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#### 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:

- Color Control GX
- Venus GX
- The CANvu GX is best for harsh environments when its IP67 rating 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 suited for systems having many MPPT Solar Chargers, as it has 25 VE.Direct ports.

Also, there is a GX device built into our MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX Inverter/chargers. There, its referred to as the GX Card.

### **Available accessories**

- GX GSM A cellular modem. It connects to Venus-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 Venus-device.

## **Comparison table**

User interface	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX
Appearance	wictron energy	Venus GX	Octo GX	1057A 237A		

<u>User interface</u>	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Display	LCD Display & 7 buttons	no display	no display	4.3" touch- screen	2×16 character display		
Remote Console			yes				
Buzzer	yes	yes	no	yes		no	
<u>Documentation</u>	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Manual	CCGX manual	VGX manual	OGX manual	CANvu manual	tbd	MultiPlus-II GX	
Product detail page	CCGX product	VGX product	OGX product	CANvu product	tbd		
Victron comm. ports	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
VE.Direct ports (always isolated)	2 (1) 10 (1) 3 (1)			3 (1)	25	1	
VE.Can	2 paralleled RJ45 sockets – isolated						
VE.Bus	2 paralleled RJ45 sockets – isolated RJ45 socket RJ45 socket – isolated						
Non Victron- products	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 d	etails			
ABB PV Inverters	See here for details						
SolarEdge PV Inverters	See here for details						
<u>Communication</u>	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
USB	2 USB Host port	s – not isolated	1 U	SB Host port - n	ot isolate	ed	
Ethernet	10/100 RJ45 socket - isolated except shield				RJ45 socket		
WiFi	optional (2)	built-in, but see <sup>(3)</sup>	built-in, external antenna <sup>(11)</sup>	optional <sup>(2)</sup>	no	built-in	
Bluetooth Smart			no				
Micro SDcard slot	SDHC cards up to max. of 32GB. (5) no yes no				no		

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<u>User interface</u>	ccgx	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Second CAN-bus port	no	yes - non- isolated	yes - non- isolated	yes - non- isolated	no	no	
Built-in RS485	no	no	yes - non- isolated	no	no		
<u>IO</u>	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX <sup>(12)</sup>	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Programmable relay (7)	1x NO	1x NO / NC (8)	1x NO / NC			n/a	
Resistive tank level inputs	no	3 (9)	no				
Temperature sense inputs	no	2 (10)	no				
Digital Inputs	no	5	3	1	4	no	
<u>Other</u>	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Supply voltage		8 - 70 VDC		8 - 32 VDC	32 - 70 VDC	powered internally, no external supply	
Mounting	Panel Integration	Wall mounting	DIN Rail (35mm)	Panel	Wall mount IP65	Built-in	
Outer dimensions ( h x w x d )	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 +50°C			-20 to +70°C	-20 to +50°C		
Battery backupped clock	yes			no	yes	yes	
CPU	single core					quad core	
<u>Standards</u>	CCGX	Venus GX	Octo GX	CANvu GX	Maxi GX	MultiPlus-II GX and EasySolar-II GX	
Safety	EN 60950 ?			?	?		
EMC		EN 55014-1, EN	61000-6-2, EN	61000-6-1, EN 5	5014-2		
Automotive	E4-10R-053535	In progress	?	?	no		

#### **Notes**

1. The maximum number of VE.Direct devices which can be attached to a CCGX is 5 (2 direct, and 3 via USB); on a Venus GX the number is 6 (2 direct and 4 via USB); on an Octo GX it is 10 (all attached directly). VE.Direct ports on a Venus-device are isolated.

- 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 Venus-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 → 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 Venus GX has two temperature terminals which can be used to measure & monitor all kinds of temperature-inputs. Temperature senders are not included. The required sensor is ASS00001000 Temperature Sensor QUA/PMP/Venus GX. (Note that this is <u>not</u> 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

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