

# Another Dynamic Book from Smead & Ishihara

***Living on 12 Volts with Ample Power*** by David Smead and Ruth Ishihara was first printed in 1988 and has enjoyed great popularity over the years because it encompasses a vast amount of electrical systems information that is presented in candid, understandable language. The novice is not overwhelmed and those with experience are not bored. The 1998 newly revised edition maintains the style of the original but the authors have added, “all the things we have learned over the years which have sped by since the book was first published.” A tremendous number of tables, charts, and other illustrations that enhance understanding of the text are included.

There is a marked increase in data concerning battery configurations. With the technological advances over the past several years, it is easier to determine the battery state-of-charge. Another important addition is a substantial section on battery charging. This section will be of interest to a great number of motorhome owners. The authors note that there is much misleading claims by charger manufacturers. Understanding the principles of charging will assist the consumer in pur-

chasing a charger and in getting maximum performance from a battery bank. Historically, this has been a confusing topic. In the numerous seminars Ed has presented at conventions and rallies, questions about batteries and battery charging have been the most common.

There is an expanded section on alternative energy systems that is useful for remote homes, boats, and RVs. Additionally, the authors have updated each and every chapter to be sure the data is current and relevant.

We believe this book should be in every RV owner's library—it provides the answers to many questions with no marketing hype. For more information about the authors and their other works, please see “Enlightening Energy Books” in the archives section of this web site.

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A review of the revised edition of this successful book, shows the authors have incorporated data about the latest technological advances while maintaining their easy to understand style.  
A “must read” for every RV owner.

