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BMS123 Smart Relay



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Introduction

123 Smart Relay is a dual relay module with extremely low self-power consumption. It can be used to switch high currents or even small signals. The design ensures long operation, even on very small batteries. It is a perfect companion with the BMS123 Smart if you need to switch inverters and/or chargers.

Smart

An integrated microcontroller ensures reliable operation in harsh environments, combined with very low power consumption. Two LEDs display the current state of each relay. One flash means the relay is off, two flashes indicate the relay is on. It's as simple as that.

Description	Value / range	
Operating supply voltage range	9.0V to 70.0V	
Operating temperature range	-40 to 70°C	
Maximum current consumption average	@12V	<0.3mA
	@24V	<0.4mA
	@48V	<0.5mA
Minimum signal input voltage to turn on	5V	
Maximum switching current	@12V	120A
	@24V	120A
	@48V	60A
	@230VAC	120A
Maximum switching time	0.3s	

Mounting

The module contains two long bolts and nuts to keep the module's relays in place. It is possible to mount the module by removing the nuts, drilling the respective two holes in the plate where the modules needs to be mounted and adding the nuts again behind the plate. Another option is to remove one bolt and then insert the desired mounting bolt/screw. When done, remove the other bolt and replace this with the other desired mounting bolt/screw.

Note: always make sure there is one bolt in the relay when changing the other. Otherwise the module will lose its strength.

Connecting the module

First make sure the module is powered by connecting pin 1 of the connector to the negative pole of the power supply like a battery pack. Now connect pin 4 of the connector to the positive pole of the power supply. The system is functional.

As soon as a signal like the positive of the power supply is applied to input 1 (pin 2 of the connector), relay 1 turns on. When the signal is removed, the relay turns off. Relay 2 behaves the same. By applying a signal to input2, relay 2 turns on. Removing the signal turns relay 2 off.

Example schematics with BMS123 Smart

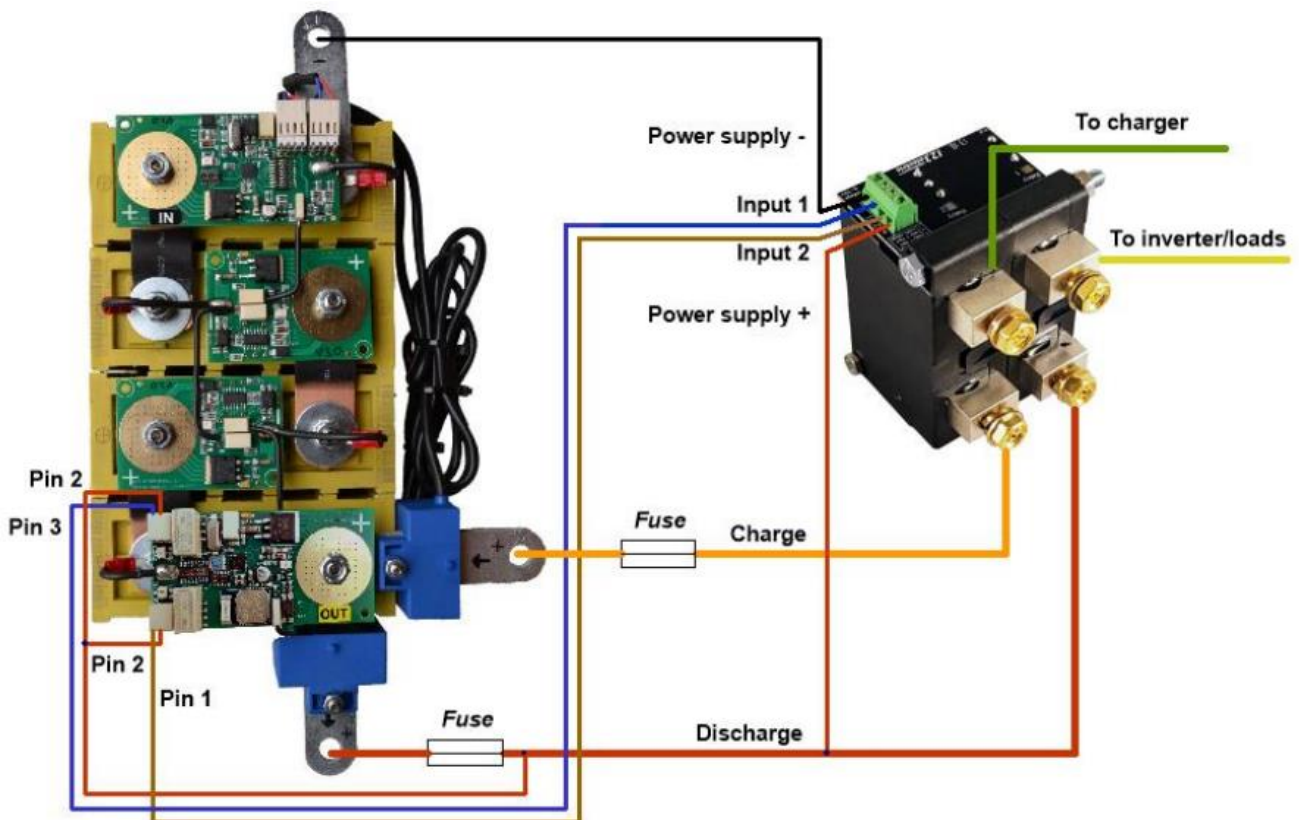


Figure 1 - 123\SmartBMS example with 2 current sensors

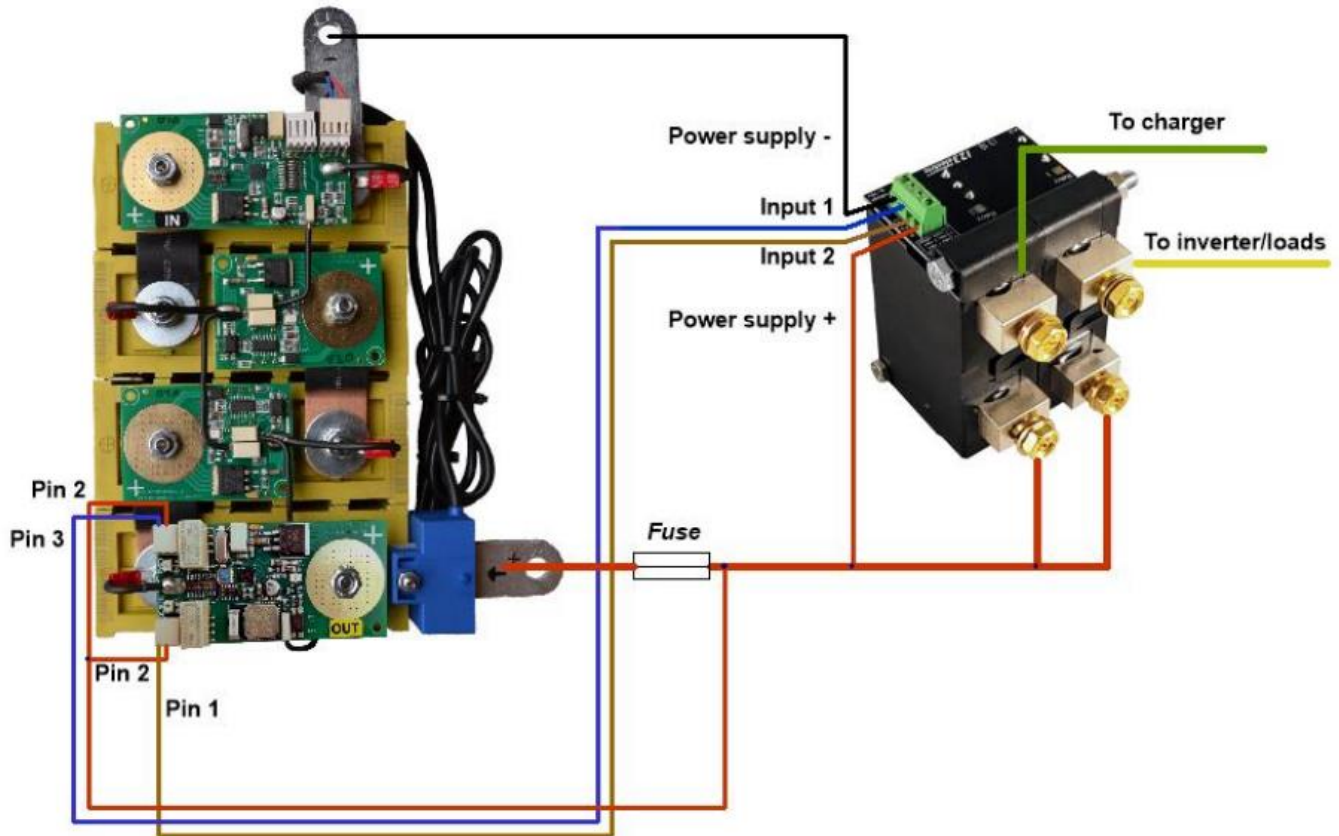


Figure 2 - 123\SmartBMS with 1 current sensor

Splitting up loads

Each relay can switch up to 120A depending on the voltage of the load. If the total current exceeds this 120A, it may be possible to split up the load in multiple smaller loads. If it is possible to split up the load into smaller <120A loads, both relays on the SmartRelay or even multiple SmartRelays can be used.

Example

An application has a nominal voltage of 24V, the total load is 200A. Connected are a two inverters, both 100A. One inverter is used for the sockets, water kettle and lightning, the other inverter for the water heater (2000W).

Do not connect both poles of relay1 to the poles of relay2 trying to “increase the maximum current”. Contacts in relays will never close at exactly the same time. Thus the total current will always be switched on or off in one relay.

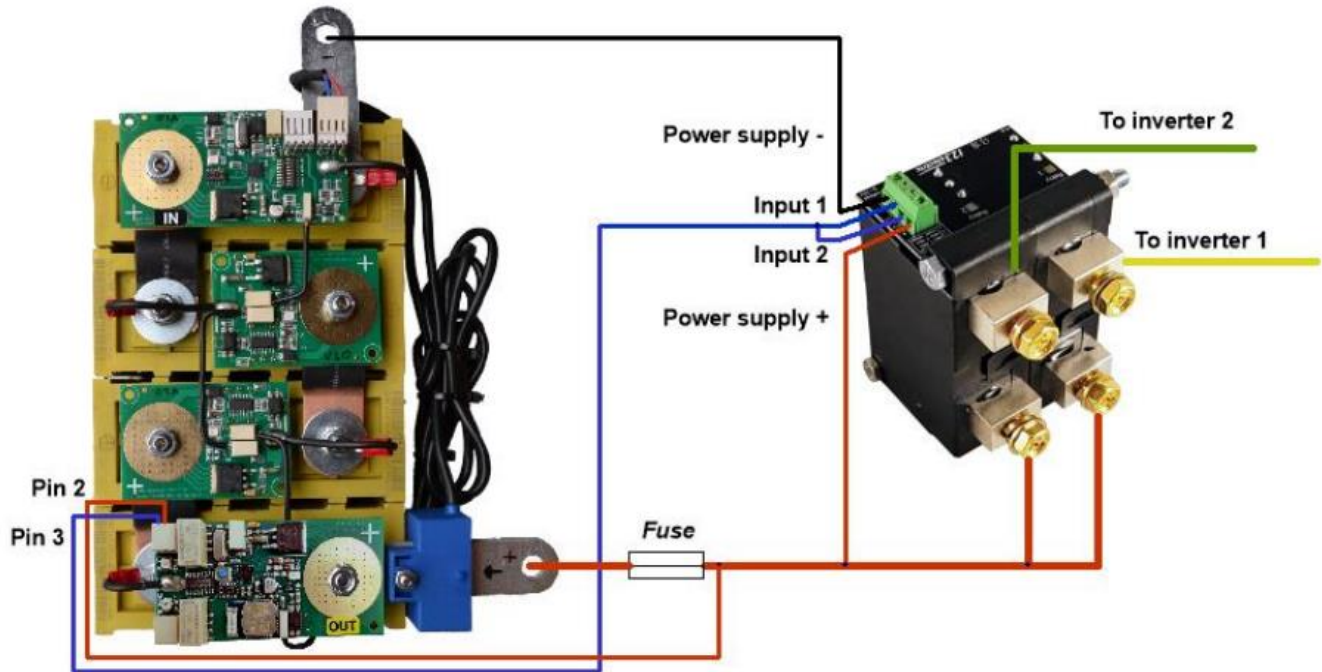


Figure 3 - 123\SmartBMS with splitted loads

Packs with higher voltages

If you have a battery pack where the maximum voltage can be higher than 70V, it is still possible to use the 123 SmartRelay, but keep in mind that you can only switch AC voltages like the AC side of a charger. The SmartRelay will be powered from the last four or eight cells to get a working voltage of 12V or 24V. This will not create a disbalance because the SmartRelay power consumption is negligible and lower than the self discharge of the batteries.

Connect the “power supply – “ to the minus pole of the 4th last cell and the “power supply +” to the last cell +.

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