



**FW-X240**  
**AUTO TRANSFORMER**  
Installation Manual



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## Welcome to the OutBack Power Systems FW-X240 Auto Transformer

The FW-X240 Auto Transformer can be used for step-up, step-down, generator and split phase output balancing or with series-stacked FX or VFX Series Inverter/Chargers for inverter balancing.

OutBack Power Systems does everything possible to assure the components you purchase will function properly and safely when installed as instructed according to local and national electrical codes (NEC). Please read all of the following instructions and the instructions that come with any other OutBack components that make up your power system.

### The FW-X240 Auto Transformer Specifications:

- 120 volt/25 amp primary and secondary side
- 120 or 240 VAC 60 Hz systems only
- Allows powering 240 volt items ( e.g., a deep well pump) with a single 120 volt AC source
- Step-down feature allows battery charging with both legs of a 240 volt generator through a single 120 volt FX Series Inverter/Charger

### Two identical windings:

- Winding one is between leads #1 and #2
- Winding two is between leads #3 and #4
- The start for each winding are on lead #1 and on lead #3

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read all instructions and cautionary markings on the FW-X240 and other system components and their instructional manuals.*

### To reduce risk of electric shock:

- Disconnect all DC and AC power sources before attempting any maintenance or repair.
- The input side of the AC and DC breakers may be live even though the breakers are off.
- Be sure to test all terminals with a voltmeter before touching or using any tools.
- Always use caution when using metal tools to prevent contact with live parts or terminals.
- All installations must be in compliance with all local and national electrical codes and standards.

## Grounding Instructions

- The FW-X240's metal mounting bracket must be connected to a permanently grounded system. System grounding as required by the National Electric Code, ANSI /NFPA 70-1996, is the responsibility of the system installer.
- The FW-X240 hardware kit includes grounding washers to penetrate a powder-coated finish, assuring a proper ground connection to any FLEXware enclosure or mounting plate.
- An installation might call for an optional grounding wire between the FW-X240 and the FLEXware enclosure or mounting plate to which it's attached depending on local code requirements or the nature of the installation itself.

## Connections

- No additional terminals or lugs are required for hook-up of the AC wiring.
- AC wiring must be no less than 10 AWG gauge copper wire, rated for 75 degrees C or higher and must be sized appropriately to the circuit breaker.

## Hardware Kit

The FW-X240 comes with four M6 X 20 mm screws, four flat washers, and four grounding washers for mounting to a FLEXware Mounting Plate from inside a FLEXware AC enclosure.

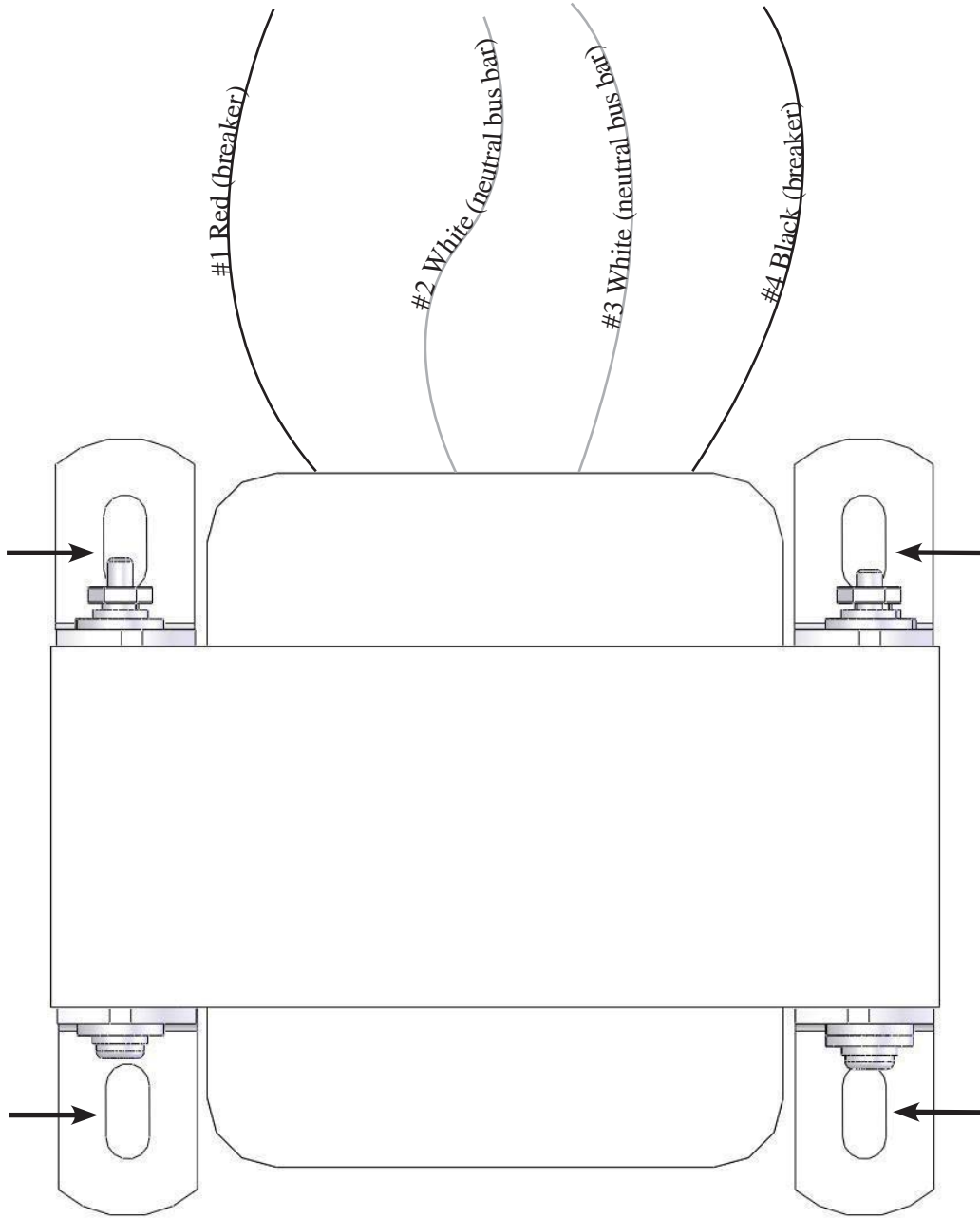


Figure 1: FW-X240 Auto Transformer, top view

→ Mounting Slots ←

The FW-X240 is installed inside a FLEXware enclosure which is designed for attachment to a FLEXware Mounting Plate.

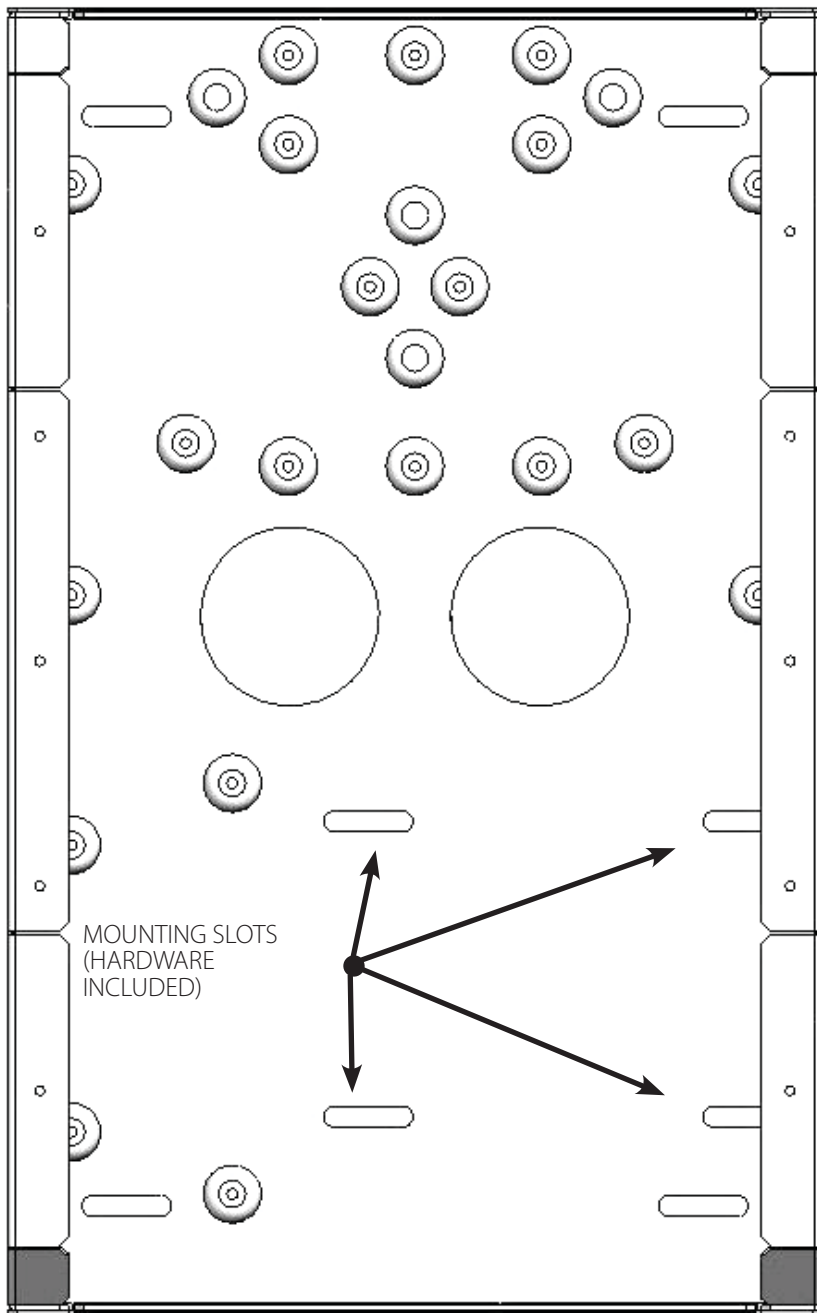
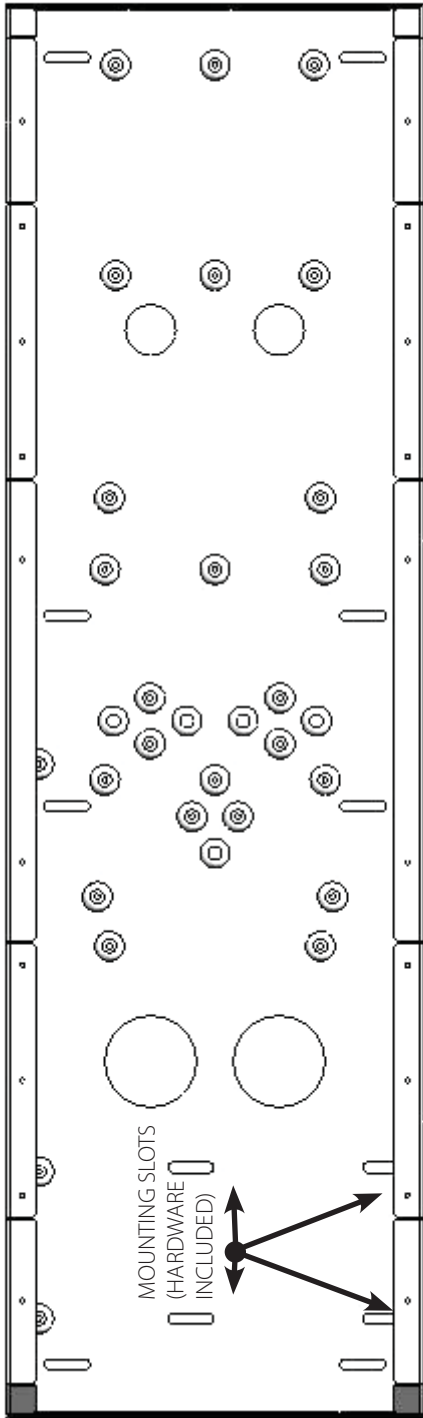


Figure 2: FW500 AC Chassis

**Note:** The FW-X240 should be installed inside the FW500 after the FW500 is secured to the FLEXware Mounting Plate.

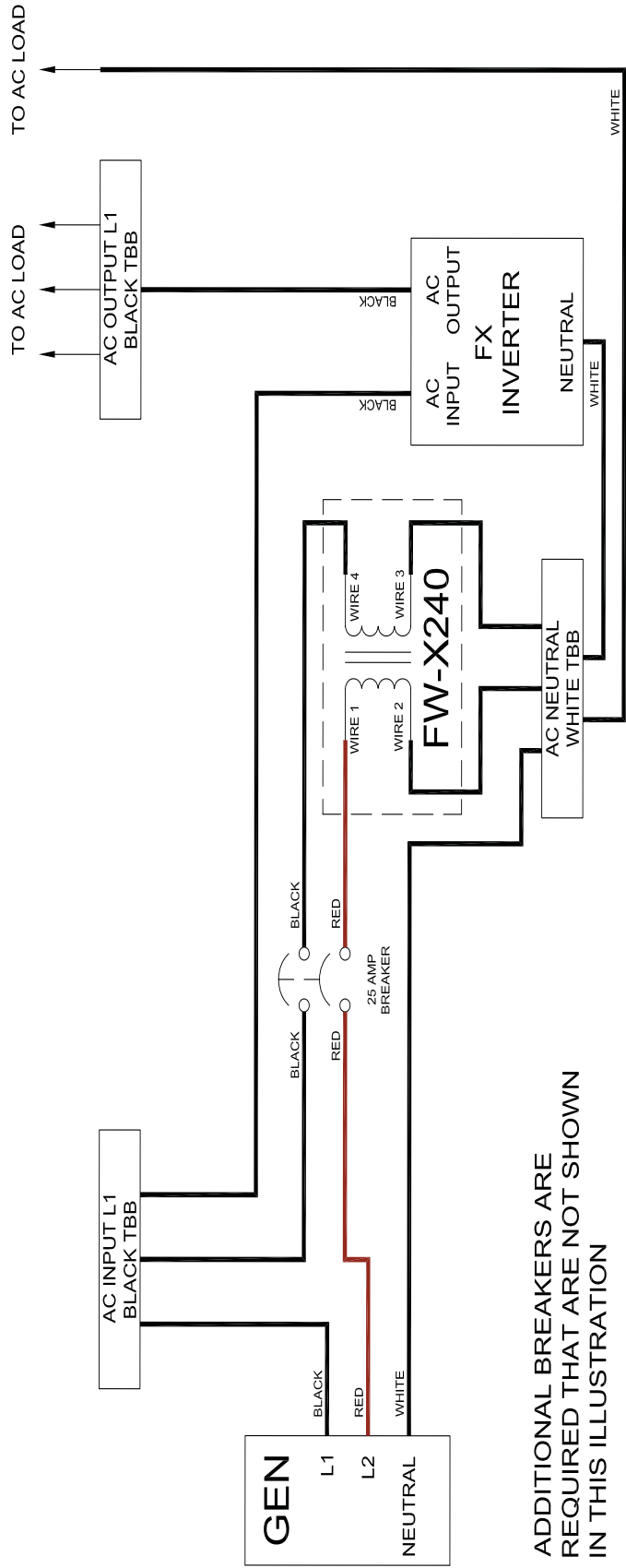


**Notes:**

- The FW-X240 should be installed inside the FW1000 after the FW1000 is secured to the FLEXware Mounting Plate.
- The FW-X240 can be fastened to other surfaces providing the surface and fasteners used can safely sustain a weight in excess of 25 lbs.

Figure 3 FW1000 AC Chassis





ADDITIONAL BREAKERS ARE REQUIRED THAT ARE NOT SHOWN IN THIS ILLUSTRATION

Figure 4: Step-Down Wiring Diagram

- L1: Black
- L2: Red
- Neutral: White
- TBB: Terminal Bus Bar





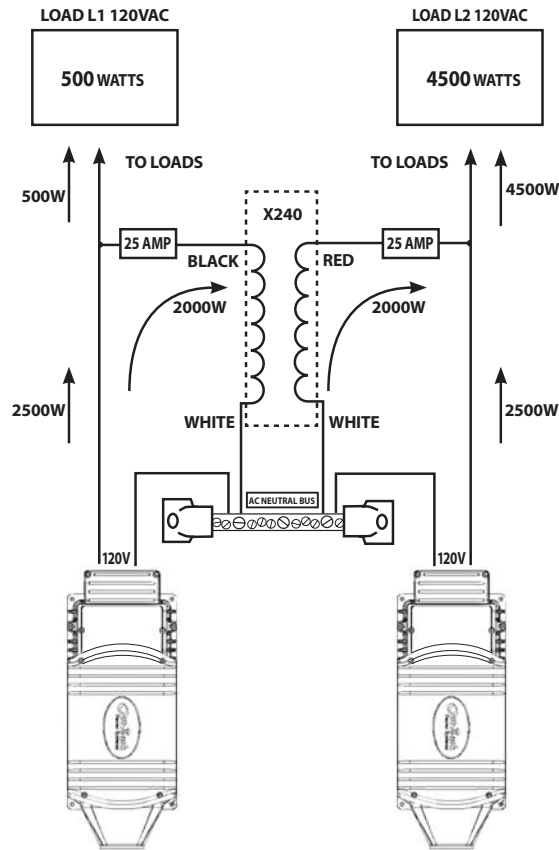


Figure 7: FW-X240 Installation Balancing Two FX Series Inverter/Chargers (OutBack Stacking)\*

- \* Figure 9 shows current flowing from the L1 FX through the FW-X240 to run in parallel with the L2 FX output. The L1 inverter is producing almost half of the power required to power the load on L2 and at the same time is supplying power to its own L1 load.
- When both FXs are awake and producing power, a 240 Volt load will be powered by both inverters equally.
- If there is less than 1000 watts on L1, then the L2 FX will go to sleep. The FW-X240 is still active and producing 240VAC.
- A small 240VAC load would be powered from the L1 inverter and the FW-X240.
- A large load turning on will wake up the L2 FX. The L2 inverter will go back to sleep as soon as the large load on L2 goes away.

**Note:** Systems with more than four FXs might require two FW-X240s in parallel and require 35 amp breakers as well.





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Telephone Number: _____		E-mail: _____		
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Company: _____		Contractor Number: _____		
Installer Address: _____		Installer City, State, Zip: _____		
Installer E-mail: _____				
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System Install/Commission Date: _____		Purchase Date: _____		
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FLEXware 500 DC	FLEXware PV 12	FW-IOB-D-120/240VAC	FW-IOB-Q-120/240VAC	
FLEXware 1000 AC		FW-IOB-D-120VC	FW-IOB-Q-230VAC	
FLEXware 1000 DC		FW-IOB-D-230VAC		
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