DIY Power Supply for Flashing & Coding

DIY for a very affordable power supply. Flashing can take a while, and it's very important that the voltage remains stable. The car can easily draw 30 or 40 amps while flashing, and a typical battery charger cannot supply that much steady current.

You can build your own power supply for under \$30 using an old server power supply. There's not much demand for obsolete server parts, so you can scoop them up cheap.

I used a **DPS-700EB** power supply for an obsolete Dell server. These power supplies are easily available for under \$20, and they can put out **65amps of clean power** at a voltage of your choosing.



Delta DPS-750EB PS Full Pinout

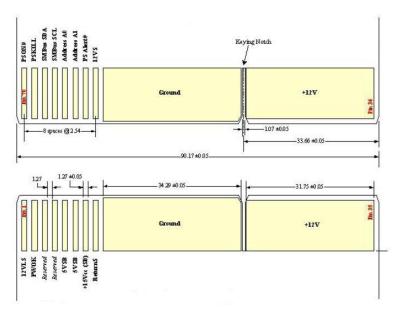
Connect PS ON and PS Kill to ground to power up.



| Description | Pin# | Pin# | Description |
|--|--|--|--|
| 12VLS | 1 | 70 | PSON# |
| PWOK | 2 | 69 | PSKill |
| Reserved | 3 | 68 | SMBus SDA |
| Reserved | 4 | 67 | SMBus SCL |
| 5VSB | 5 | 66 | Address A0 |
| 5VSB | 6 | 65 | Address A1 |
| 15Vcc (SB) | 7 | 64 | PSAlert# |
| ReturnS | 8 | 63 | 12VS |
| Ground | 9 | 62 | Ground |
| Ground | 10 | 61 | Ground |
| Ground | 11 | 60 | Ground |
| Ground | 12 | 59 | Ground |
| Ground | 13 | 58 | Ground |
| Ground | 14 | 57 | Ground |
| Ground | 15 | 56 | Ground |
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| Ground | 19 | 52 | Ground |
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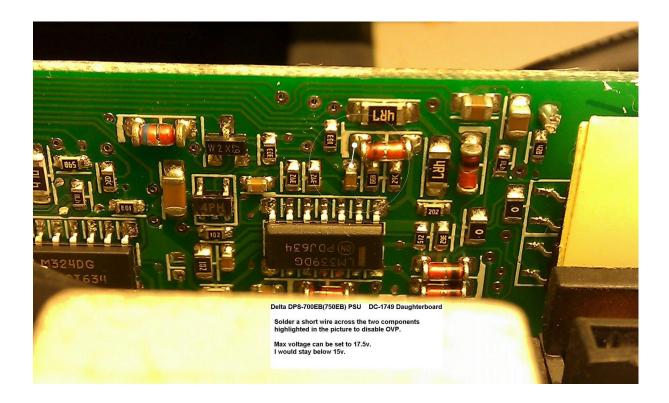


My power supply is attached to jumper cables, and it will put out exactly 14 volts and up to 65 amps.

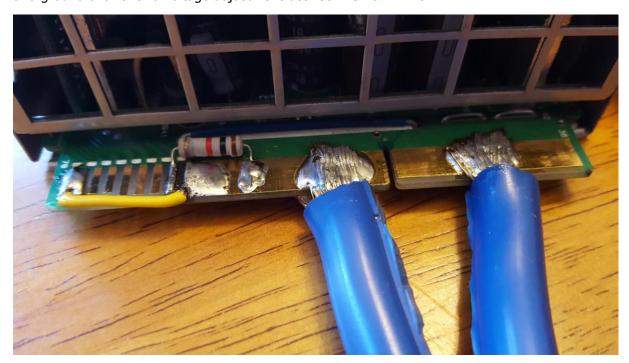
First you need to make the power supply turn on. That involves connecting the PSON# (pin70), PSKill (pin69), and ground (pin 53-62) together. I simply soldered a yellow jumper wire between the three pins to power it up.

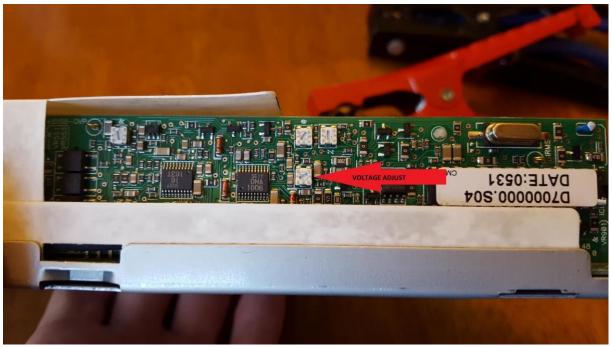


Upon plugging in the power supply, you should see the green light come on. If the light turns orange, the internal voltage is set above over-voltage protection. Since we need around 14v anyway, we will be disabling OVP. Simply solder a bridge between the pictured components.



Now we can set the voltage where we want it with a combination of resistors and adjustments to the internal voltage regulation pot. I found that a 1K-Ohm resistor soldered between 12VS (pin 63) and ground allows for a voltage adjustment between 13.75v-14.25v.





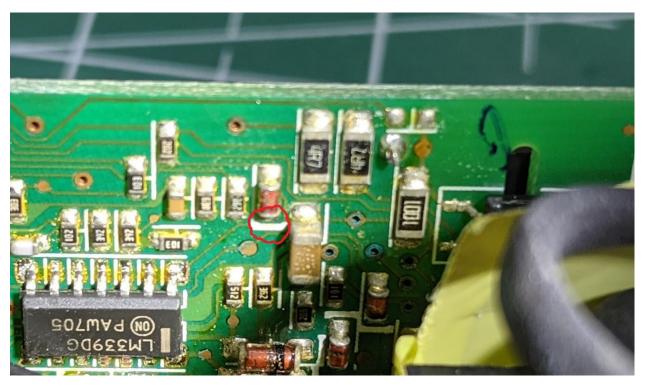
Now simply solder jumper cables to the positive and negative terminals, and test your power supply. I wrapped the exposed connections with electrical tape.

This is simply a guide, it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of yourself and your vehicle. Make sure you get the polarity correct. DON'T CONNECT IT BACKWARDS!

I've been having great luck with mine. It's small and light, stays cool, and the fan noise is reasonable. I've used mine for hours using ISTA-P, and it works perfectly. I've tried several other power supplies, but they were either too loud, too large, or they couldn't hold voltage under load. The DPS-700eb has worked fantastic for me. These are built to power computers, so they put out clean power.

Diabling OVP on a DPS750-EB (Rev A) w/ different daughterboard

I purchased a DPS-750EB (Rev A) on eBay with plans to do this project. I got to the point where I had to disable the over-voltage protection on the daughter board and noticed I had one different than what is in the OP. My **board was model number DC-2173** instead of DC-1749. You can see below that the diode is in a different location. I've circled the side you have to solder to. The large resistor next to it goes to ground, so it can be used.



Here you can see the bridge done. Pardon the crappy solder job, it's much smaller than it looks in the image. After that it worked as expected:

