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# **Keystone Method:** for Battery Closed-Loop Comm Cable

#### Introduction

This describes the steps to modify a standard ethernet cable and with a new connector to build a closed loop communication cable between Fortress battery and inverter. This is required by the battery to inverter connector cross wiring. Please refer to the unique cross wiring for each specific inverter as described in the Inverter Integration Guide.

**NOTE:** The new connector is placed on the inverter side of the cable.

## Making a Battery to Inverter com cable

The following photos show the steps to build a Fortress eVault to Sol-Ark RS485 modbus cable.

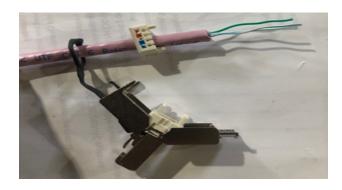
#### Step 1:

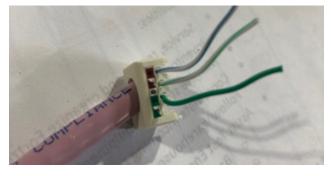
Cut cable and trim wires leaving the three Fortress Power com wires: eVault - green, white/green, white/blue eFlex – green, white/brown, brown



#### Step 2 & 3:

- Slide on connector and wire guide
- Position wires in their respective positions in the wire guide (make sure they are straight across) Carefully trim wires excess wires flush







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**Step 4:** Position wire guide on connector (only fits one way), close clamshell and zip tie



# Step 5:

Cable is ready to use. The new connector gets plugged into the inverter communication port. See our specific inverter guides for details on which port to use.

**NOTE:** On the new connector the tab to remove from socket requires you to pull back (standard connectors you squeeze).



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