SPECTRONIK

# PROTIUM-375

## PROTIUM ECO MARATHON (PEM) PACKAGE

**USER GUIDE V P375-1.0-1.0**

# SAFETY, HANDLING & SUPPORT

**WARNING:** *Read all the safety information below before using PROTIUM-375. Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in fire, electric shock, or other injuries, or damage to PROTIUM-375 Fuel Cell System (PROTIUM-375) or other property.*

**Handling** Handle PROTIUM-375 with care. It is made of thin sheet metal, graphite, and plastic and has sensitive electrochemical membrane and components inside. PROTIUM-375 is not designed for extreme conditions, rough handling, vibration, shock or drop. Keep PROTIUM-375 away from heat, flame, strong sunlight, water, dust, soil or mud. Do not use a damaged PROTIUM-375.

**Repairing** PROTIUM-375 is assembled under high compression. Do not disassemble or tamper with PROTIUM-375. Do not troubleshoot, repair or replace any component by yourself.

**Hydrogen** Use only high purity (99.999%) dry Hydrogen gas with PROTIUM-375. Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless and highly flammable gas. It is non-toxic but can cause asphyxiation. Follow all local rules and regulations for safe handling, storage and usage of Hydrogen gas. Do not smoke when operating PROTIUM-375.

**Ventilation** Operate PROTIUM-375 in a well ventilated environment. Fresh air intake for the fuel cell oxidant blower, cooling air entry from the front of the protective mask, and hot air exit from the cooling fans shall not be obstructed or restricted.

**Purging** PROTIUM-375 periodically flushes its anode during operation, releasing Hydrogen gas and water from the Hydrogen gas outlet. Do not block the Hydrogen gas outlet. Do not bring flame or electric spark close to the Hydrogen gas outlet. It is advisable to attach a longer gas tubing to the Hydrogen gas outlet connector and safely guide the purge exhaust far away from the fuel cell.

***CAUTION:*** *Always put the Hydrogen gas outlet tubing behind the cooling fan and never in front of the fuel cell stack. Purged Hydrogen mixed with air intake into the fuel cell's cathode channels may cause fire and irreversible damage to the fuel cell.*

**Connectors, ports and buttons** Never force a connector into a port or apply excessive pressure to a button. If the connector and port do not join with reasonable ease, they probably do not match. Check for obstructions and ensure that the connector matches the correct port.

**Disposal and recycling** As PROTIUM-375 contains electronic components, it must be disposed of separately from household waste. When PROTIUM-375 reaches its end of life, follow local laws and regulations for proper disposal and recycling options.

**High-consequence activities** PROTIUM-375 is a customized system with pending safety tests and certifications. It is not intended for use where the failure of the system could lead to death, personal injury or severe environmental damage.

**Disclaimer** Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this manual is accurate. This manual serves to adequately recommend safe operating procedures, but shall not be treated as comprehensive. Do not use PROTIUM-375 in any other way than the one recommended in this manual. Spectronik reserves the right to change system specifications, appearance or discontinue the product at any time.

**Warranty** Spectronik warrants the included hardware product and accessories against defects in materials and workmanship for the first 30 days after delivery. Spectronik does not warrant against normal wear and tear, nor damage caused by accident or abuse.

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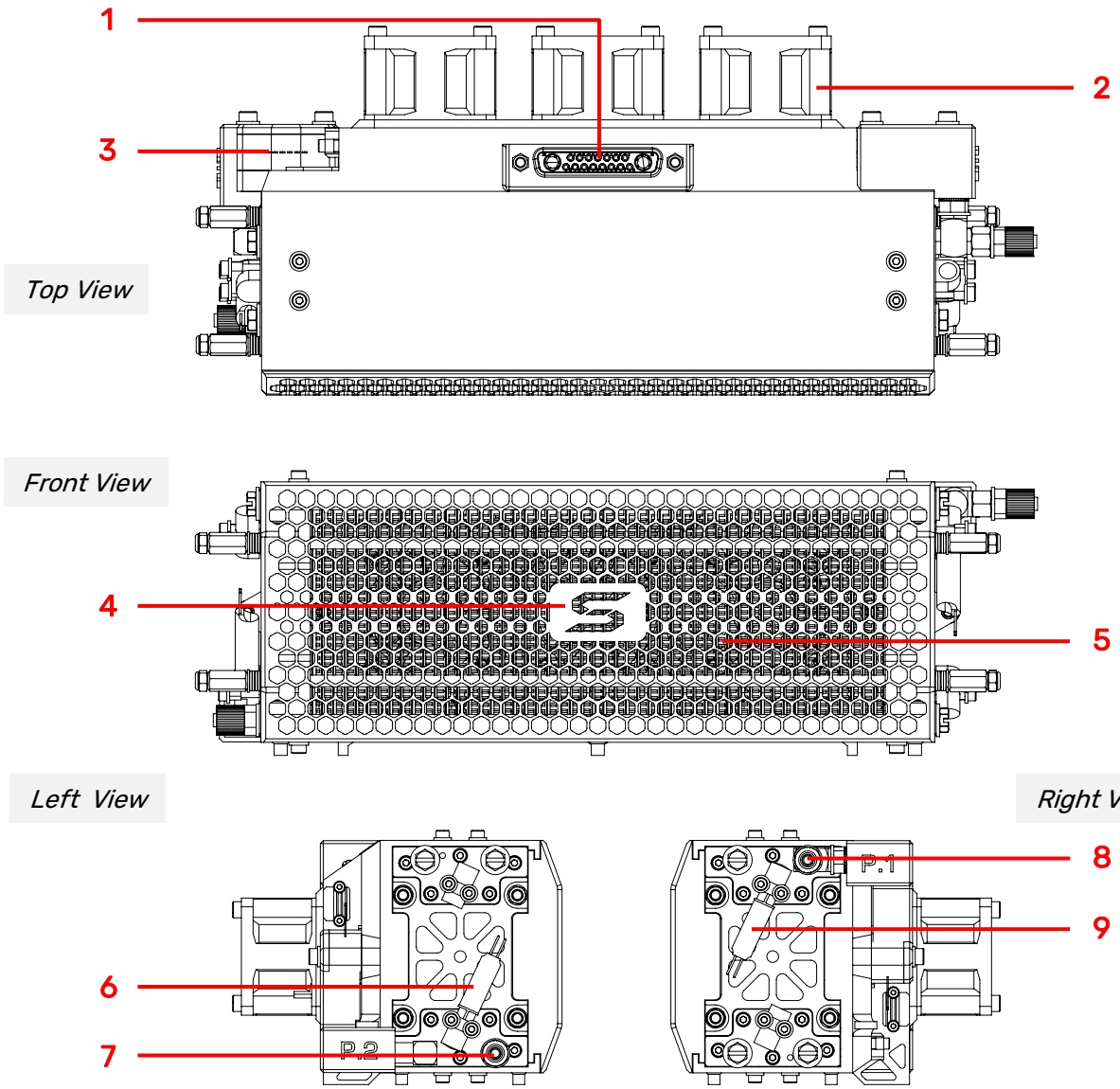
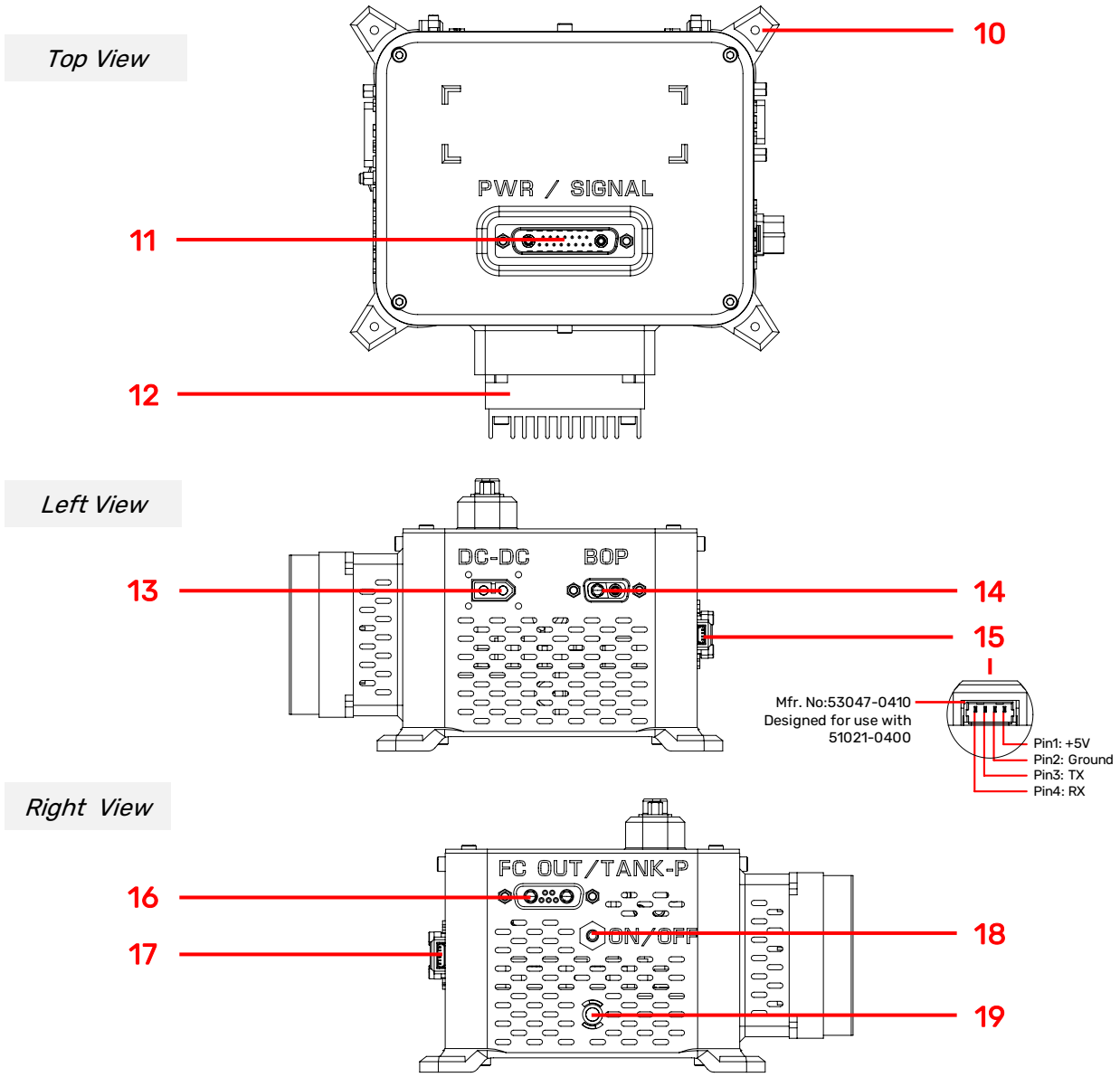
# 1 OVERVIEW

## 1.1 PROTIUM-375 FUEL CELL OVERVIEW




| ITEM | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|
| 1. | Power/Signal receptacle |
| 2. | Cooling fan (x3) |
| 3. | Pressure sensor (x2) |
| 4. | Protective mask |
| 5. | Fuel cell stack |
| 6. | Gas purge solenoid valve |
| 7. | $H_2$ gas outlet connector |
| 8. | $H_2$ gas inlet connector |
| 9. | Gas supply solenoid valve |

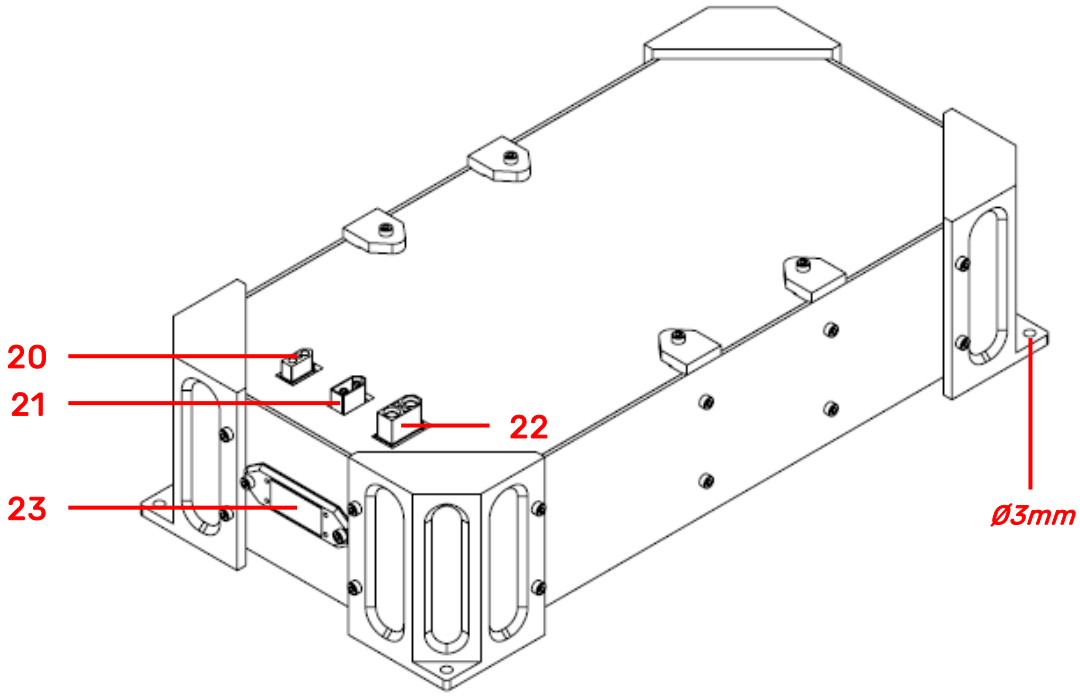
## 1.2 ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER




| ITEM DESCRIPTION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.** | Mounting hole (x4) | **15.** | Data transmission header (4-pin) |
| **11.** | Power/Signal header | **16.*** | Unregulated stack power out receptacle |
| **12.** | DC-DC converter | **17.** | Programming port (6-pin) |
| **13.** | DC-DC power out (XT-60 female) | **18.** | On-Off push button |
| **14.** | External power supply receptable | **19.** | Status LED |

**Also Gas Pressure Transducer data transmission receptacle compatible with Spectronik's Eco-Marathon Pressure Regulator*

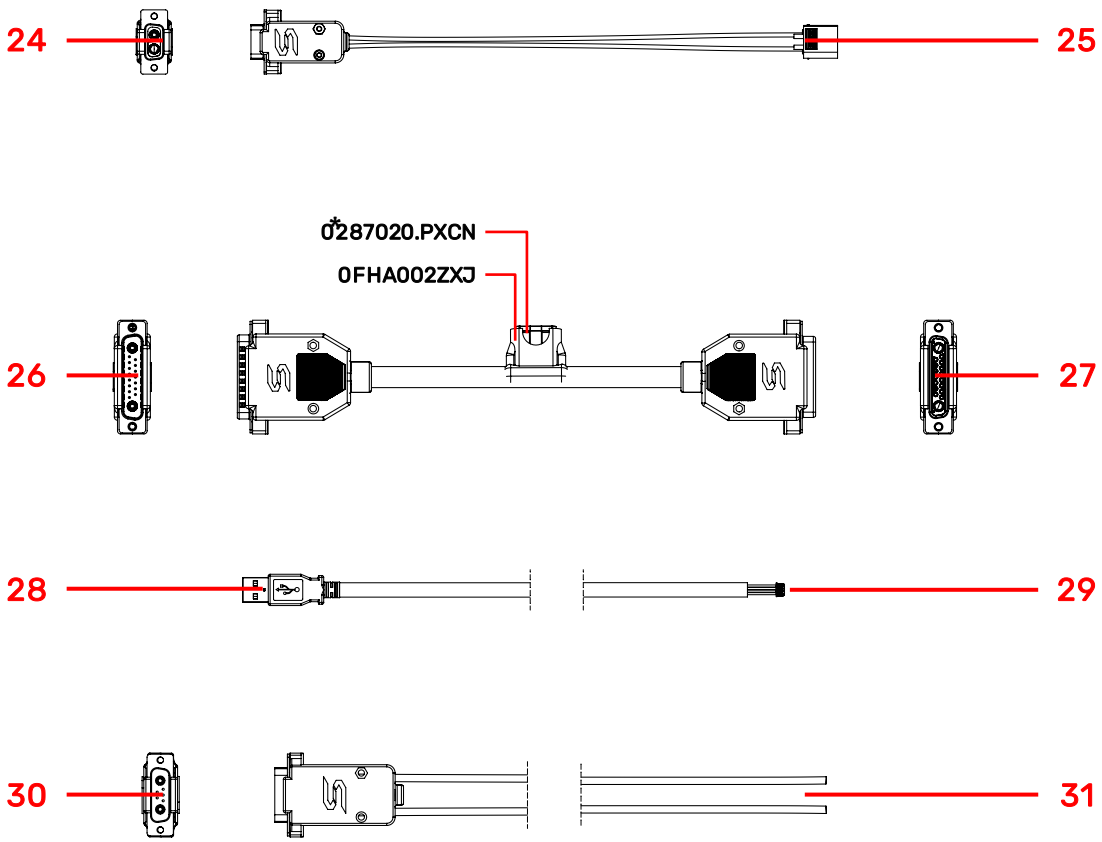
## 1.3 ULTRACAPACITOR PACK




*Ultracapacitor Pack*

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|
| **20.** | External power supply connector (XT-60 female) |
| **21.** | DC-DC power out connector (XT-60 male) |
| **22.** | Load connector (XT-90 female) |
| **23.** | Digital Voltage Display |

## 1.4 STANDARD ACCESSORIES

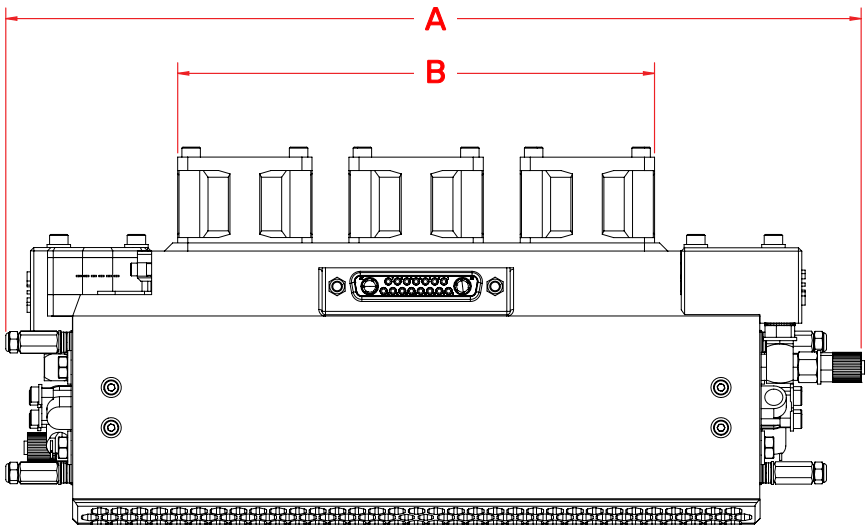


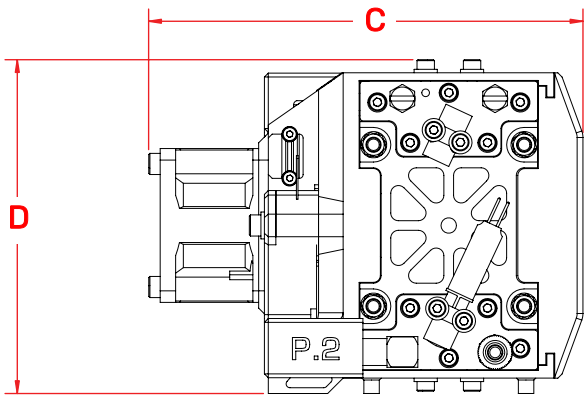

*External power supply cable, power/signal extension cable*

*In compliance with Shell Eco Marathon competition rules, the fuel cell power output cable comes with ATOF®-series 20A, 32V fast acting Blade Fuse (Part No. 0287020.PXCN) and fuse-holder (Part No. 0FHA0002ZXJ).

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | ITEM | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.** | External power supply header | **28.** | USB connector to PC |
| **25.** | External power supply connector (XT-60 male) | **29.** | Data transmission receptacle |
| **26.** | Power/signal extension cable (header) | **30.** | Unregulated stack power out header |
| **27.** | Power/signal extension cable (receptacle) | **31.** | Free-end wires to load |

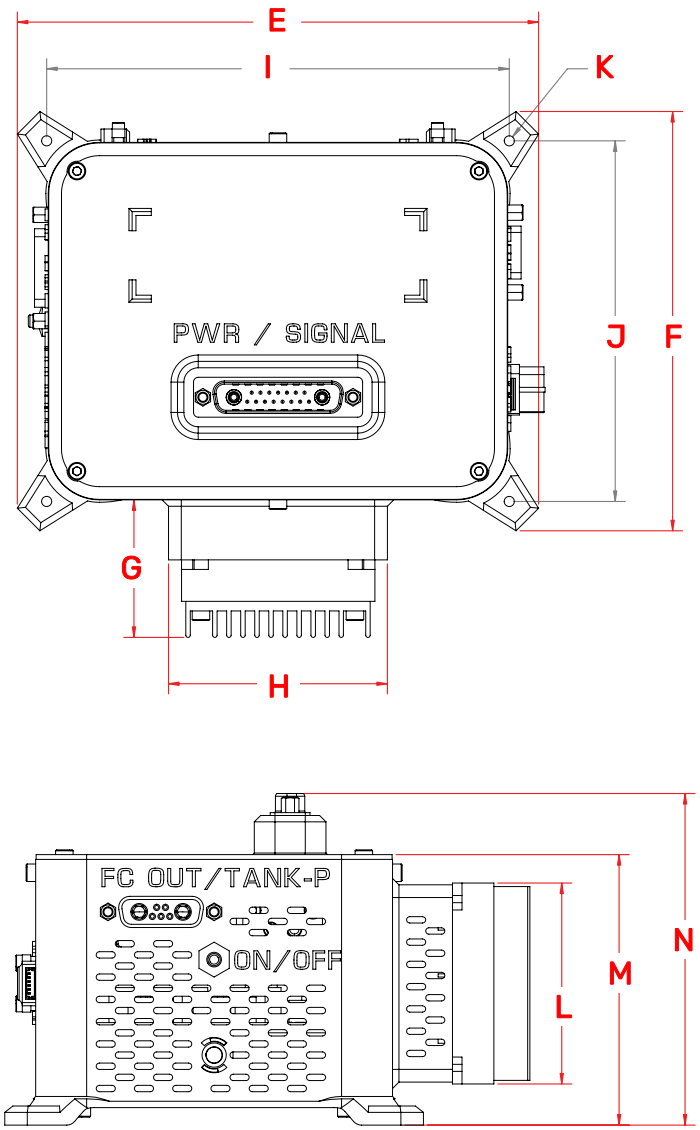
## 1.5 MECHANICAL DIMENSION – PROTIUM-375



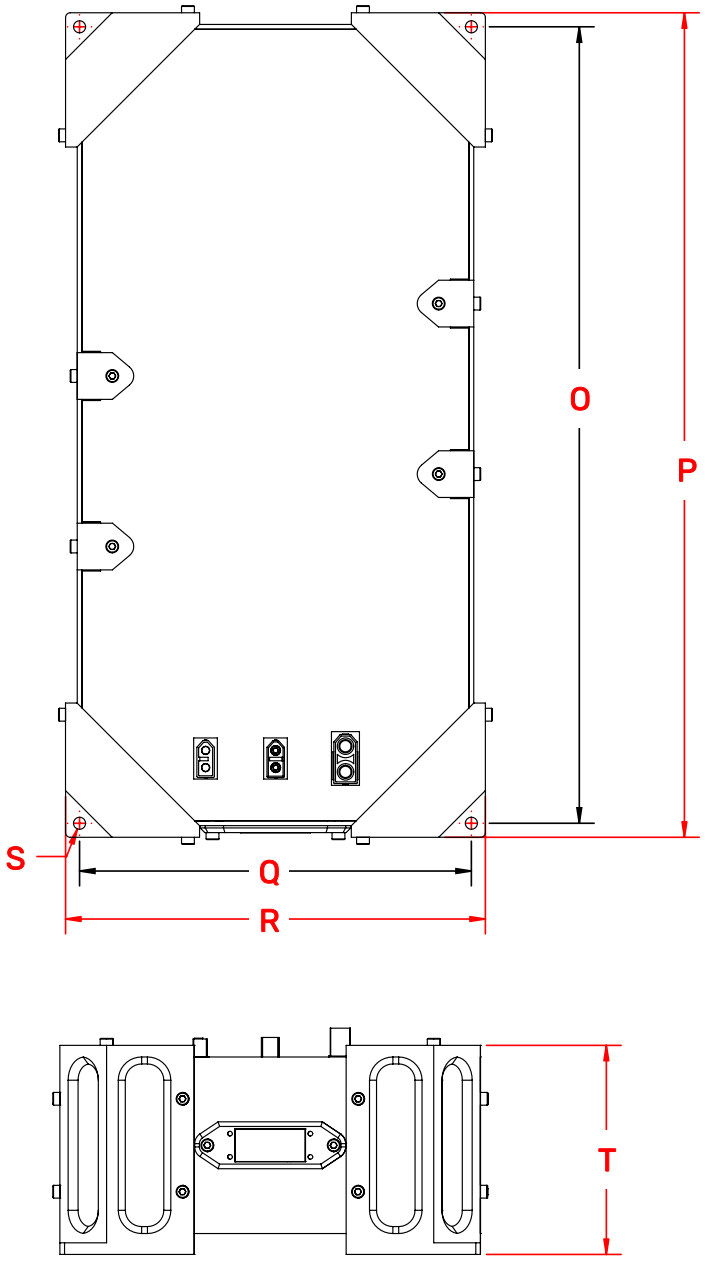

| ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **A** | 254.80 | **C** | 112.50 |
| **B** | 142.00 | **D** | 86.80 |

## 1.6 MECHANICAL DIMENSION – ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER



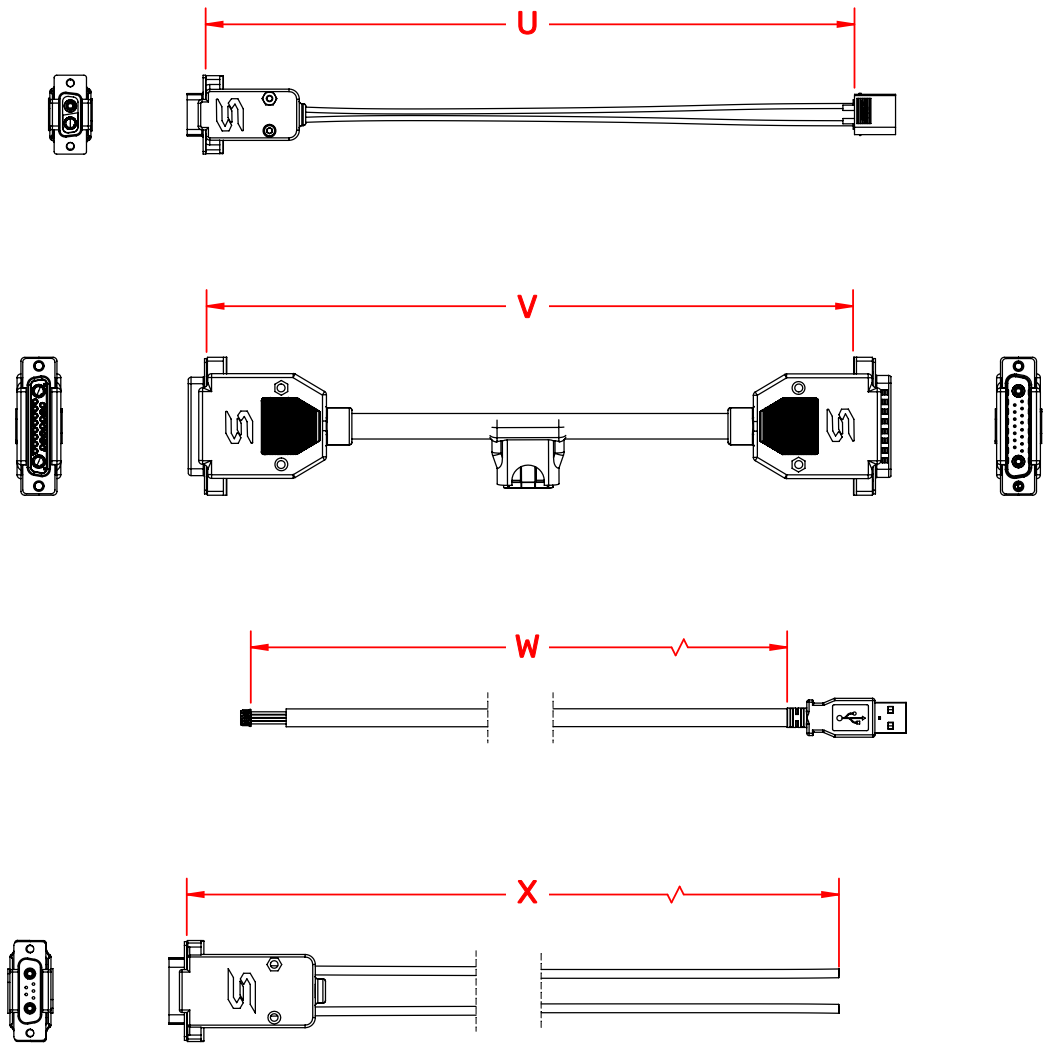

| ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **E** | 163.40 | **J** | 113.00 |
| **F** | 131.40 | **K** | ∅ 3.20 (4x) |
| **G** | 43.10 | **L** | 63.20 |
| **H** | 68.60 | **M** | 85.00 |
| **I** | 145.00 | **N** | 104.20 |

## 1.7 MECHANICAL DIMENSION – ULTRACAPACITOR PACK



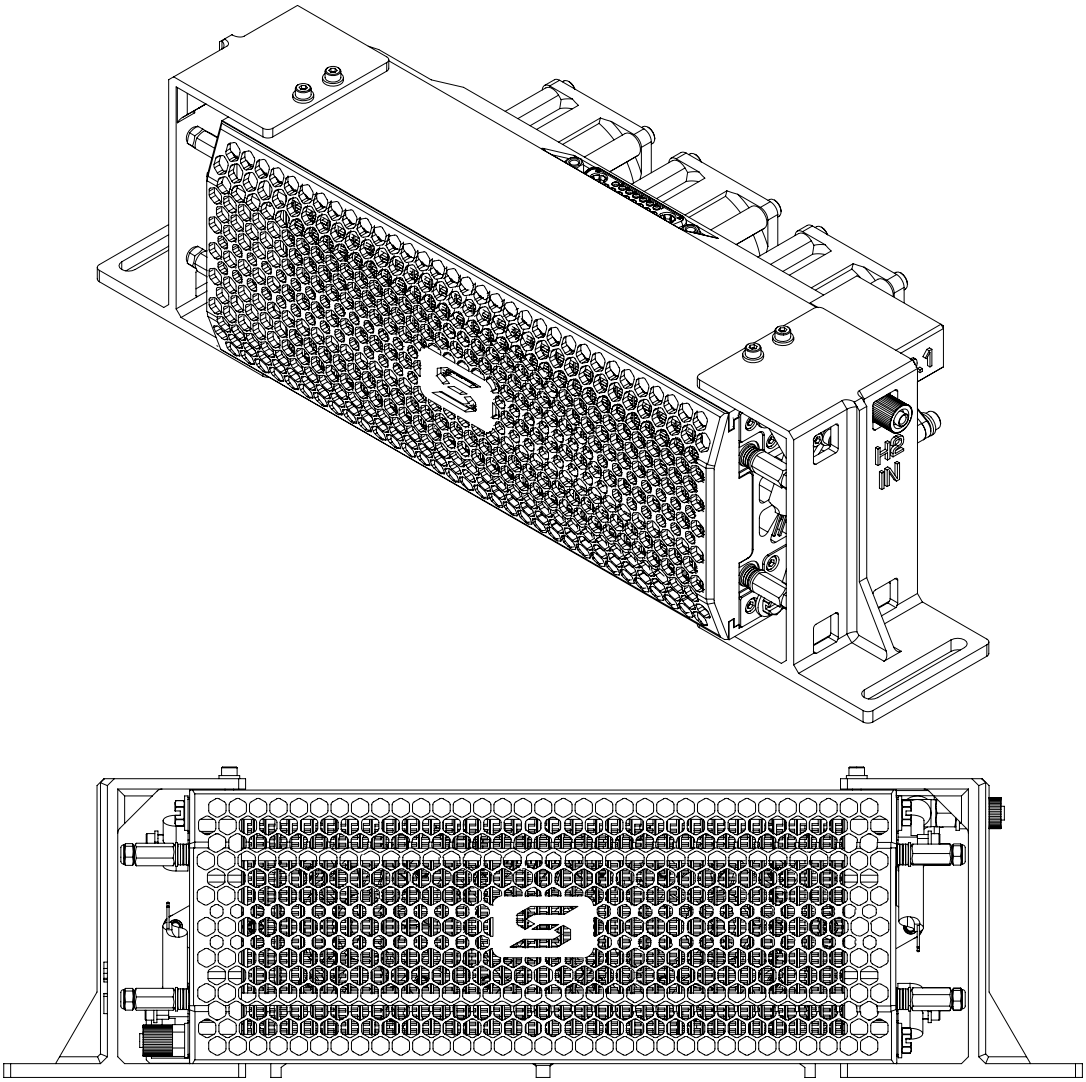

| ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| O | 341.00 | R | 180.00 |
| P | 353.00 | S | ∅ 5.20 (4X) |
| Q | 168.00 | T | 90.00 |

## 1.8 MECHANICAL DIMENSION – STANDARD ACCESSORIES




| ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U | 1000 | W | 1800 |
| V | 1000 | X | 1000 |

## 1.9 ORIENTATION, AIR CLEARANCE AND MOUNTING




*Recommended Orientation of PROTIUM-375*

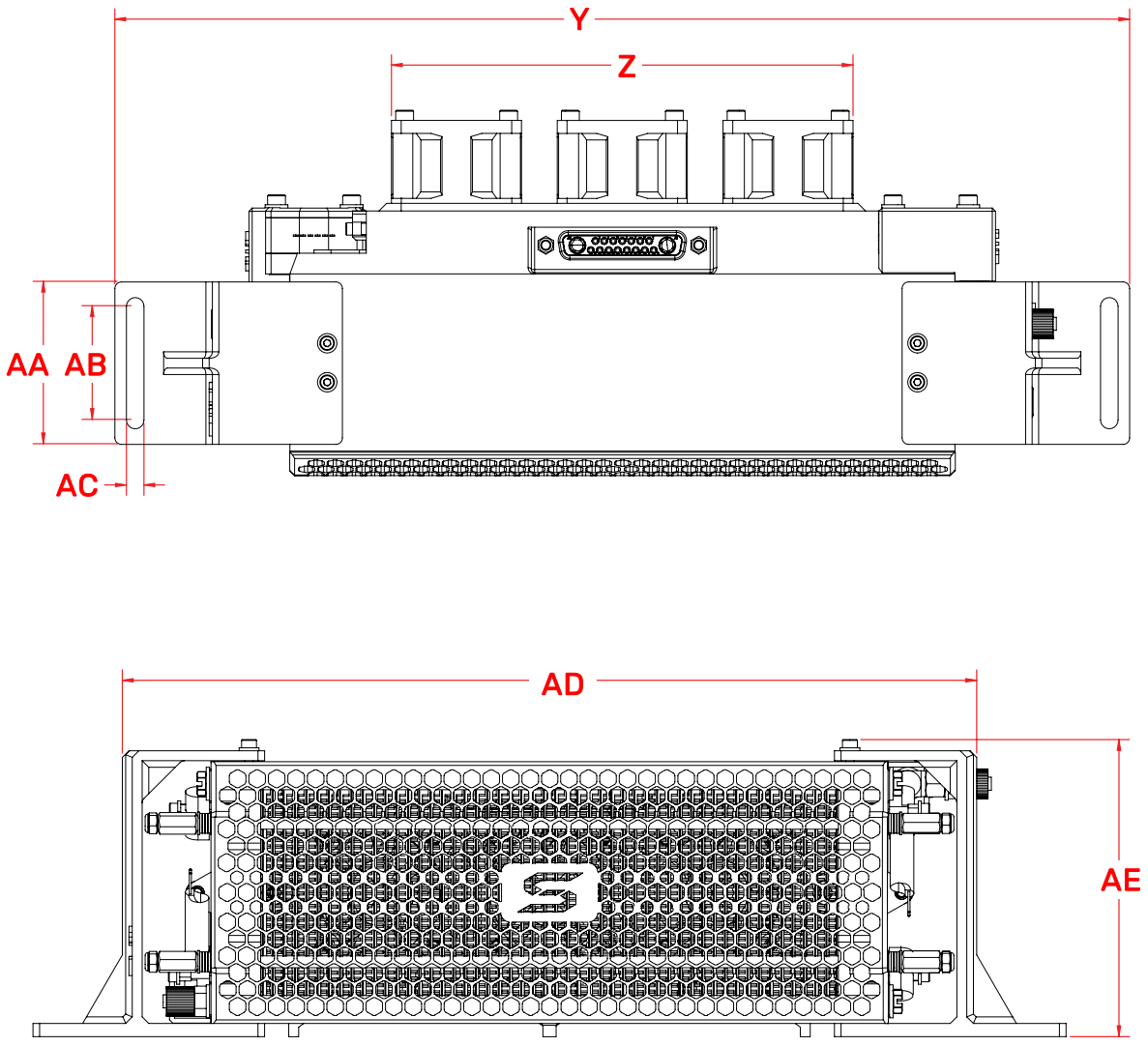
PROTIUM-375 ***cannot*** be mounted in any orientation due to internal routings of the gas streams within the fuel cell stack.

The fuel inlet must always be higher than the fuel outlet. The stack should also be level to ensure water does not get trapped in the gas channels, obstructing the gas flow and causing potential performance drop and cell damage.

***Mount PROTIUM-375 in the recommended orientation above, using the mounting brackets provided.***

For optimal oxidant and cooling airflows, it is also recommended that there is at least 15cm unobstructed clearance in front of the protective mask and 30cm unobstructed clearance behind the cooling fans' outlet.

## 1.9 ORIENTATION, AIR CLEARANCE AND MOUNTING




*Dimensions of the mounting holes*

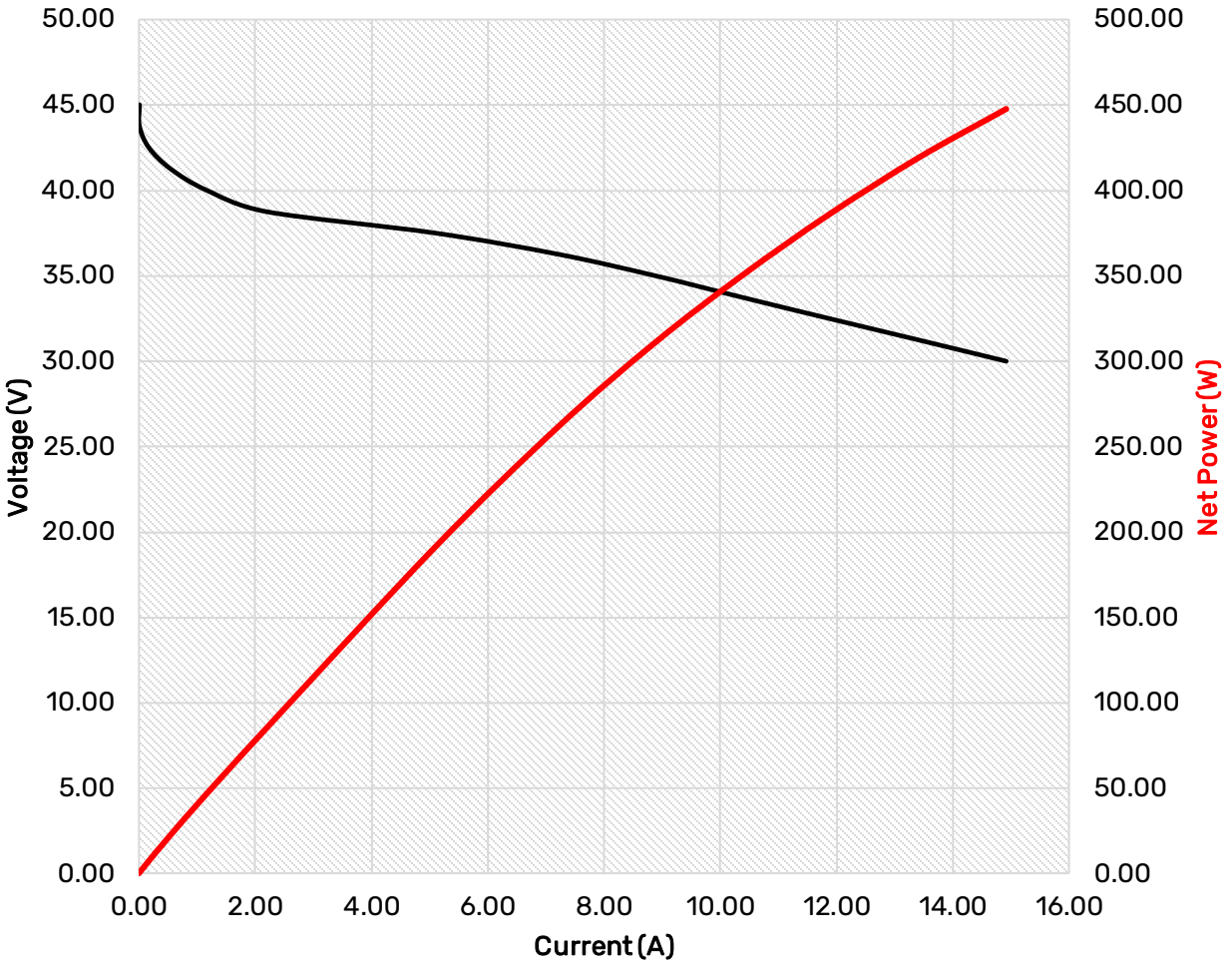
| ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Y** | 312.00 | **AC** | 5.40 |
| **Z** | 142.00 | **AD** | 258.20 |
| **AA** | 50.00 | **AE** | 90.10 |
| **AB** | 35.00 | | |

# 2 SPECIFICATIONS

## 2.1 FUEL CELL TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

| Fuel Cell | PROTIUM-375 |
|---|---|
| Type | PEM |
| No. of cells | 50 |
| Architecture | Open cathode |
| Coolant | Air cooled |
| Rated/gross power | 375/450W |
| Rated/gross current | 12.5/15A |
| Voltage output | 30-45VDC |
| Start-up time | <30s |
| Operating ambient temperature | [0,35]°C |
| Operating altitude without power derating | 1500m AGL |
| System weight | 1,100g |
| Max dimension | 255 x 113 x 87mm |
| Cell reaction area | 21 sq.cm |
| Fuse | ATOF®-series 20A, 32V fast acting Blade Fuse<br>Part No. 0287020.PXCN |
| Fuseholder | Littelfuse Part No. 0FHA0002ZXJ |
| **Fuel Supply** | |
| Hydrogen gas | Dry, 99.999% purity |
| Delivery pressure | 0.4-0.5barg (6-7 psig) |
| Fuel consumption @ rated power | 4.4L/min |
| Gas tubing | PTFE, 6 x 4 |
| Supply & purge control | Solenoid valves with integrated pressure sensor |
| Stack leakage checks | Automated via integrated pressure sensors |
| **Electronic Controller** | |
| Processor board | FEATHER V1.2 ESD |
| External power supply requirement | 15-60V, 50W max |
| Weight (including casing) | 680g |
| Output connector | XT-60 female (DC-DC regulated voltage)<br>Harting D sub DA-7W2 (stack unregulated voltage) |
| Warning & protections | Low voltage, high/low temperature, high/low pressure, low external power supply, stack leakage |
| Communication | UART (USB cable for PC connectivity provided) |
| Data acquisition (DAQ) software GUI | PC app |
| Remote control | Fan speed, manual purge, remote on-off, stasis on-off |

## 2.2 VI CURVE & HYDROGEN EFFICIENCY CURVE

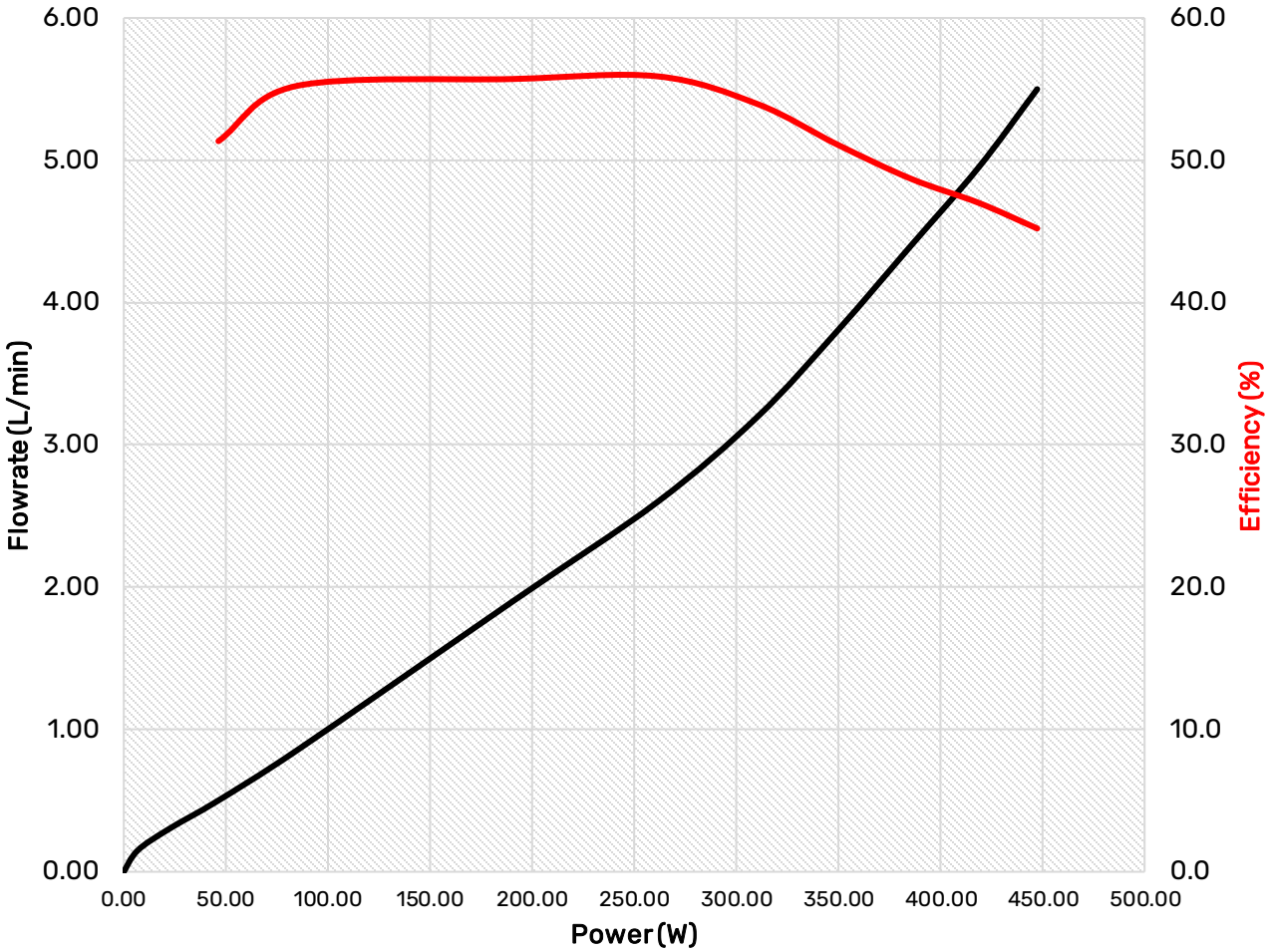



*Nominal polarization curve for a fully conditioned PROTIUM-375 at its Beginning-of-Life (BOL).*

## TEST CONDITIONS

- Ambient temperature: 24°C
- Relative humidity: 60%
- $H_2$ supply pressure: 10psig
- Dead-ended operation
- Balance-of-plant (BOP) powered by fuel cell
- $T_{cell}$ at 375W: 54°C

## 2.2 VI CURVE & HYDROGEN EFFICIENCY CURVE




*Hydrogen consumption and efficiency for a fully conditioned PROTIUM-375 at BOL.*

**NOTES**

- Hydrogen consumption is instantaneous reading taken from mass flowmeter at STP.
- PROTIUM-375 is most efficient in the 100-300W range which is the typical nominal cruising power of Eco-Marathon vehicles.

## 2.3 DCDC CONVERTER DATASHEET

| DC-DC Converter | |
|---|---|
| Type | Non-isolated, half-brick, buck-boost |
| Input voltage | 9-60VDC |
| Output voltage | 15-60VDC user configurable |
| Output current | 0-40A user configurable |
| Dimension | 75 x 61 x 13mm |
| Weight | 210g |
| Efficiency | 94~98% |
| Advised Temperature Threshold | < 80°C |
| Converter Safety Features | CAN/CSA-C22.2 No.60950-1:2007/A2:2014<br>UL 60950-1:2007/A2:2014<br>EN 60950-1:2006/A2:2013<br>Over-voltage and short-circuit protections in-built |

The output voltage (V_set) and output current (I_set) of the DC-DC converter can be changed according to the user's needs. This provides flexibility for PROTIUM-375 to be compatible with various DC motor's voltage input range. To protect against current overdraw or to maintain the fuel cell's output at its most optimum power level, I_set can also be configured to limit the maximum allowable current output.

V_set and I_set can be changed via the Spectronik Protium Eco-Marathon (PEM) GUI PC app.

**NOTES**

- The integrated DCDC converter has the following user configurable output ranges:

  V_set: 15V to 60V
  I_set: 2A to 25A

- The permutation of V and A must be ≤ fuel cell's maximum power rating (375W).
- To configure V_set and I_set, follow the instructions in Section 5.

## 2.4 ULTRACAPACITOR PACK DATASHEET

| Ultracapacitor Pack | |
|---|---|
| Pack Max Voltage | 60V |
| Pack Max Capacitance | 18.75F |
| Pack Max Energy @ 60V | 9.38Wh |
| Ultra Capacitor Model | Maxwell BCAP0450 P270 S18 |
| Number of UC cells | 24 in series |
| Pack Weight | 3.4kg |
| Pack dimension | 353 x 180 x 90mm |

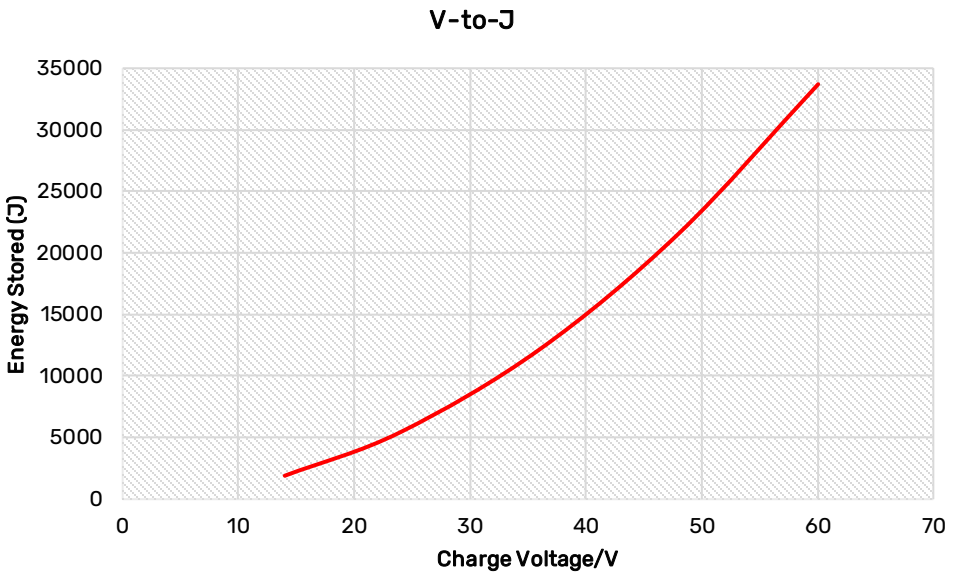
**NOTES**

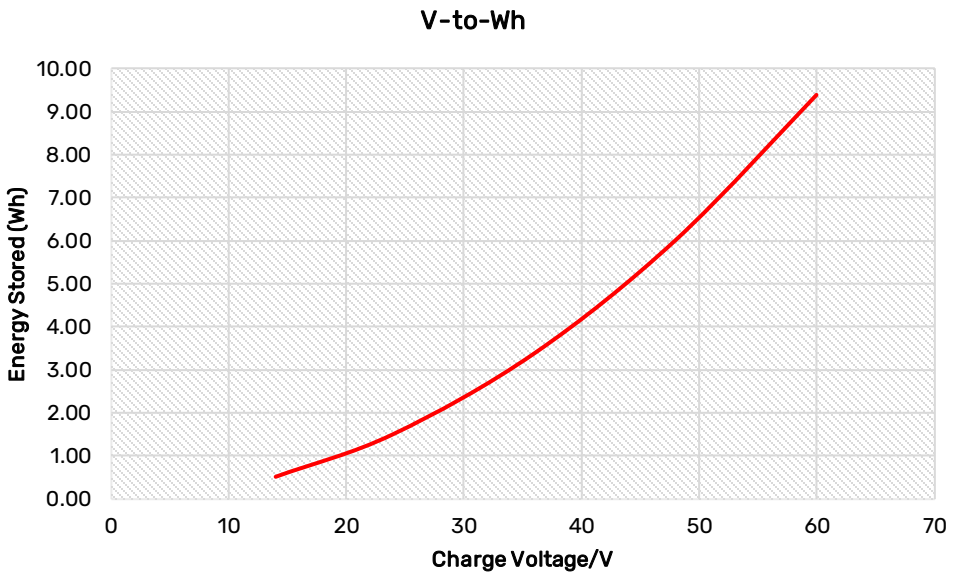
The Ultracapacitors serve several functions:

- To provide external power supply to the Electronic Controller during start-up.
- To provide external power supply to the Electronic Controller and fuel cell's balance-of-plant (BOP) when the fuel cell stack carries out Current Pulsing*.
- To provide additional power output to the motor load during peak acceleration and climbing, in a hybrid parallel configuration to the fuel cell stack output.
- To receive regenerative braking energy.
- To be recharged by the fuel cell when excess power is available during cruising.

*The fuel cell stack performs periodic Current Pulsing (once every 15-30s, for a duration of around 100ms) to rejuvenate its cell hydration and maintain optimal performance. During Current pulsing, power output from fuel cell stack to load is momentarily cutoff for safety.

## 2.5 ULTRACAPACITOR PACK – VOLTAGE-TO-ENERGY GRAPH




**EXAMPLE**

Suppose your electric motor can accept 52V to 48V input voltage range.

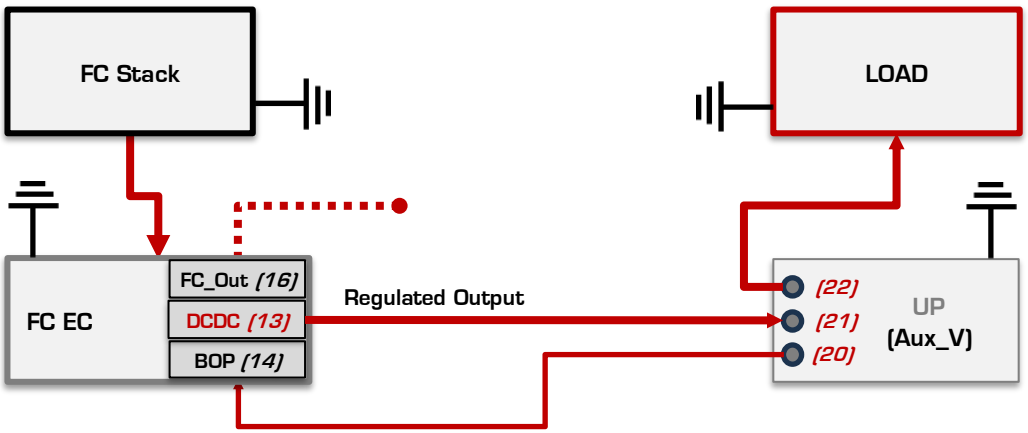
Energy stored at 52V = 0.5 * Capacitance (F) * Voltage $(V)^2$ = 0.5 x (18.75F) x $(52V)^2$ = 25,350J (7.04Wh)

Energy stored at 48V = 0.5 * Capacitance (F) * Voltage $(V)^2$ = 0.5 x (18.75F) x $(48V)^2$ = 21,600J (6.00Wh)

Therefore, while dropping from 52V to 48V, the Ultracapacitor Pack would have contributed 1.04Wh of electrical energy to your load.

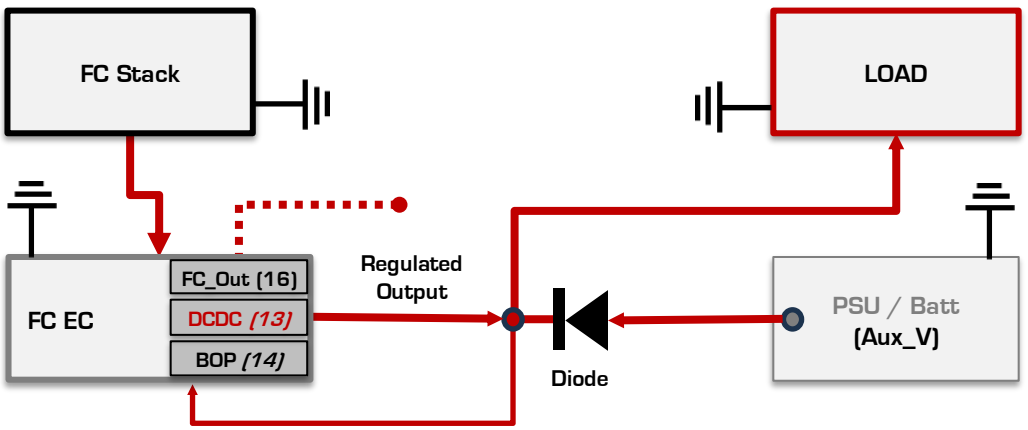
## 2.6 SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM - PERMUTATIONS

**Default Setup: FC (Regulated Output) + Ultracapacitor Pack (UP)**

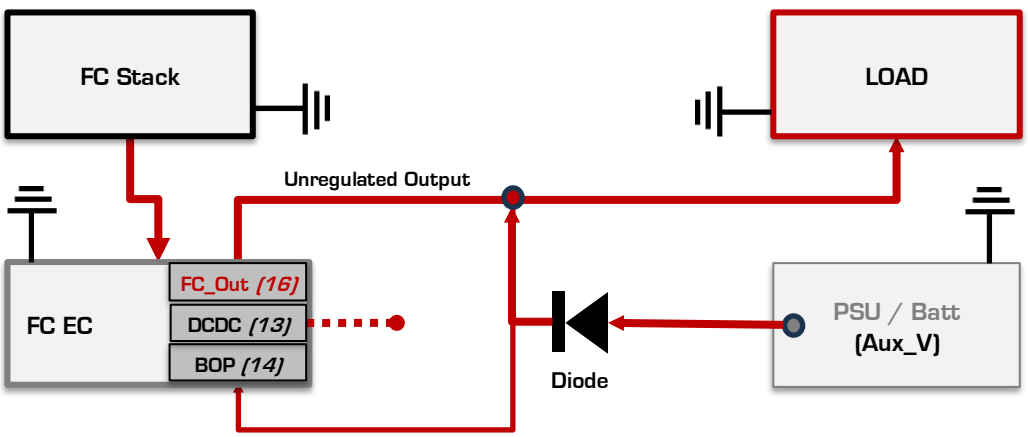



**Default setup*

**FC (Regulated Output) + Power-Supply-Unit (PSU) / Battery**




**FC (Unregulated Output) + Power-Supply-Unit (PSU) / Battery**



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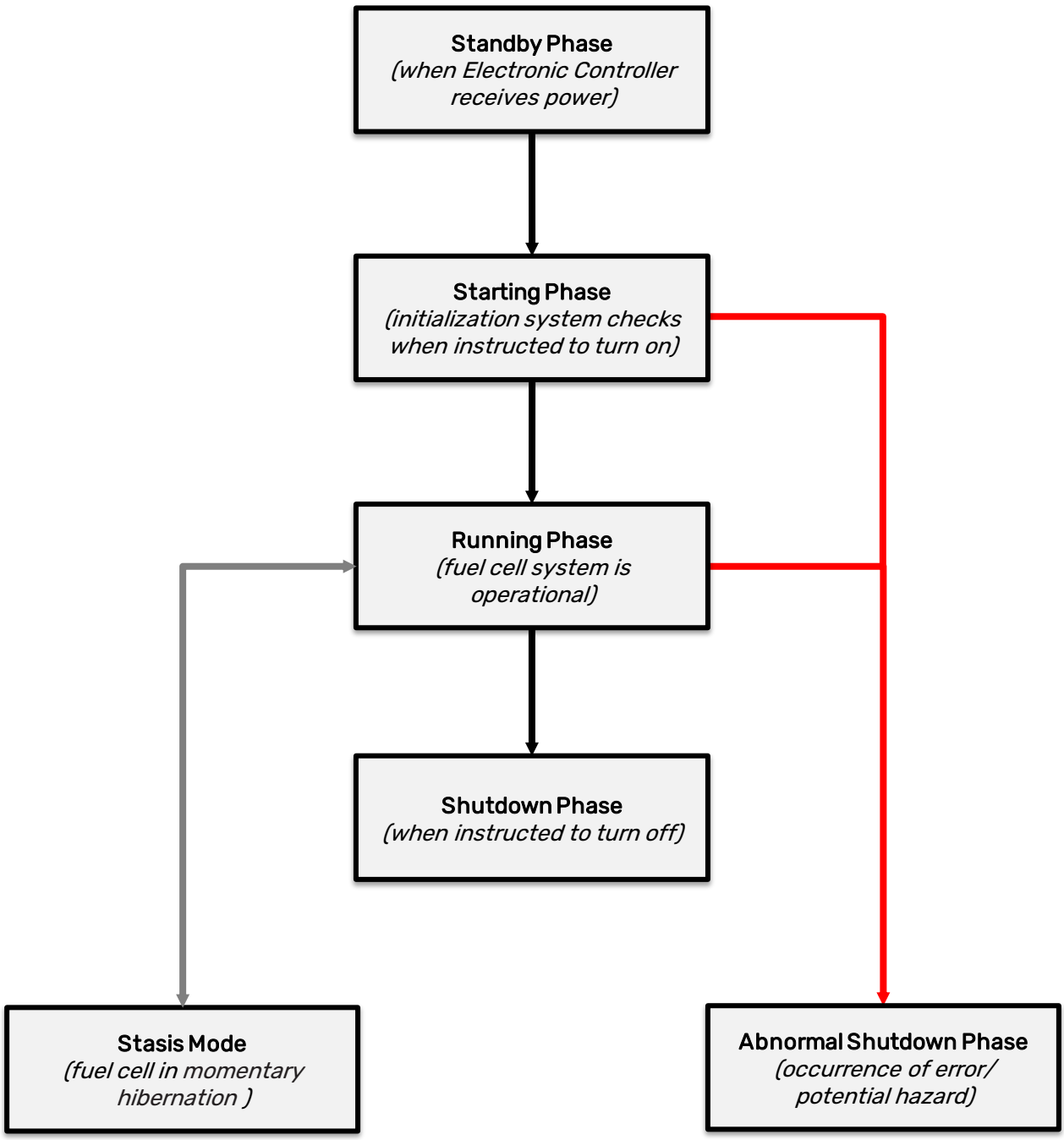

# 3 OPERATING PROCEDURES

## 3.1 SETTING UP PROTIUM-375

1. Mount PROTIUM-375 securely in the recommended orientation.

2. Connect your Hydrogen gas supply to the *H2 gas inlet connector (8)*. Make sure that your Hydrogen gas supply is OFF at this stage.

3. Connect the purge tubing to the *H2 gas outlet connector (7)*.
   ***Caution:*** *Channel the purge tubing to the back of the cooling fans and far away from the front mask of the fuel cell stack.*

4. Connect the *power/signal receptacle (1)* of the PROTIUM-375 to the *power/signal header (11)* of the Electronic Controller, using the *power signal extension cable (26/27).*

5. Connect the *DC-DC power out (13)* of the Electronic Controller to its corresponding *DC-DC power out connector (21)* on the Ultracapacitor Pack.

6. Connect your DC motor load to the *Load connector (22)* on the Ultracapacitor Pack. ***Tip****: check that the polarity is correct. It is also advisable to put an ON/OFF switch at your load and ensure that it is turned OFF at this time.*

7. Connect the *external power supply connector (20)* of the ultracapacitors pack to the *external power supply receptacle (14)* on the Electronic Controller using the external power supply cable (24/25) provided. Once the Electronic Controller receives power, it will enter **Standby Phase**, awaiting instruction to initiate.

8. The PC graphic user interface, Protium Eco-Marathon (PEM) GUI, can be used to turn on/off and interact with the system. Connect the *data transmission receptacle (29)* to the *data transmission header (15)* and the *USB connector (28)* to your PC.

***Reminder:*** *Ensure that all gas tubing and electrical wire connections are firm and secure.*

**PROTIUM-375 is now ready to turn on.**

**NOTES**

- This setting up procedure is based on “Default setup” configuration in section 2.6.
- Download the PEM GUI PC app from PROTIUM-375 product webpage and install it on your PC. Follow its instructions in Section 5.
- If you do not wish to use the PEM GUI, you can turn on/off PROTIUM-375 by using the physical *On-off push button (18)*. However, you will not be able to monitor the performance nor access some functions like V_set, I_set, Stasis Mode etc.
- The Ultracapacitor Pack is not charged when you receive it. Connect a DC power supply to **any** of the *Load connector (22), DC-DC power out connector (21), or External power supply connector (20).* Limit the current of the DC power supply to 1-2A and **set the DC power supply voltage to match your eventual motor load voltage.** ***Tip****: this should also be the same voltage as V_set.* Turn on the DC power supply to charge the Ultracapacitor Pack. Charging is completed when the voltage reaches the set voltage and the current output of the DC power supply is almost zero.

## 3.2 TURNING ON PROTIUM-375

1. If you choose to use the **PEM GUI**, conduct proper link-up and then press the "Start" button. For more detailed instructions, refer to Section 5.

2. Otherwise, press and hold the *On/Off push button (18)* for 3 seconds.

3. The system will enter its **Starting Phase**.

4. Turn on your Hydrogen gas supply. ***Caution:*** *Ensure that the gas delivery pressure is 0.4-0.5barg.*

5. PROTIUM-375 will conduct a series of internal diagnostic checks. If there is something wrong, the *Status LED (19)* will flash and error message will appear in the GUI. Follow the basic troubleshooting guide in section 4.

6. If everything is normal, the fuel cell will enter its **Running Phase** – indicated by the solid white LED on the Electronic Controller, and notification on the GUI.

**PROTIUM-375 is now ready to power your application.**

### NOTES

- After opening the PEM GUI application, select the correct 'Com Port' and select the Baud Rate as '57600'. Then, click on the Spectronik logo button. This will establish communication between the GUI and fuel cell Electronic Controller.

- Insufficient hydrogen gas delivery pressure may cause cell flooding and drop in performance, while excessive pressure may rupture the fuel cell membrane, causing dangerous gas leakage and irreversible cell damage. Ensure that your pressure regulator setting at zero flow rate is ≤0.5barg. Also, ensure that your pressure regulator can maintain ≥0.4barg output pressure while supporting the fuel cell's highest Hydrogen consumption rate.

  ***Tip:*** *A good practice is to prepare a gas pressure regulator that can supply 2x PROTIUM-375's maximum Hydrogen consumption, i.e. around 12L/min at ≥0.4barg.*

- Spectronik highly recommend the Eco-Marathon Pressure Regulator which is designed to be compatible with PROTIUM-375.

- Most errors should be rectified once the suggested corrective action has been done and the system restarted.

  **If the error persists, contact hello@spectronik.com.**

## 3.3 POWERING YOUR LOAD WITH PROTIUM-375

1. The system is now in **Running Phase**, you may turn ON your load and draw power as per normal. Caution: never draw power beyond 375W.

2. During Running Phase, the following live status of the fuel cell system can be monitored from the GUI. The system continues to monitor the safety aspect and proper running operations. If there is something wrong, the *Status LED (19)* will flash and error message will appear in the GUI. Follow the basic troubleshooting guide in section 4.

| Parameters | Description |
|---|---|
| FC_V | FC voltage (V) |
| FC_A | FC current (A) |
| FC_W | FC power (W) |
| FC_T | FC temperature (˚C) |
| FAN | Cooling fan duty cycle (%) |
| ENERGY | Energy delivered by the fuel cell during this operation (Wh) |
| V_SET | DCDC voltage output setting (V) |
| I_SET | DCDC current output setting (I) |
| STASIS | Whether Stasis Mode is selected (toggle on/off) |
| UCB_V | Ultracapacitor Pack voltage (V) |
| S.ENTRY | Voltage setting at which FC enters Stasis Mode |
| H2P1 | $H_2$ supply pressure (Barg) |
| H2P2 | $H_2$ pressure in FC (Barg) |
| Tank-P* | Gas tank pressure (Barg) |

*with purchase of Spectronik Eco-Marathon Pressure Regulator.

**NOTES**

- If you are using the Default Setup configuration as per Section 2.6, PROTIUM-375 will deliver a stable voltage output (V_set) though the DCDC. Also, it will not deliver more than the I_set current limit to the load. Excess power required by the load would then be supplied by the Aux_V line (in this case, the Ultracapacitor Pack).

- Most errors should be rectified once the suggested corrective action has been done and the system restarted.

  **If the error persists, contact hello@spectronik.com.**

## 3.4 SHUTTING DOWN PROTIUM-375

1. Turn OFF your load. The fuel cell will continue charging the Ultracapacitor Pack until it reaches V_set voltage. The cooling fans will then turn faster to cool down the fuel cell, before returning to their minimum speed.

2. In the GUI, click “end” button. Alternatively, press and hold the *ON/OFF push button (18)* for 3s. The message “Shutdown Initiated” will appear in the GUI and PROTIUM-375 will enter its **Shutdown Phase**. The system is now OFF. LED will blink at 60% on standby awaiting the next start-up command.

3. If you do not intend to restart the system soon, turn OFF your Hydrogen gas supply and remove the Hydrogen gas tubing from the *$H_2$ gas inlet connector (8).* Caution: some remaining gas in the tubing will be released into the atmosphere.

4. Turn OFF the external auxiliary power supply by plugging out the Ultracapacitor Pack from the Electronic Controller.

**PROTIUM-375 is now ready to be kept for storage.**

# 4 SYSTEM MONITORING & PROTECTIONS

## 4.1 SYSTEM WARNING & PROTECTIONS – STARTING PHASE

### Warning messages during "Starting Phase":

| Message | Meaning/ Corrective Action |
|---|---|
| "Gas Tank Not Detected" * | Either the gas tank communication cable is not connected or the tank is empty. |
| "Gas Tank Pressure Low" * | There is less than 20 Bar remaining in the gas tank. |
| "Gas Tank Insufficient Pressure" *◉ | There is not enough pressure in the gas tank to start. |
| "Low H2 Supply" | Hydrogen supply pressure is low and the system will wait up to 1min for correction. Please check and correct the delivery pressure. |
| "Error: Low H2 Supply" ◉ | Hydrogen is not correctly supplied within the stipulated time limit. Check and ensure sufficient Hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. Restart the system. |
| "Over Pressure" | Hydrogen supply pressure is too high and the system will wait for 1min. Reduce the delivery pressure. |
| "Error: Over Pressure" ◉ | Hydrogen is not properly supplied within the stipulated time limit. Check and ensure sufficient Hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. Restart the system. |
| "High Temperature" | Stack temperature is too high and the system will wait for 1min. |
| "Error: High Temperature" ◉ | Disconnect everything and wait for system to cool down and restart after 10min. If the problem persists, internal temperature sensor might have been compromised. Contact Spectronik. |
| "Error: FC Over Cooled" ◉ | Stack temperature is too low. Wait for ambient temperature to increase and restart the system. |
| "FC Sealing Compromised" ◉ | Possible stack leakage. Check and ensure all gas tubing and connectors are securely connected. |
| "Error: Low Voltage" ◉ | Stack open circuit voltage is too low. Check and ensure sufficient hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. Restart after 1 min. |
| "Purge Valve Error" *◉ | The Purge Valves might not be activating.<br>If the environment is cold, try heating it up. |
| "Supply Valve Error" *◉ | The Supply Valves might not be activating.<br>If the environment is cold, try heating it up. |
| "Gas Tank Outlet is Leaking" *◉ | There has been an unwarranted pressure drop between Gas Tank and Supply Valves.<br>Please verify gas line connections. |

◉ *Emergency Shutdown = "**Abnormal Shutdown**" would be activated*

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## 4.2 SYSTEM WARNING & PROTECTIONS – RUNNING PHASE

### Warning messages during "Running Phase":

| Message | Meaning/ Corrective Action |
|---|---|
| "High Temperature" ● | Stack temperature is too high. The fuel cell power output to load will be temporarily disconnected for 5s for system to recover. LED will blink. Reduce your load. |
| "Error: High Temperature" ◉ | Stack temperature is too high. Disconnect everything and wait for system to cool down and restart after 10min. If the problem persists, internal temperature sensor might have been compromised. Contact Spectronik. |
| "Low Temperature" ● | Stack temperature is low. LED will blink. |
| "Error: FC Over Cooled" ◉ | Stack temperature is too low for operation. |
| "Low Voltage" ● | Stack Voltage at minimum threshold of 0.6V/cell. |
| "Error: Low Voltage" ◉ | Stack Voltage below safety threshold limit. |
| "Low H2 Supply" ● | Hydrogen supply pressure is low and the fuel cell power output to load will be temporarily disconnected. LED will blink. Check and ensure sufficient Hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. |
| "Error: Low H2 Supply" ◉ | Hydrogen supply pressure is too low. Check and ensure sufficient Hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. Restart the system. |
| "High H2 Supply Pressure" ● | Hydrogen supply pressure is too high and the supply valve will be temporarily shut off. LED will blink at 80%. Reduce the delivery pressure. |
| "Error: High H2 Supply Pressure" ◉ | Hydrogen supply pressure is too high. Check and ensure sufficient Hydrogen supply and correct delivery pressure. Restart the system. |
| "Low Battery" ● | The External Power Supply is at below 15V. |
| "Gas Tank Running Low" *● | The pressure in the gas tank is below 20 Bar. |
| "Gas Tank Depleting" *● | The pressure in the gas tank is below 10 Bar. |

◉ *Emergency Shutdown = "**Abnormal Shutdown**" would be activated*

● *LED flashing at 80% to alert warning in the running*

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## 4.3 SYSTEM WARNING & PROTECTIONS – LED STATUS & OTHER MESSAGES

### LED status:

| Phase | Blink % (at 1Hz) | Meaning |
|---|---|---|
| Power ON | 10% | 5s after start-up power is provided into the Electronic Controller, LED will blink at 10%, indicating that the system is ready to receive its “start” command |
| Starting Phase | 40% | Executing “Starting Phase” procedures |
| Running Phase | 100% | System in normal “Running Phase” |
| Running Phase | 80% | System warning during “Running Phase” |
| After shutdown | 60% | System off due to normal shutdown and on standby for the next “start” command |
| After shutdown | 0% | System off due to abnormal shutdown |

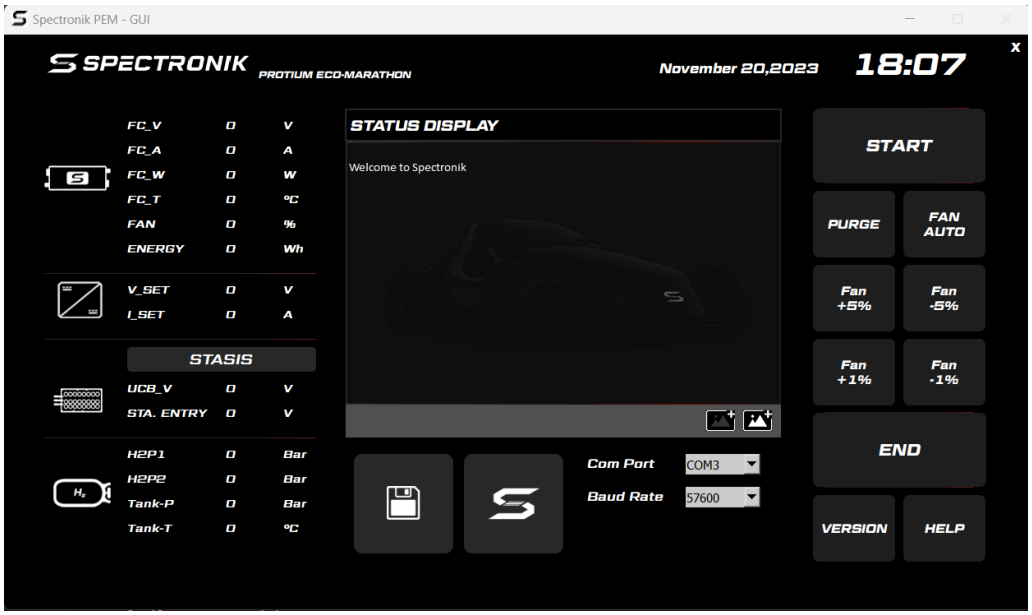
### Other messages:

| Message | Meaning |
|---|---|
| Fan PWM auto | Cooling fans control is in auto mode |
| Mileage | Cumulative Watt-Hour of the system |
| Shutdown Initiated | Entering “Normal Shutdown Phase” |
| Abnormal Shutdown Initiated | Entering “Abnormal Shutdown Phase” due to an error |
| System off | System is turned off and ready to restart at the next command |
| Entering Stasis Mode | Entering “Stasis Phase” |
| Running in Stasis Mode | Fuel cell is in “Stasis Phase” |

# 5 PROTIUM ECO-MARATHON (PEM) GRAPHIC USER INTERFACE (GUI)

## 5.1 PEM GUI – LINK-UP

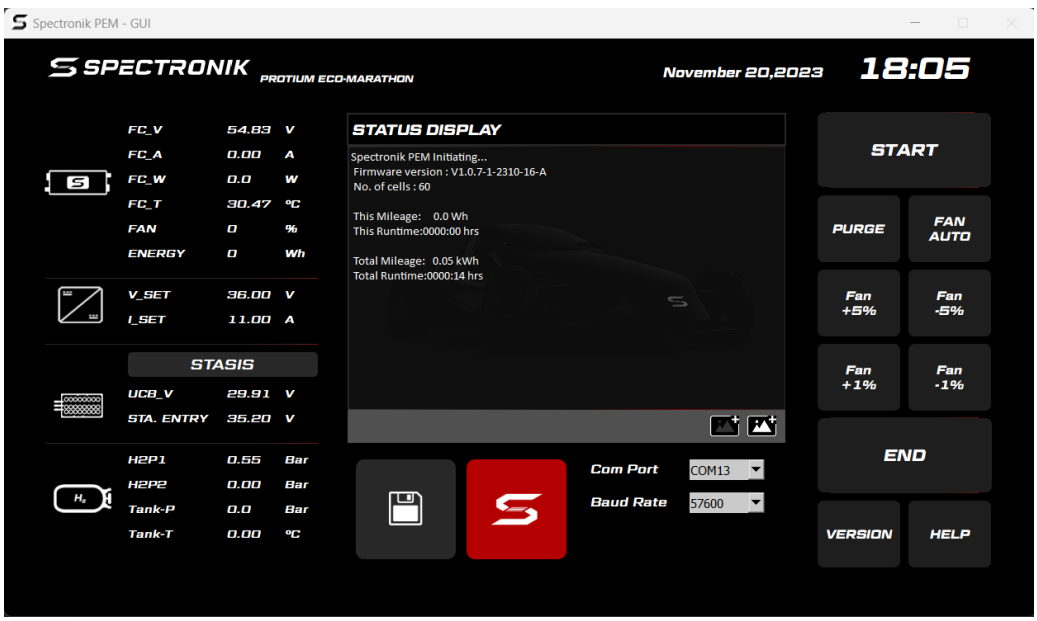
1. Connect the USB cable and open the Spectronik PEM GUI PC app.




2. Select the correct **'Com Port'** and set the Baud Rate as **'57600'.**

3. Click the Spectronik S logo button to connect to the PEM fuel cell Electronic Controller. The S Logo button should light up and a welcome header appears in the 'Status Display' box.

4. PEM will be enter **Standby Phase**, indicated by the message "Spectronik PEM Initializing".

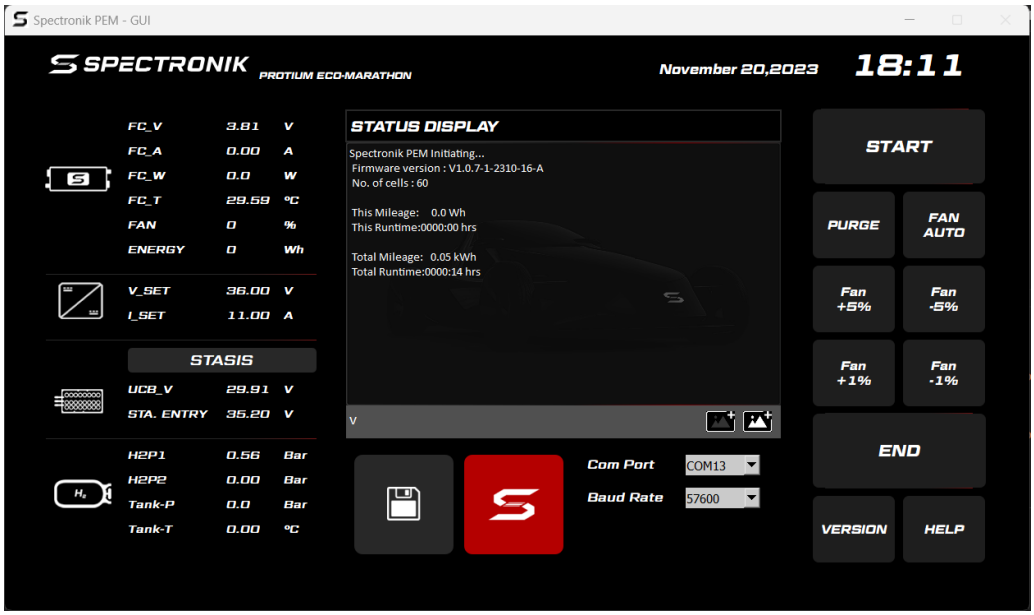


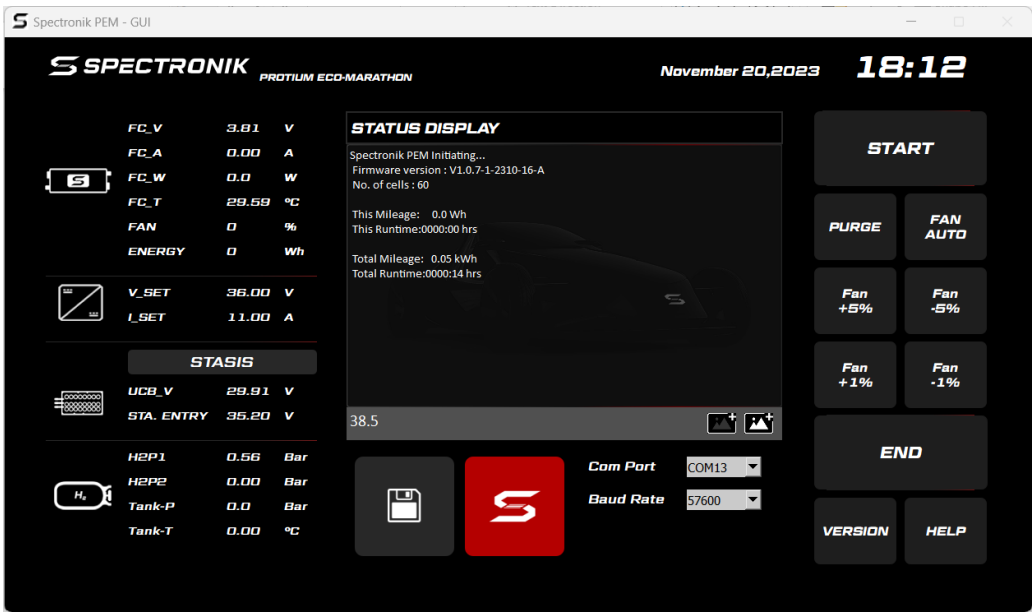
## 5.2 PEM GUI – CONFIGURE V_set

1. PEM DCDC output voltage “V_set” can be set via PEM GUI only during Standby Phase.
2. Type the following command into the message box:

   ‘v’ <enter> ‘V_set value’ <enter> (V_set value allows one decimal place.)

   **For example:** ‘v’ <enter> ’38.5’ <enter>



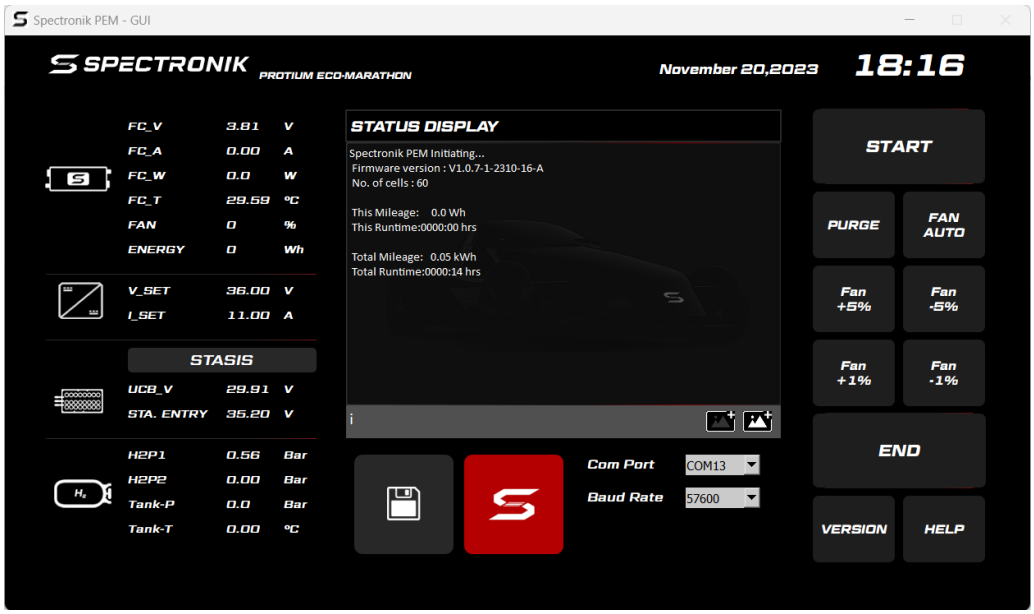



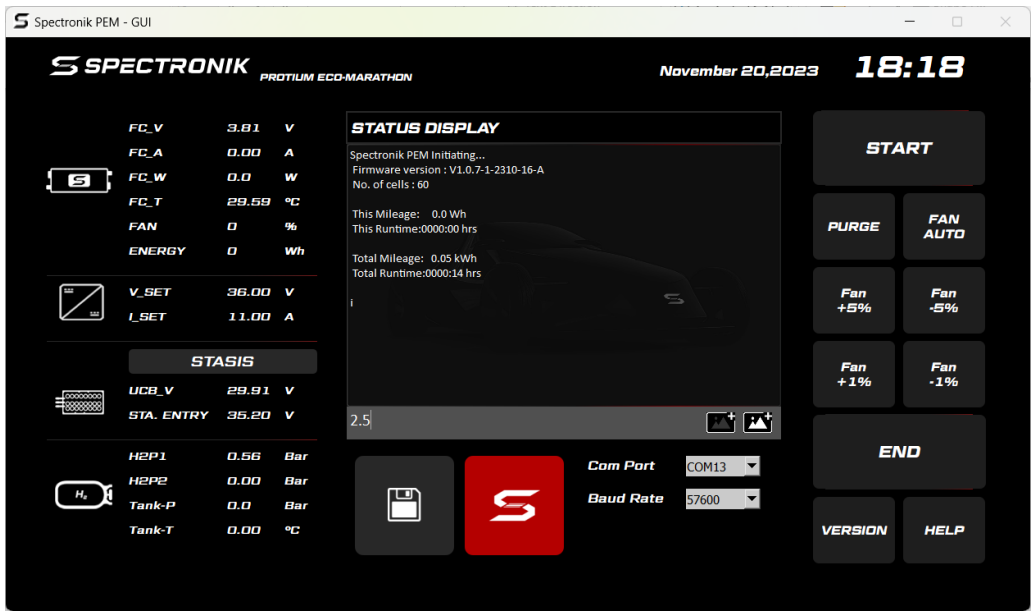
## 5.3 PEM GUI – CONFIGURE I_set

1. PEM DCDC output current limit "I_set" can be set via PEM GUI only during Standby Phase.
2. Type the following command into the message box:

   'i' <enter> 'I_set value' <enter> (I_set value allows one decimal place.)

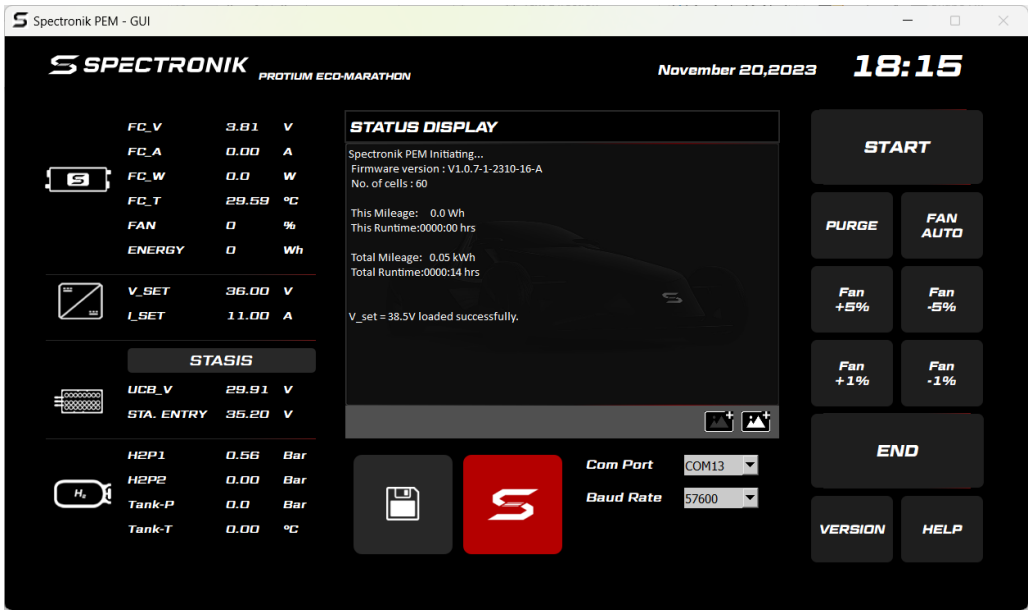
   **For example:** 'i' <enter> '2.5' <enter>

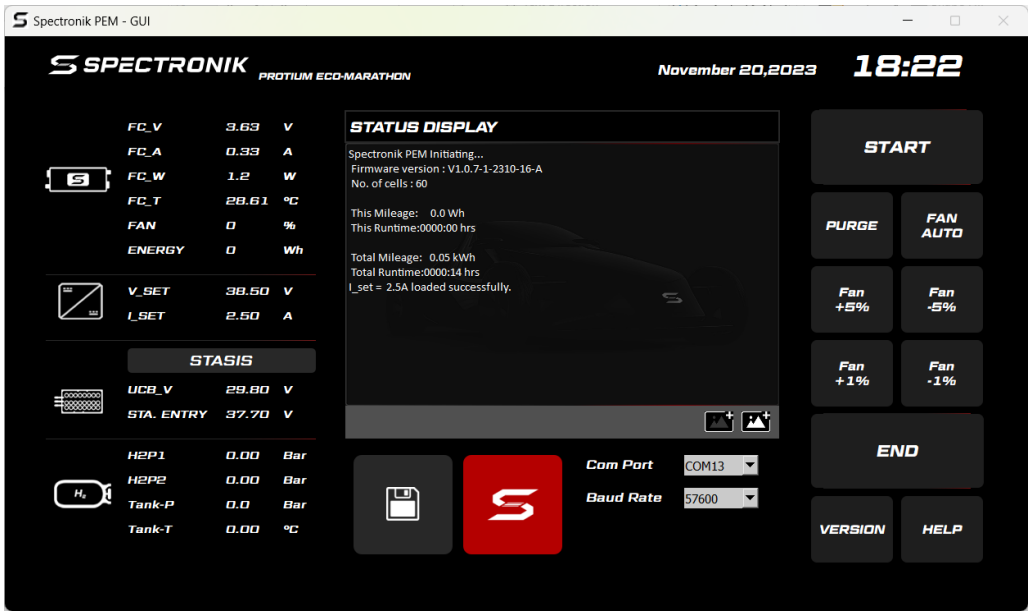


## 5.4 PEM GUI – V_set & I_set ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PROTIUM-375 will check and accept values within the minimum and maximum power, voltage and current limits. Successful entries will get acknowledgements “V_set loaded successfully” and “I_set loaded successfully”.




**REMINDER**

- The integrated DCDC converter has the following user configurable output ranges:

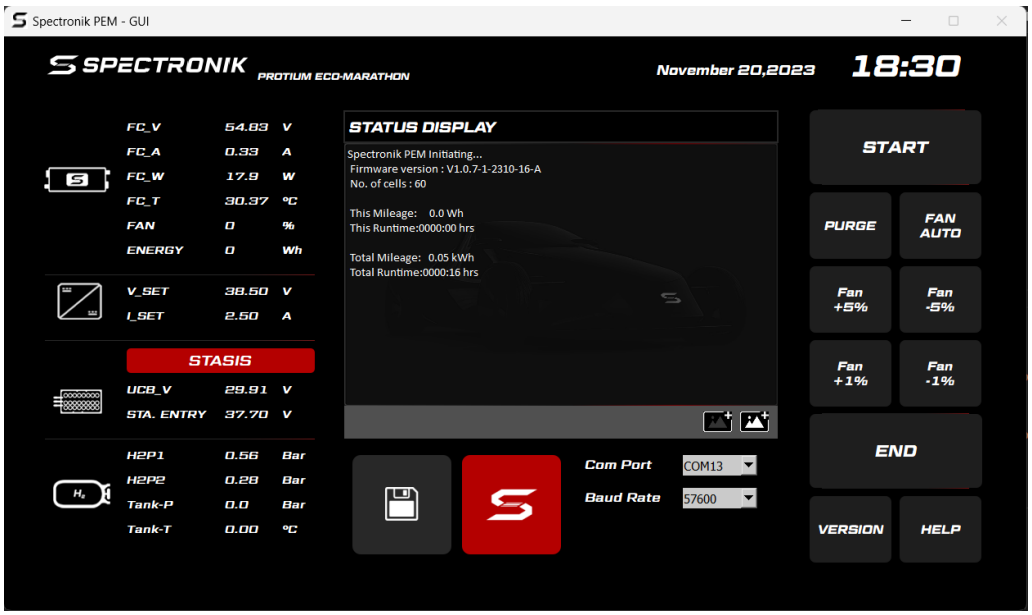
  V_set: 15V to 60V
  I_set: 2A to 25A

- The permutation of V and A must be ≤ fuel cell’s maximum power rating (375W).

## 5.5 PEM GUI – CONFIGURE STASIS MODE

The Stasis Mode function allows autonomous transition for PROTIUM-375 to enter a temporary hibernation. Stasis Mode helps optimize the use of H2 fuel in applications where power drawn is of an intermittent and fluctuating nature.

Stasis Mode function can be set active/inactive via the PEM GUI only during Standby Phase. Toggle the STASIS button on/off as desired.




## NOTES

- Stasis Mode is intended to work only in the Default Setup as per Section 2.6, i.e. with *DCDC output (13)* and Ultracapacitor Pack.
- PROTIUM-375 will autonomously enter hibernation when the auxiliary power source – in this case the Ultracapacitor Pack (UCB_V) is charged to near V_set; It will autonomously exit the Stasis Mode and back to Running Phase when UCB_V has dropped.

  **Trigger points reference:**

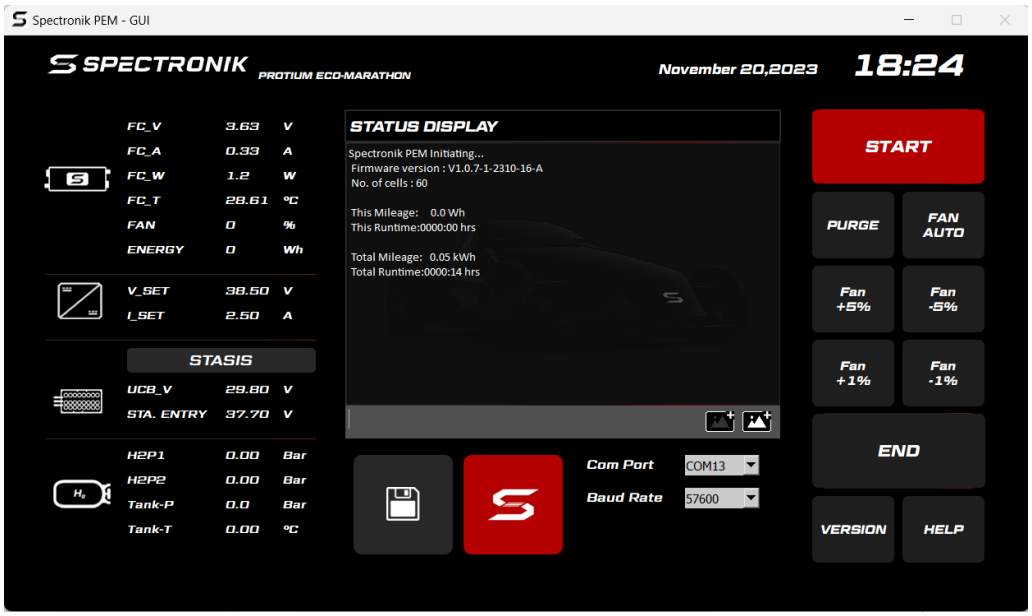
  Enters Stasis Mode when Aux_V is approximately 0.8V below V_set;

  Exits Stasis Mode when Aux_V is approximately 1.5V below V_set.

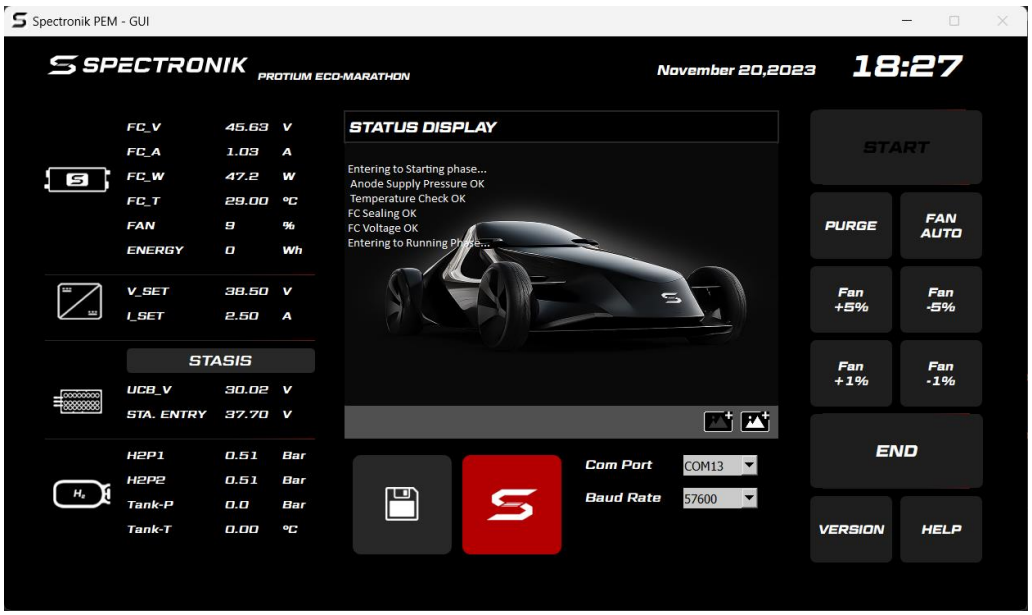
## 5.6 PEM GUI – SYSTEM STARTING PHASE

1. To start the fuel cell, click the START button on PEM GUI or press and hold the *ON/OFF push button (18)* of the Electronic Controller for 3 seconds.

2. PROTIUM-375 will enter **Starting Phase**. And the START button would fade away.

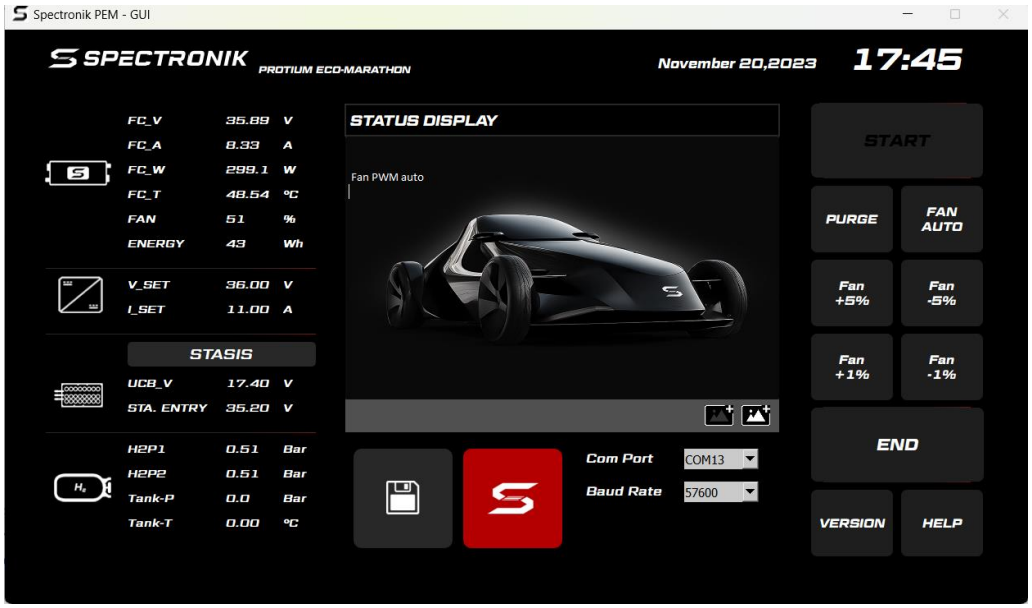


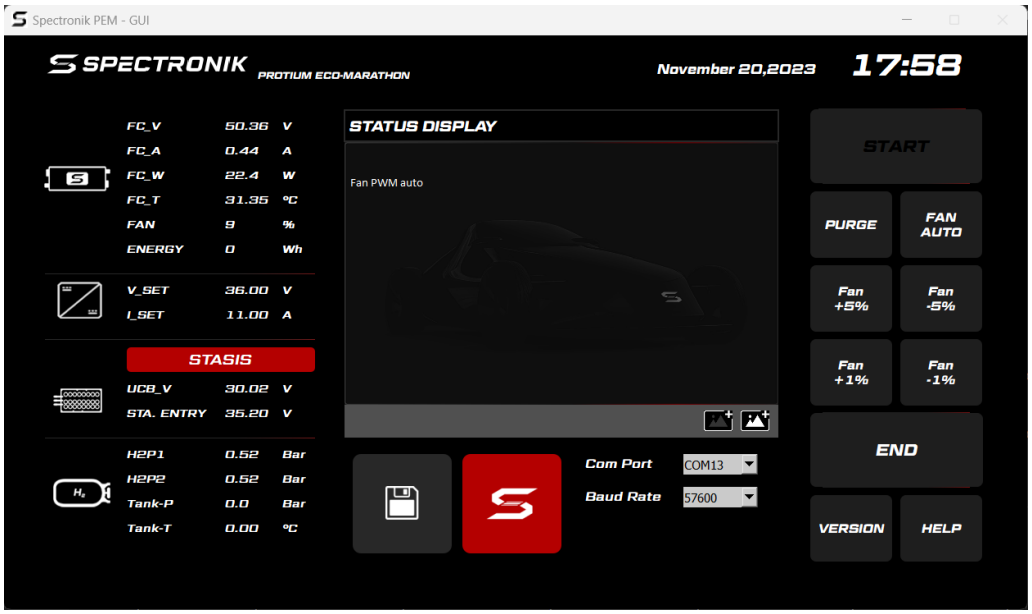

3. During the Starting Phase, PROTIUM-375 will do a series of internal checks to ensure that all parameters are in good working conditions before entering Running Phase.



## 5.7 PEM GUI – SYSTEM RUNNING PHASE

During the **Running Phase**, all controls are managed by the electronics controller. If Stasis Mode was not selected, its toggle button would be OFF (no color). If Stasis Mode was selected, then the Stasis button would be ON (Red color).



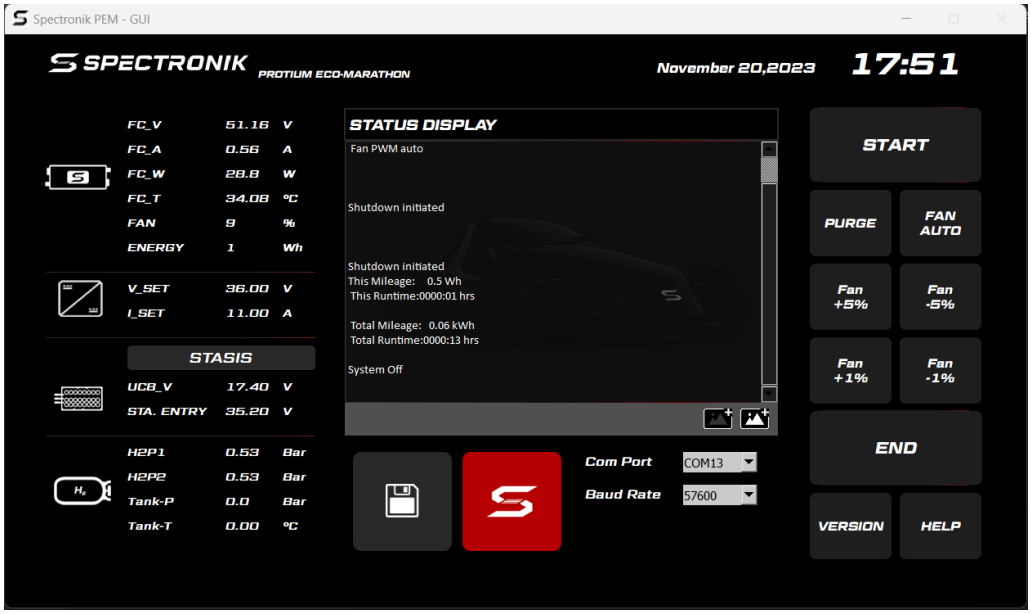

**NOTES**

- PROTIUM-375 has pre-programmed fan control based on Current output and cell target temperature. Advanced users can manually adjust the cooling fans by pressing the respective Fan buttons at 1% and 5% pwm resolutions. To return to the default program, press FAN AUTO.
- PROTIUM-375 also has pre-programmed purge control based on optimizing fuel saving and cell performance. You can do additional water removal and Hydrogen line flushing by manually pressing the PURGE button.

## 5.8 PEM GUI – SYSTEM SHUTDOWN PHASE

1. To shutdown the system, click the END button on the GUI or press and hold the *ON/OFF push button (18)* of the Electronic Controller for 3 seconds.

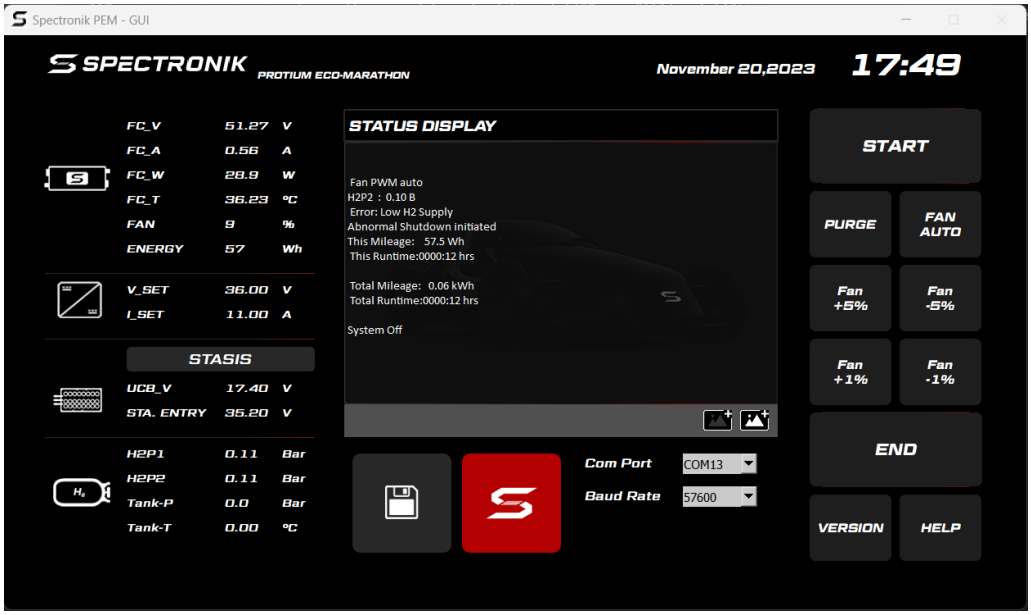
2. The system enters **Shutdown Phase** to properly end the fuel cell system operations. After the complete shutdown, the START button would reappear as it returns to Standby Phase.



## 5.9 PEM GUI – ABNORMAL SHUTDOWN PHASE

1. During Starting Phase and Running Phase, in case of any serious erroneous conditions, PROTIUM-375 will immediately enter **Abnormal Shutdown Phase**.

2. PROTIUM-375 will return to Standby Phase and can only be restarted after the problem has been resolved. Refer to section 4 for a complete list of possible errors and the recommended corrective actions.

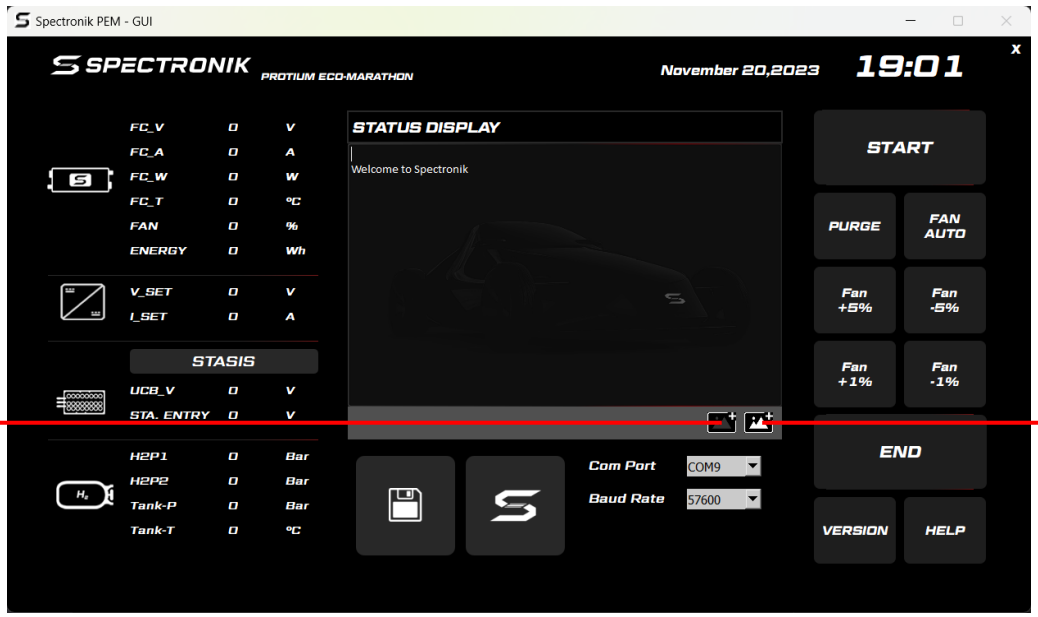


## 5.10 PEM GUI – BACKGROUND PHOTO

Click on “A” or “B” to change background images.

**A**: Background image for fuel cell in inactive state. During “Standby Phase”, “Starting Phase”, and “Stasis”.
**B**: Background image when fuel cell is in active state. During “Running Phase”.

It will prompt for your file location.

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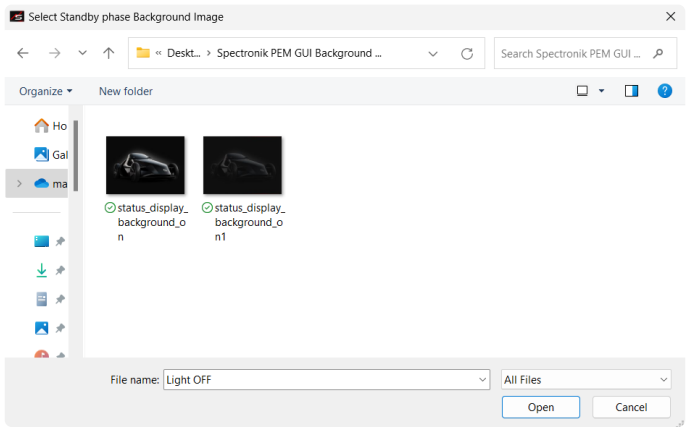


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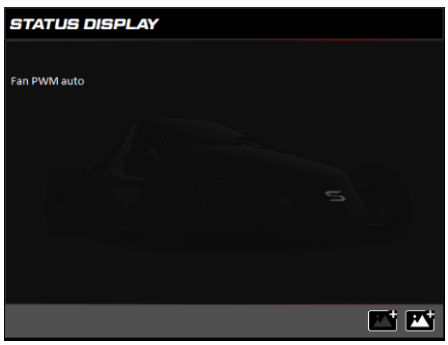


# 6 MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

## 6.1 MAINTENANCE FOR PROTIUM-375

When not in use, Spectronik recommends that PROTIUM-375 is reconditioned at least once a month.

1. Set up PROTIUM-375 as per instructions in Section 3, taking note of the following differences:

a. Use a DC power supply instead of the Ultracapacitor pack. Set the DC power supply to 30V 2A.

b. Do not use the *DC-DC power out (13)* socket.

c. Connect the *Unregulated stack power out header (30)* to its respective *unregulated stack power out receptacle (16)* on the Electronic Controller. Next, connect the *free-end wires (31)* to a DC electronic load. Caution: ensure that the polarity is correct.

2. After the system enters "Running Phase", set constant voltage (CV) load of 30V and run the system for 1h. The fuel cell should recover to its maximum rated power output.

**PROTIUM-375 is now ready for usual operation or can be stored again for future use.**

## 6.2 STORAGE

Keep PROTIUM-375 in an open, cool (standard room temperature of 25°C) and dry place.