

# **Goal 0 Extreme Explorer Kit**

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The Goal Zero Extreme Explorer kit is a simple all inclusive kit designed to power your base camp, cabin, or other long stay environments. It is expandable and extremely versatile.

#### Who is it for?

Although solar technology is by no means new, Goal Zero's all inclusive kits make it available in a simple, portable package that is nothing less than game changing. It's incredible versatility means that everyone from car campers to professional outdoorsmen will wonder how they ever got along without it. It's scalability and zero fuel requirements make it a natural choice for professional guides and outfitters.

### What problems does it solve?

The Extreme series versatility allows it to adapt particularly well to the unique needs of guides and outfitters. It is ideal for providing lights and power to permanent and semi permanent camps. Generators ruin the mood and atmosphere of the great outdoors, and require you to pack in fuel (not to mention the generator). The Extreme Explorer kit is designed to provide power for a wall tent or cabin, and is easily scalable; simply daisy chain up to four power packs and panels to provide up to 1,400 watt-hours of power.

# In the field; What's right, and what's wrong.

After using the Extreme Explorer in a variety of different environments, each with it's own specific power needs and sunlight I am extremely impressed with it. It's incredibly easy to pack and setup. I was never in a situation where the Explorer kit, which consists of one power pack and two 30w solar panels, was not able to keep up with my power demands. It is extremely easy to use. Daisy chaining two panels is as simple as plugging one into the other and then into the power pack, and although I did not daisy chain two power packs, it works exactly the same way. The inverter connects to the power pack which means you have one car battery sized unit. The solar panels connect to the power pack side of the "unit" and your gadgets and light connect to the inverter side of the same "unit". You don't have to worry about adapters for your gadgets, you can plug wall outlet, cigarette lighter, or usb cables directly into the inverter.

The goal zero "Light-a-Life" says that it about as bright as a 45w traditional light bulb. I am not sure how they came up with that number, but I think it is probably at least as bright as a 45w bulb and maybe closer to a 60w. It will definitely outperform your gas lantern, and you can daisy chain several of them together. If you need more portable lighting there are rechargeable lanterns, headlamps and flashlights available from other companies such as Black Diamond. Goal Zero grants complete autonomy; nearly any gadget that uses rechargeable batteries can be recharged using the extreme

explorer. This independence becomes even more interesting when you look at the huge industry of 12 volt products marketed at over the road truckers and car campers. Everything from 12v coffee makers to small fans, even powered hot/cold thermos. The Extreme inverter will "only" handle 400w AC so don't plan on hooking up your microwave or refrigerator though.

After lots of use there is only one thing that I would change. I love that the inverter connects to the power pack, making it easy to move around as one unit but this connection isn't as solid as I would like. Even though the Extreme series is intended for long term applications, constantly plugging in and unplugging all of the "stuff" that needs to be charged tends to cause the inverter to disconnect mechanically from the inverter. The electric "socket" which connects them usually stays plugged in and keeps them connected, but you have to hold it steady while connecting or disconnecting devices. A strap or (heavy duty)bungee around the inverter and power pack helps keep things secure. All in all this is a great piece of equipment. I would highly recommend it.

## **Specifications:**

The Extreme Explorer Kit includes

1x Extreme 350 Power Pack

1x Extreme UI (Universal Inverter)

2x Boulder 30 Solar Panel

Warranty Twelve months

**Operating Temperatures** 

Optimal Operating 32°-104°F

#### **Extreme 350 Power Pack**

Input Sources

AC Wall Charger 45 watts (15.3V:3A)
DC 12V\* 120 watts (12V:10A)
DC Solar Panels\* Depends on solar panels

Output Port

USB 2.5 watts (5V:0.5A)

DC 12V barrel 120 watts (12V:10A) AC Inverter 100 watts (110V:0.9A)

Internal Battery

Battery Type AGM Battery

Battery Capacity 350 watt hours (12V:33A)

Battery Voltage 12 Vdc(nominal)

Temp. Controller Shuts down input port if temp. is >122°F

Life Cycles 500 - 1,000 (5+ years) Shelf Life  $6 \text{ months} \pm$  (stored <70°)

General

Product Weight 26 lbs

Product dimensions 9 x 6 x 2 (inch)

### **Extreme UI (Universal Inverter)**

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Input Sources
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 $12V\pm2V$ 

## Output Ports

DC 12V:10A USB 5V:0.5A

AC 400W Max

AC 110V±10V

AC 220V±20V

## General

Product Weight (no pkg) 1.8 lbs Product Dimensions 8 x 6 x 2 (inch)

## **Boulder 30 Solar Panel**

Input Sources

30 watt mono-crystalline solar technology

Output Ports

Open circuit voltage: 18V

Charging voltage: 12V±2V

General

Product Weight (no pkg) 6 lbs

Product Dimensions 21 x 18 x 1 (inch)