12V LiFePO4 battery monitor and top equalizer

The purpose of the monitor is to allow the use of 12V LiFePO4 batteries with improved confidence.

- 1. When none of the cell voltages exceeds 3.70 V the Warning output is off (open).
- 2. When a cell voltage exceeds 3.83 V a 0.4 A shunt operates across the cell and the Warning output is on (grounded).
- 3. When none of the cell voltages exceeds 3.90 V the Alarm output is off (open).
- 4. When a cell voltage exceeds 4.01 V the Alarm output is on (grounded).

Limit values: the quoted extremes reflect both component variation (± 0.03 V) and hysteresis (0.08 V and 0.04 V respectively). Leakage: the monitor adds 15 µA to the battery self-discharge rate of 40 µA/Ah.

Robustness: a cell circuit sustains 7 V indefinitely; the monitor sustains 28 V indefinitely and 80 V during 5 s.

