt is shown. At the top of the main page: Device List, the shunt should appear with a seen voltage and current.



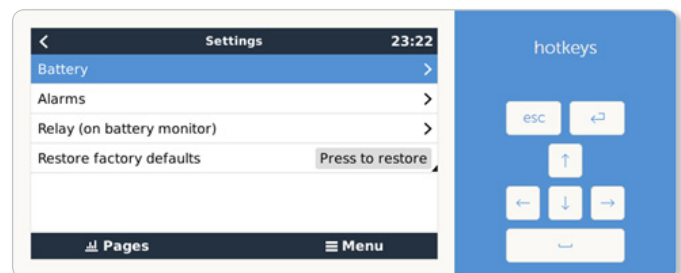
- There will likely be no SOC because it has not synced yet. Select the device to see further details.



- Scroll Down to Settings for the Shunt.



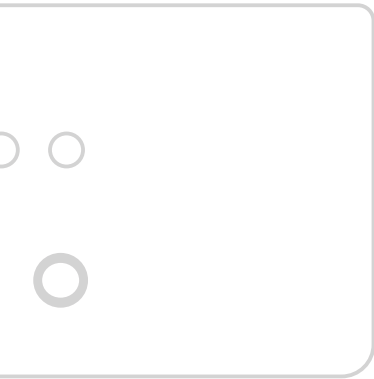
- Select Battery to set Battery Specific Settings (including Capacity which will vary by rack size and battery type, and voltage which will vary by battery type). Any other settings that should be set should be provided by PowerPlus Energy.



### **1.3 VICTRON BMV**

Simply connect the USB for VE.Direct USB Cable from the BMV-700 series to the Powerlink. The Powerlink will handle settings for the installed battery rack. This means the SBMS count and the SBMS type select on the Powerlink Provisioning Website must be accurate.

Of note, default values are programmed for Battery Characteristics. These should be changed for SBMS batteries based on hardware characteristics. To change them, add a migration to SBMS Database and update the values. The values auto programmed are from the SBMS Database.



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