

High-Conversion Cell-Level Power Converter

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Mainstream Engineering Corporation

- Small business incorporated in 1986
- ▶ 170+ employees
- Mechanical, chemical, electrical, materials and aerospace engineers
- ▶ 100,000 ft² facility in Rockledge, FL
- Laboratories: electric power, electronics, materials, nanotube, physical and analytical chemistry, thermal, fuels, internal combustion engine
- Manufacturing: 3- and 5- axis CNC and manual mills, CNC and manual lathes, grinders, sheet metal, plastic injection molding, welding and painting
- Spinoff: Rivian Automotive
 - Founded in 2009 as Mainstream Motors



- 1 ENGINEERING OFFICES
- 2 RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
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- 4 PRODUCTION
 5 PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
- 5a MAINSTREAM EBEAM
- CONTROLLED-ATMOSPHERE BRAZING FACILITY
- 7 SHEET METAL FABRICATION 8 - ROTOMOLD PRODUCTION

Capabilities

- Basic and Applied R&D
- Transition from R&D to Production
- Manufacture Advanced Products

Mission Statement

To research and develop emerging technologies.

To engineer these technologies into superior quality, military and private sector products that provide a technological advantage.

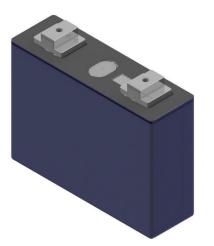


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- DOE Phase I SBIR
- Perform Power Conversion at the cell level
- Cell Requirements
 - ▶ Prismatic cell V_T < 4 V, Capacity > 50 Ah
 - ▶ General Dimensions (L×W): 2-3" × 5-6"
- Converter Requirements
 - ► Footprint confined to terminal face of cell
 - ▶ Ability to operate in series/parallel
 - Gain > 100x
 - ▶ Efficiency > 98%
 - ▶ Height < 2" off the terminal face

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Path to Commercialization

Markets

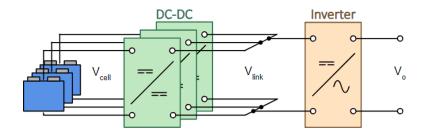
- ▶ Tribal Communities
- Portable Power Systems
- Vehicle Inverters

Navajo Nation

- ▶ Remote Power Systems
 - ▶ 2 kW, 120/240 V
 - Scalable for future power needs
 - Agnostic to cell type (chemistry, capacity, etc.)
 - Easily serviceable

Challenges

- Funding
- Customer outreach
 - Working with LARTA





Source: sacredpowercorp.com

Goal: Product for Tribal Communities