







The Uncertain Future of Aftermarket Loads in a 48V World – 24AE-0162

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The Problem: How to Transition Aftermarket Loads to 48V

49% of truck owners add on aftermarket equipment

US aftermarket accessory market over \$200B in 2022

- OEMs cannot afford to leave their most profitable customers with incompatible electrical systems
- Aftermarket suppliers are not ready to support the transition to 48V



Long Term Problem: Decades, not Years

- Gradual transition of loads over to 48V
 - Most demanding loads first
- How long will this take?
 - For mass market adoption
 - For full implementation
 - For aftermarket suppliers to catch up
- Supporting all vehicles and all aftermarket systems

Overlapping Timelines Create Complexity

2024	2028	2032	2036	2040	
OEMS support 12V		OEMS are full 48V			
Aftermarket vendors only support 12V			Aftermarket vendors support 48V		
Aftermarket 12V equipment in use					
OEM 12V vehicles in use					
	Consumers buy 48V vehicles				
Consumers buy used 12V vehicles					

Tesla Cybertruck Demonstrates 48V Advantages

83% of the peak power comes from 13% of the loads.

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Who Should Care about These Use Cases?

	Peak Power	Peak Current Draw	Wire Length	48V Wire Weight Savings
Winch 25k lbs	6.4kW	530A	1m	500g
Snowplow	3.6kW	300A	2m	1kg
Salt Spreader	1.5kW	125A	5m	2.5kg
Dump Bed	6kW	500A	10m	5kg
Lift Gate	4.8kW	400A	12m	6kg

What are the Paths to Address the Transition to 48V?

OEMs
offer both
12V and 48V
connections

Aftermarket offers both 12V and 48V versions

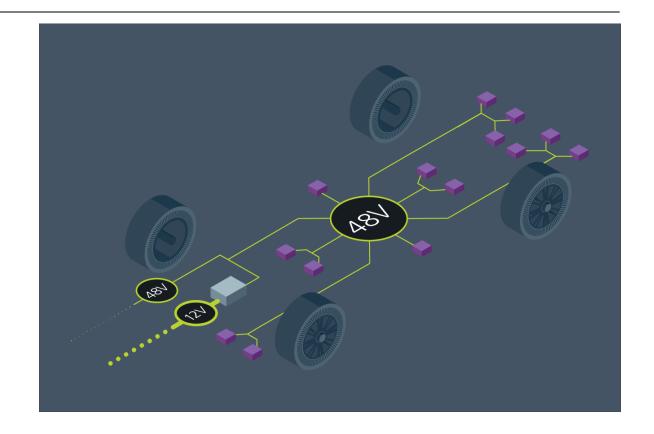
Consumer DIY adapter installation

Solutions Pros and Cons

	Pros	Cons
OEMs	 Cleanly integrated in the vehicle OEM standard equipment Integrated into the vehicle safety compliance Optional package available to the consumer Covered under vehicle warranty 	Higher vehicle cost Double the connectors Increased manufacturing complexity
AM	 Better choices for the consumer Added when required Integrated into the accessory Covered under accessory warranty 	 Engineering resources required Carry double the SKUs Extra cost to the consumer No OEM/dealership support Not covered under vehicle warranty
DIY	Most economical option Added when required	 Compatibility is not guaranteed Installation risk Weaker safety standards No OEM/dealership support Not covered under vehicle or accessory warranty Not integrated into the vehicle/system

Possible OEM Solution

- 48V connection
- 12V connection using a small silver box



Possible Aftermarket Solutions

DC-DC converter integrated in the 12V accessory

Develop a new 48V version

 DC-DC converter offered as an in-line adapter delivered with the 12V accessory



Possible DIY Solutions

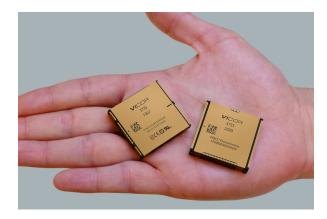
 Connector, wire, electrical tape, circuit board, and solder

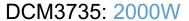
Buy a third-party adapter

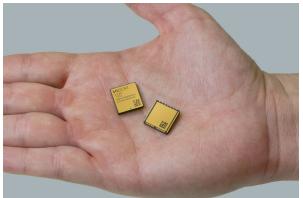


Vicor Simple and Small Solution

- Vicor integrated DC-DC converter modules take the complexity out of the power electronics design
- Miniaturizing the converters allow for in-line solutions







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Summary and Conclusion

- 48V is real and it's coming, the advantages are clear
- Moving to 48V will be a gradual at first, but 12V will stick around for decades
- If aftermarket needs are not supported, the adoption of new 48V trucks will be delayed by the consumer
- It is unclear who will provide the first solution
- Aftermarket suppliers are not ready yet
- Vicor converters offer solutions for all of the paths

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