

# **PowerSpout Technical Specifications**

# PowerSpout PLT, TRG and LH









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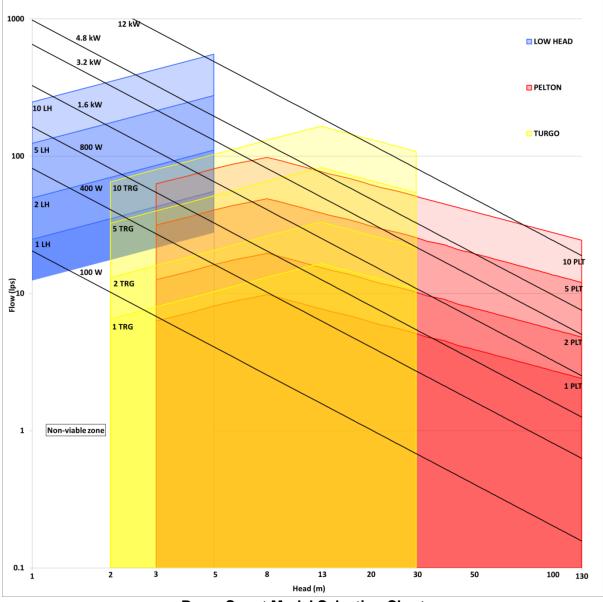
#### 1. Introduction

PowerSpout turbines are micro-hydro generators that convert the potential energy of a watercourse to electricity. This is achieved by using water to spin the rotor and hence the generator, which generates electricity (3-Phase AC power) internally that is then rectified to DC.

The PowerSpout range includes turbines which can operate in particular situations, primarily dictated by water flow rate then available head (vertical fall height):

Version	Head (m)	Flow (I/s)
PowerSpout PLT (Pelton)	3 – 130	0.1 – 10
PowerSpout TRG (Turgo)	2 – 30	8 – 16
PowerSpout LH (Low Head)	1 – 5	25 – 56

A summary graph of turbine performance is presented below. This can be used as a quick guide for model selection; note this has a log scale so the black power lines are straight.



**PowerSpout Model Selection Chart** 

For the head and flow rate at your site the above chart will quickly give you the maximum power you can generate (refer to black angled lines that indicate 100W to 12kW). Below 100W hydro generation is often not viable.

The coloured zones refer to the range for each product type:

The red lines are 1, 2, 5, 10 PowerSpout Pelton (PLT) turbines respectively
The yellow lines are 1, 2, 5, 10 PowerSpout Turgo (TRG) turbines respectively
The blue lines are 1, 2, 5, 10 PowerSpout Low Head (LH) turbines respectively

For example a site with a 20m head and flow of 10l/s can generate about 1000 W with 1 TRG or 2 PLT turbines.

Once you have identified the most suitable turbine type(s), use the Advanced Calculation Tools at <a href="https://www.powerspout.com">www.powerspout.com</a> to perform accurate site calculations.

## 2. PowerSpout turbine options

PowerSpout PLT and TRG turbines are also identified by voltage to suit the site and system design e.g. connected directly to battery banks, connected to battery-based MPPT regulators or to grid-connect inverters. The turbine abbreviation (PLT, TRG) is followed by a number that indicates the approximate maximum power point voltage (MPPV), which is also the operating cable voltage. For example:

- PowerSpout PLT 28 has an MPPV of 28 V (connects to 24V battery bank via PWM regulator). 28 V is the bulk voltage for a 24 vdc battery.
- PowerSpout PLT 200 has an MPPV of 200 V (connect to grid via grid-tied inverter)

For PowerSpout LH turbines, for example the LH200, the 200 is not the MPPV but the maximum open circuit voltage (OCV) at turbine runaway. This is because there are no LH turbines that connect directly to batteries. All LH turbines require MPPT regulation for battery charging or the use of a grid connect inverter.

The relationship between OCV and MPPV is stated below:

- PLT and TRG turbines OCV is approximately 3 x MPPV
- LH turbines OCV is approximately 2 x MPPV

## 2.1. PowerSpout PLT

#### Common versions of PowerSpout PLT with no overvolts crowbar

	Off-grid*			On-grid			
PLT model	14	28	40	56	80	170	200
Max cable length m	50	150	250	500	1000	1000	1000
Operating cable V	14	28	40	56	80	170	200
Max open circuit V	38	75 ELV US/EU	120 ELV NZ/AUS	150	220	<450	<550
Regulator/inverter	PWM	PWM	MPPT	PWM	MPPT	Grid-tie	Grid-tie

<sup>\*</sup> All off grid MPPT turbines can charge 12, 24 or 48 V battery bank except PLT40 which can only be used in 12 and 24 V systems.

#### Common versions of PowerSpout PLT with overvolts crowbar fitted\*

	Off-grid 75vdc clamp	Off-grid 120vdc clamp	Off-grid 240vdc clamp		On-grid Aurora PVI wind interface
PLT model	56C	100C	170C	200C	350
Max cable length m	500	1000	1000	1000	1000
Operating cable V	56	100	170	200	250-350
Max open circuit V	<75	<120	<240	<240	<400
Regulator/inverter	PWM	MPPT	MPPT	MPPT	Grid-tie

<sup>\*</sup> refer to Technical Manual

#### 2.2. PowerSpout TRG

#### Common versions of PowerSpout TRG with no overvolts crowbar

		Off-grid			On-grid	
TRG model	28	40	56	80	170	200
Max cable length m	150	250	500	1000	1000	1000
Operating cable V	28	40	56	80	170	200
Max open circuit V	75 ELV US/EU	120 ELV NZ/AUS	150	220	<450	<550
Regulator/inverter	PWM	MPPT	PWM	MPPT	Grid-tie	Grid-tie

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#### Common versions of PowerSpout TRG with overvolts crowbar fitted\*

	Off-grid 75vdc clamp	Off-grid 120vdc clamp	Off-grid 240vdc clamp		On-grid Aurora PVI wind interface
TRG model	56C	100C	170C	200C	350
Max cable length m	500	1000	1000	1000	1000
Operating cable V	56	100	170	200	250-350
Max open circuit V	<75	<120	<240	<240	<400
Regulator/inverter	PWM	MPPT	MPPT	MPPT	Grid-tie

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#### 2.3. PowerSpout LH

#### **Common PowerSpout LH and LH Pro products**

All LH and LH Pro products connect via MPPT regulators or grid-tied inverters. There are no direct battery options available.

- LH150 and LH150Pro use with MPPT regulator rated for up to 150 VDC charging 12/24 VDC batteries. Cable voltage may be as low as 50 VDC.
- **LH250 and LH250Pro** use with MPPT regulator rated for up to 250 VDC charging 12/24/48 VDC batteries. Cable voltage may be as low as 80 VDC.
- **LH400 and LH400Pro** use with MPPT regulator or grid connect inverter rated for up to 400 VDC. Cable voltage may be as low as 140 VDC.

## 3. Turbine specifications

For wiring diagrams, installation drawings/pictures and circuit diagrams refer to manuals.

All parts and assemblies are fully described with drawings and pictures in product installation manuals. The following provides a summary.

All PowerSpout turbines have the following specifications:

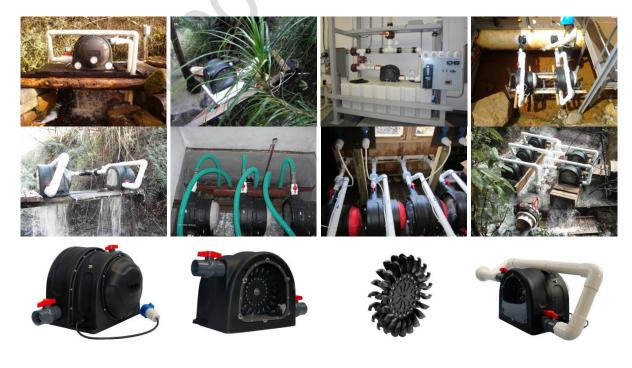
PowerSpout Specifications				
Generator	10.5 in (270mm) 3-phase Smart Drive permanent magnet generator (PMG)			
Generator efficiency	> 70% and up to 80% in ideal conditions			
Wattage single	100 - 1200 W standard. Custom HP version up to 1600 W			
Wattage stacked (2-10 units)	0.2-12 kW standard. Custom up to 16 kW			
Current rating	Up to 32 amp standard, up to 50 amp surcharge applies			
Running speed	ing speed 200 - 1600 rpm (up to 2000 rpm for TRG)			
Watt/rpm	Up to 0.7 W/rpm standard, up to 1.0 W/rpm high power versions with MPPT			
Regulation (optional)	75/120/240 Voltage-limiting clamp available on PLT and TRG turbines.			
PowerSpout Materials				
Case	LDPE			
Drive shaft	stainless steel			
All fasteners and fixings	stainless steel			
Recycled content	up to 68%			



The following section specify characteristics of each turbine type, and the variations found in the PLT and TRG twin packs offered at a reduced price.

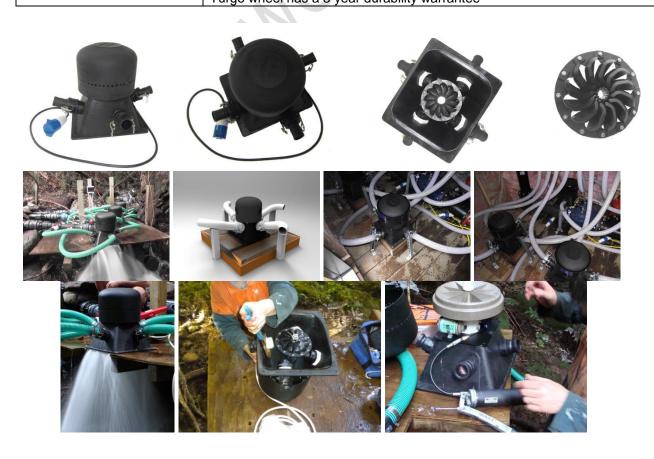
# 3.1. PowerSpout PLT

Runner	Pelton wheel (Impulse turbine)			
Jets	1 or 2, range 2-25mm each			
Maximum water flow rate	10 l/s			
Pelton wheel	Number of spoons on rotor Pelton spoon width Length of spoon Maximum jet diameter Hub thickness Hub fixing hole Outside diameter Running diameter	20 70 mm 62 mm 25 mm 17 mm 12 mm 290 mm 230-240 mm		
Pelton rotor hub	GF30 Nylon 230mm (9 inch) PCD			
Pelton spoons	GF30 Nylon			
Casing	LDPE plastic case 6mm thick (twin pack cases are 4mm)			
Bearings	Front 6005-2Z OD 52mm ID 25mm and rear 6205-2Z OD 47mm ID 25mm			
Static head range	3 to 160m (10 - 525 feet) - twin	pack is limited to 100m		
Dynamic head range	3 to 130m (10 – 430 feet) - twin	pack is limited to 100m		
Maximum flow/turbine	8-10 l/s (130 – 160 gpm) - twin	pack is limited to 4 l/s		
Minimum flow/turbine	0.05 l/s (0.8 gpm) (special reduced core Smart Drive needed)			
Jets supplied	1 set cut to calculated size + 1 spare uncut set			
Rectification	100 amp water cooled rectifier on DC output version			
Dimensions	470 x 400 x 430 mm (18.5 x 15.7 x 17 inches)			
Weight	Net Weight 23kg. Up to 25kg packed weight.			
Warrantee	3 years extendable to 8 years Discounted twin packs 1 year Pelton wheel has a 5 year durability warrantee			



# 3.2. PowerSpout TRG

Runner	Turgo wheel (Impulse turbine)			
Jets	1-4, range 2-22mm each			
Turgo wheel	Number of spoons on rotor Spoon width Length of spoon Maximum jet diameter Hub thickness Rim fixing hole Outside diameter Running diameter	12 45 mm 65 mm 25 mm 50 mm 5 mm 180 mm		
Turgo rotor material	GF30 Nylon 90mm PCD			
Casing	LDPE plastic top case 3mm thick, bottom case 8mm thick			
Bearings	Front and rear 6005-2Z OD 47mm ID 25mm			
Static head range	2 - 30 m (6.6 - 100 feet)			
Maximum Dynamic head	40m (130 feet)	<i>y</i> 0		
Maximum flow/turbine	16 l/s (254 gpm)			
Minimum flow/turbine	8 l/s (127 gpm) - less possible, F	PLT turbine may be better suited		
Jets supplied	1 set cut to calculated size + 1 spare uncut set			
Rectification	100 amp air cooled rectifier			
Dimensions	430 x 410 x 350 mm (16.9 x 16.1 x 13.8 inches)			
Weight	Net Weight 15kg, with pipe fittings 28kg. Up to 30kg packed weight			
Warrantee	2 years extendable to 7 years Discounted twin packs 1 year Turgo wheel has a 3 year durability warrantee			



# 3.3. PowerSpout LH

Runner	150mm stainless steel propeller (Reaction turbine)			
Casing	LDPE plastic case 3mm thick			
Bearings	6005 OD47mm ID25mm			
Static head range	3 – 16 feet (1 to 5m)			
Maximum flow/turbine	55 l/s (880 gpm)			
Minimum flow/turbine	25 l/s (400 gpm)			
Rectification	100 amp air cooled rectifier			
Dimensions	Diameter 300mm x length 1050mm (12 inches x 42 inches)			
Weight	LH 23 kg (51 pounds) packed weight. LH Pro 30 kg (66 pounds) packed weight.			
Warrantee	2 years extendable to 7 years Stainless propeller has a 3 year durability warrantee			



#### 3.4. PowerSpout Twin Packs – available from February 2014

Twin packs provide you with the opportunity to buy 2 turbines at once for a reduced price. Both turbines in a twin pack are for identical site data only.

Twin packs are a cost-effective option made possible by some small changes that result in lower production and freight costs. Costs are further reduced due to a shorter warrantee period and longer production lead times of up to 4 weeks.

#### 3.4.1. PLT twin packs

The PLT twin pack includes 2 turbines, each of which is:

- Suited to sites with a head of 10-100m, and maximum flow 4l/s each
- Models available PLT 40/56/80 turbines
- Able to generate up to 300/600/900W in each price band.

These turbines are freighted face to face and plastic wrapped, no freight box is provided. As such any scuff marks caused in freight are excluded from the freight warrantee.

#### Each turbine has:

- No valves supplied, A200 male camlocks supplied only
- Reduced thickness case to save weight
- Warrantee reduced from 3 to 1 year
- Production lead time up to 4 weeks
- May not be available during production high season times

#### The twin pack also excludes:

- Cable
- Auto grease canister
- Cardboard freight carton

#### 3.4.2. TRG twin pack

The TRG twin pack includes 2 turbines, each of which is:

- Suited to sites with a head of 2-30m, and maximum flow 16l/s each
- Models available TRG 40/56/80 turbines
- Able to generate up to 300/600/900W in each price band.

These turbines are freighted in a cardboard carton.

#### Each turbine has:

- No valves supplied, A200 male camlocks supplied only
- Warrantee reduced from 2 to 1 year
- Production lead time up to 4 weeks
- May not be available during production high season times

#### The twin pack also excludes:

- Cable
- Auto grease canister