# Victron GX product range

## Introduction

GX products are Victron's state-of-the-art monitoring solution. The family consists of the different GX products, and their accessories.

The GX-device lies at the heart of the system - providing monitoring, and operating as the communication-centre of your installation. All the other system-components - such as inverter/chargers, solar chargers, and batteries - are connected to it. Monitoring can be carried out locally and remotely - via our free-to-use Victron Remote Management portal (VRM). The GX-device also provides Remote firmware updates and allows inverter/charger settings to be changed remotely.

The GX Family consists of these models:

- Cerbo GX Our newly released GX product.
- Color Control GX Our first released GX product, the CCGX has a display and buttons.
- Venus GX The Venus GX has more analog and digital IO, no LCD and is more cost effective than the CCGX.
- CANvu GX The CANvu GX is best for harsh environments when its IP67 rating and touch LCD is a must.
- Octo GX The Octo GX is particularly suited to medium size installations which have many MPPT Solar Chargers, as it has 10 VE.Direct ports.
- Maxi GX Compared to the other GX devices, the Maxi GX has most CPU power and most VE.Direct ports: 25. This is the GX device to use for large systems with many VE.Direct MPPT Solar Chargers.

Lastly, there is a GX device built into our MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX Inverter/chargers.

#### **Available accessories**

- GX Touch 50 Touch screen display accessory for the Cerbo GX
- GX GSM A cellular modem. It connects to GX device via USB, and takes a simcard
- WiFi USB sticks
- Energy Meters Measures PV Inverter Output where PV Inverters cannot be read-out directly. Also used as a grid meter in an Energy Storage System (ESS).
- VE.Can resistive tank sender adapter Allows a standard resistive tank-level sender to be connected to the GX device.

## **Comparison table**

<u>User interface</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Appearance		wichton energy	0 12112 0000000000000000000000000000000	Octo GX ((				
Display	GX Touch 50 optional touch display <sup>(16)</sup> 800×480	480 x 272 LCD Display & 7 buttons	no display	no display	4.3" touch- screen	2×16 character display		
Remote Console				yes				
Buzzer	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no		
<u>Documentation</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Manual	Cerbo GX manual	CCGX manual	VGX manual	OGX manual	CANvu manual	Maxi GX manual	MultiPlus-II GX manual	
Product detail page	page	page	page	page	page	page	page	
<u>Victron comm.</u> ports	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
VE.Direct ports (always isolated)	3 (1)	2	(1)	10 (1)	3 (1)	25	1	
VE.Bus (always isolated)			1 RJ45 socket	RJ45 SUCKELS				
VE.Can	yes - non isolated	2	paralleled RJ45	sockets - isolate	ed	no (14)		
<u>Other</u> communication	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
USB	3 USB Host ports	2 USB Host ports			1 USB Ho	JSB Host port		
Ethernet	10/100	RJ45 socket - isolated except shield			1 port. isolation? <sup>(12)</sup>	10/100 RJ45 socket		
WiFi	built-in	optional <sup>(2)</sup>	built-in, but see <sup>(3)</sup>	built-in, external antenna <sup>(11)</sup>	optional <sup>(2)</sup>	no	built-in	
Bluetooth Smart	yes <sup>(17)</sup> no							
Micro SDcard slot	SD	no	yes	no				
Second CAN-bus port (also features BMS-Can <sup>(18)</sup> )	no	no	yes - non- isolated	yes - non- isolated	no	no	no	
BMS-Can port (15)	yes	no				yes	5 <sup>(14)</sup>	
Built-in RS485	no	no	no	yes - non- isolated no			no	
10	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Programmable relay <sup>(7)</sup>	2 x NO/NC <sup>(8)</sup>	1 x NO	1 x NO/NC (8)	1x NO / NC 2x NO / NC			n/a	
Resistive tank level inputs	4 <sup>(9)</sup>	no	3 (9)	no				

<u>User interface</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX				
Temperature sense inputs	4 (10)	no	2 (10)		no						
Digital Inputs	4	no	5	3	1	4	no				
<u>Third party</u> compatibility	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX				
Canbus-BMS batteries	Many battery brands. See here for details										
Fronius PV Inverters	See here for details										
SMA PV Inverters	See here for details										
ABB PV Inverters	See here for details										
SolarEdge PV Inverters	See here for details										
Marine MFD App Support	Generic MFD Manual, Navico, Garmin, Raymarine										
<u>Performance</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX				
CPU	dual core		quad core								
RAM	1GB	256MB	512MB	512MB	256MB	512MB	512MB				
Max. VE.Direct devices (1)	tbd - 15 orso	5	6	10	4	25	25				
<u>Other</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX				
Supply voltage		8 - 32 VDC	32 - 70 VDC	powered internally, no external supply							
Mounting	Wall or DIN rail (35mm) <sup>(19)</sup>		Wall mounting	DIN Rail (35mm)	Panel	Wall mount IP65	Built-in				
Outer dimensions ( h x w x d )	78 x 154 x 48 mm	130 x 120 x 28 mm	45 x 143 x 96 mm	61 x 108 x 90 mm	?	600 x 380 x 210 mm					
Operating temperature		-20 to +70°C	-20 to +50°C								
Battery backupped clock		yes			no	yes	yes				
5V output	no 1 A (13)				no						
<u>Standards</u>	Cerbo GX	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX				
Safety	tbd EN 60950		?	?	?						
EMC	tbd	EN 61000-6	-3, EN 55014-1,	EN 61000-6-2, E	N 61000-6-1, E	N 55014-2					
Automotive	tbd	E4-10R-053535	In progress	?	?	no					

## Notes

 The listed maximum on the `Performance` section in above table is the total connected VE.Direct devices such as MPPT Solar Charge controllers. Total means all directly connected devices plus the devices connected over USB. The limit is mostly bound by CPU processing power. Note that there is also a limit to the other type of devices of which often multiple are connected: PV Inverters. Up to three or four three phase inverters can typically be monitored on a CCGX. Higher power CPU devices can monitor more.

- 2. Though the CCGX has no built-in WiFi that functionality can easily be added by attaching a USB-WiFi dongle. See CCGX Manual, section 1.4.2 for details.
- 3. The built-in WiFi in the Venus GX has a very low signal strength unfortunately. It is strong enough to connect to a phone, tablet or laptop in order to access setup and monitoring. But to connect the Venus GX to the internet either use the built-in Ethernet port or add a USB-WiFi dongle. See CCGX Manual, section 1.4.2 for details. Make sure the Venus GX is running v2.06 or later - early shipments of Venus GX units ran v2.05.
- 4. The hardware of the Venus GX and Octo GX includes a built-in Bluetooth Smart chipset which hasn't proved satisfactory. Bluetooth Smart for GX devices is coming soon but will not use built-in chipsets.
- 5. Larger SD memory cards (SDXC) are not supported. SD cards can be used for two purposes:
  - 1. Logging data, see this section in the ccgx manual for details.
  - 2. Updating firmware, see this section in the ccgx manual for detials.
- 6. The second CANbus port is accessible via the GND, CAN-H and CAN-L terminals. Note that the port is not Isolated. See Settings  $\rightarrow$  Services for configuring that port.
- 7. The programmable relay can be set to act as an alarm relay, automatic genset start stop, or an on/off switch, and is controlled via the GUI and/or ModbusTCP.
- 8. In the Venus GX hardware there are two relays at present only one of them is available for use.
- 9. The tank level inputs are resistive and should be connected to a resistive tank sender. Victron does not supply tank senders. The tank level ports can each be configured to work with either European (0 180 Ohm); or US tank senders (240 30 Ohm).
- 10. The Cerbo GX has four temperature terminals, and the Venus GX has two. They can be used to measure & monitor all kinds of temperature-inputs. Temperature senders are not included. The required sensor is ASS000001000 Temperature Sensor QUA/PMP/Venus GX. (Note that this is not the same as the BMV temperature accessory.)
- 11. Octo GX comes with a small Wifi antenna. You may remove and replace it with any other Wifi antenna having an RP-SMA connector.
- 12. Requires the CANvu GX IO Extender and wiring kit
- 13. The 5V output on the Venus GX can be used to power, for example, a USB hub. Note that its output is not current limited or otherwise protected, and it shares the internal power supply in the Venus GX: overdrawing from it will result in shutdown(s) of the Venus GX. It is recommended to install a fuse for prevention.
- 14. Though some early batches of the Maxi GX, MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX all have a dual set of RJ-45 sockets labelled VE.Can, this port is actually a BMS-Can port. It can only be used to connected to managed batteries such as Freedomwon, BYD, Pylontech, BlueNova, MG Energy Systems and others, at 500kbps. The hardware does not meet the requirements for a VE.Can port; and thus it is not possible to use to port to connect Victron products such as the SmartSolar VE.Can MPPT product range. Note that for a while Venus OS firmware did allow to select the VE.Can function and other baudrates. The result will be unreliable, and therefor they have been updated to lock into BMS-Can only at 500kbps.
- 15. A BMS-Can port is a port dedicated to be used for connecting managed batteries, such as Freedomwon, BYD, Pylontech, BlueNova, MG Energy Systems and others, only. It is not possible to connect Victron VE.Can products to that port. To connect such managed battery, use our special cables, and see documentation here. Connect the side labelled 'VE.Can' into the BMS-Can/VE.Can port on the GX Device. And connect the other side to the battery. The baudrate of a BMS-Can port is fixed to 500kbps.
- 16. The GX Touch 50 connects to the Cerbo GX using a single cable; fixed permanently to the GX Touch 50, which on the other end splits into a USB and a connector for the video signal. Both

need to be inserted into the Cerbo GX, taking one of the three USB ports. The USB part of the cable is used to power the GX Touch 50. The cable is 2 meters in length; and can not be extended in length.

- 17. The Bluetooth feature of the Cerbo GX allows to configure its WiFi and Ethernet settings from within VictronConnect.
- 18. The secondary CAN port, available on some GX devices as per table above, can be configured to be used as a BMS-Can port, as well as other profiles. For details, see manual.
- 19. DIN rail mounting requires additional accessory DIN35 Adapter.

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