

OPEN FRAME THREE-PHASE DIESEL GENERATING SET

PERKINS 230 kVA PRIME / 253 kVA STANDBY

50 Hz · 380–415 V · 0.8 pf
UK assembled open set · Model PL230

PRIME (PRP)

230 kVA

184 kWe

STANDBY (ESP)

253 kVA

202.4 kWe

CURRENT @ 400 V

332 A

per phase, 0.8 pf

ENGINE

1506A-E88TAG2

Perkins 8.8 L · 6 cyl T/CAC



A UK-assembled open-frame generating set built around the Perkins 1506A-E88TAG2 ElectropaK and a Leroy Somer TAL046C alternator. Configured as a dual-duty machine: Prime Power for continuous or variable-load site use, and Standby / Emergency Power for automatic mains-failure backup. The open skid is intended for plant rooms, compounds and weather-protected locations where maximum service access and a compact footprint are required.

RATINGS & ELECTRICAL OUTPUT — 50 HZ, 3-PHASE, 4-WIRE

Parameter	Prime PRP	Standby ESP	380 V	400 V	415 V	Notes
Apparent power	230 kVA	253 kVA	—	—	—	ISO 8528
Active power (0.8 pf)	184 kWe	202.4 kWe	—	—	—	Net electrical
Line current / phase	—	—	349.3 A PRP	331.9 A PRP	319.9 A PRP	At 0.8 pf
Standby current / ph	—	—	384.3 A ESP	365.1 A ESP	351.9 A ESP	At 0.8 pf
Frequency / speed	50 Hz	50 Hz	—	—	—	1,500 r/min
Voltage regulation	±1 %	±1 %	—	—	—	Steady state, AVR
Power factor	0.8 lag	0.8 lag	—	—	—	Standard 3-phase
Circuit breaker	400 A	400 A	—	—	—	3-pole MCCB + CTs

RATING DEFINITIONS

PRIME POWER (PRP) — ISO 8528-1

Unlimited running hours in a variable-load application in place of a mains supply. Average load factor over 24 hours not to exceed 70% of the PRP rating. A 10% overload is available for 1 hour in any 12 hours of operation.

STANDBY / EMERGENCY (ESP) — ISO 8528-1

Available under variable load in the event of a utility outage. No overload capability is permitted on the ESP rating. Typical annual utilisation is limited; intended for automatic mains-failure duty, not continuous baseload.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Industrial & manufacturing**
Process lines, workshops, batch plant, factories needing either prime site power or standby cover.
 - Healthcare & care**
Clinics, care homes and support services where a tested standby source is specified.
 - Agriculture & rural**
Grain stores, dairies, pumping and remote sites with limited grid capacity.
- Commercial buildings**
Offices, retail, hotels, data rooms and mixed-use sites with automatic mains-failure duty.
 - Construction & hire**
Open-set prime power for compounds, towers and temporary works (weather protection required).
 - Utilities & infrastructure**
Pumping stations, comms, water treatment and critical plant rooms.

PRIME AND STANDBY CONFIGURATION — SUPPLIED AS ONE DUAL-DUTY PACKAGE

This data sheet covers the OPEN generating set in both Prime and Standby duty. The mechanical package is common. Duty is selected at build: Prime sets include engine glow-plug / pre-heat for reliable cold starting on variable-load sites; Standby sets include a mains-powered coolant heater and mains battery charger so the set is always ready for automatic start on utility failure. Both duties use the Deep Sea 6120 Autostart / AMF controller, 400 A three-phase MCCB, tropical radiator and an 8-hour insulated bunded base fuel tank.

ENGINE — PERKINS 1506A-E88TAG2 ELECTROPAK

Manufacturer	Perkins Engines (UK design)	Gross power PRP	213 kWm / 286 hp
Model	1506A-E88TAG2	Gross power ESP	236 kWm / 316 hp
Configuration	6 cylinder, vertical in-line	Net power PRP	201 kWm
Cycle / combustion	4-stroke, direct injection	Net power ESP	223 kWm
Aspiration	Turbocharged, air-to-air CAC	Cooling	Liquid, tropical radiator
Bore × stroke	112 × 149 mm	Coolant capacity	30–33 litres (engine package)
Displacement	8.80 litres	Oil capacity	41 litres
Compression ratio	16.1 : 1	Electrical system	12 V DC negative earth
Rated speed	1,500 r/min (50 Hz)	Starting	Heavy-duty lead-acid battery
Rotation (flywheel)	Anti-clockwise	Combustion air (PRP)	approx. 14.4 m³/min
Governor	Mechanical	Exhaust flow (ESP max)	approx. 34.4 m³/min
Emissions class	Fuel-optimised	Max exhaust temp.	approx. 450–520 °C

FUEL CONSUMPTION — 1,500 R/MIN, PERKINS PUBLISHED DATA

Load point	g/kWh	Litres / hour	Approx. 8 h use	Duty reference
Standby (ESP)	—	51.5 L/h	—	Standby rating
100 % prime (PRP)	197	48.6 L/h	≈ 389 L	Full prime load
75 % prime	194	35.7 L/h	≈ 286 L	Typical average load
50 % prime	205	23.5 L/h	≈ 188 L	Light / standby test
25 % prime	—	≈ 13 L/h	≈ 104 L	Light load running

Fuel figures are engine manufacturer data at 1,500 r/min on distillate diesel to the relevant BS / EN specification, and will vary with site altitude, ambient temperature, fuel quality, load profile and installation. The standard base tank is an insulated bunded 8-hour tank with contents gauge, typically sized around 75 % prime load. Bulk tanks, bunded day tanks and automatic fuel-transfer systems are available.

ALTERNATOR — LEROY SOMER TAL046C

Manufacturer	Leroy Somer (Nidec)	Continuous rating 40 °C	230 kVA class (253 ESP)
Model	TAL046C	Frequency / speed	50 Hz / 1,500 r/min
Type	Brushless, 4-pole, self-excited	Voltage range	380 / 400 / 415 V star
Winding	2/3 pitch, 6-wire (12-wire opt.)	THD (no-load, typ.)	< 2.5 – 3.5 %
Bearings	Single bearing, SAE coupled	THD (linear load, typ.)	< 5 %
Insulation	Class H	Waveform THF / TIF	< 2 % / < 50
Enclosure	IP23, drip-proof, self-cooled	Overspeed	2,250 r/min
AVR (typical)	R150 shunt (±0.8 to ±1 %)	Altitude (std derate)	≤ 1,000 m asl

CONTROL, PROTECTION & ELECTRICAL PACKAGE

Controller	Deep Sea DSE6120	Circuit breaker	400 A 3-pole MCCB
Function	Autostart + AMF	Current transformers	Fitted as standard
Display	Back-lit LCD + LED alarms	Emergency stop	Set-mounted E-stop
Sensing	3-ph generator & 3-ph mains	Engine protection	HET, over/under speed
Current	Generator / load CTs	Electrical protection	V, Hz, I, battery
Modes	Stop / Manual / Auto / Test	Remote start	Input available
Event log	10 events (configurable)	Outputs	Fuel, crank, configurable
PC software	DSE Configuration Suite	Control voltage	12 V DC

DSE6120: automatic mains-failure start/return, 3-phase V / Hz / I monitoring, oil pressure, coolant temperature, fuel level, battery volts, hours-run, pre-heat and warning/shutdown protection. Configured by front panel or PC.

STANDARD SPECIFICATION — OPEN SET

- Perkins 1506A-E88TAG2 diesel engine with tropical radiator, fan and matrix guards, radiator drain valve
- Air, fuel and lubricating-oil filters; industrial exhaust silencer and flexible bellows
- Inboard anti-vibration mounts (AVMs) between engine/alternator and fabricated steel baseframe
- Leroy Somer TAL046C single-bearing alternator, Class H, IP23, AVR regulated
- Deep Sea 6120 Autostart / AMF controller with 3-phase generator and mains sensing
- 400 A three-phase MCCB with current transformers and set-mounted emergency stop
- 12 V DC control system and heavy-duty lead-acid starting battery
- Insulated bunded 8-hour base fuel tank with contents gauge
- High engine-temperature and over / under-speed protection
- Works test to ISO 8528 with test certificate issued with the set
- PRIME BUILD: engine glow plugs / cold-start aid for reliable starting on variable-load prime sites
- STANDBY BUILD: mains-powered engine coolant heater and mains battery charger so the set remains warm and the battery charged while on standby
- Open skid construction — no acoustic canopy — for plant-room or compound installation with free cooling airflow
- Powder-coated / industrial finish baseframe designed for forklift / sling handling points as built
- Operation and maintenance documentation pack
- UK assembly and pre-delivery inspection before despatch
- Free mainland UK delivery on the PL230 open set (offloading by others unless HIAB is specified)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS & SYSTEM UPGRADES

ACOUSTIC / SITE

Weather canopy or container conversion; residential silencers; attenuation packs; plant-room acoustic treatment advice.

ELECTRICAL

4-pole MCCB; motorised breaker; AMF / ATS panel; synch / load-share (DSE86xx class); earth-fault; dual voltage; socket kits.

FUEL

Bulk bunded tanks; automatic fuel transfer; polishing; water-in-fuel alarms; extended-run base tanks; HVO compatibility advice.

STARTING & HEATING

Additional battery set; battery isolator; jacket water heater upgrade; oil-sump heater; anti-condensation heater on alternator.

MONITORING

Remote monitoring & control — fuel, performance, alarms and start/stop from off-site; SMS / cloud options.

EMISSIONS / FUEL

Guidance on fuel-optimised operation, HVO blends and local planning / environmental constraints.

HYBRID / OFF-GRID

Battery storage, UPS and solar-hybrid packages to cut run hours and fuel on prime or remote sites.

INSTALLATION KIT

Flue / extract design, flexible exhaust, wall flashings, drip-trays, cable containment, plinth design.

INSTALLATION ENVELOPE, ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE

Set type	Open frame / skid (no canopy)	Design ambient	Tropical radiator (hot climate)
Typical L × W × H	Issued on GA drawing	Standard altitude	≤ 1,000 m (derate above)
Typical wet weight	Issued on GA drawing	Works test	ISO 8528 load test
Engine dry weight	approx. 950 kg (ElectropaK)	Genset standard	ISO 8528
Engine package L×W×H	approx. 1,900 × 900 × 1,250 mm	Alternator std.	IEC 60034 / ISO 8528-3
Fuel tank	8 h insulated bunded base	Engine std.	ISO 3046 / ISO 8528
Noise (open set)	Plant-room / compound use	Wiring	BS 7671 installation practice
Cooling air	Free inlet & discharge required	Handling	Fork / lift points as built

- Open sets are not weatherproof. They must be installed in a ventilated plant room, container or weather-protected compound with correct combustion-air, cooling-air and exhaust routes.
- Noise from an open set is significantly higher than a canopied machine. Where neighbours, planning or workplace noise limits apply, specify a silent canopy, container or acoustic room.
- Final dimensions, wet weight, tank litres, exhaust flange size and cable-entry details are confirmed on the general arrangement drawing issued with the quotation / order acknowledgement.
- Ratings are at 25 °C, 100 kPa, 30 % RH unless stated. Site derate applies for altitude, temperature and poorly ventilated rooms — GES Power Ltd will calculate this at survey.
- A 10 % overload on Prime is available for 1 hour in 12. Standby (ESP) has no overload. Do not apply ESP as a continuous rating.

Why specify GES Power Ltd

Family-run UK specialists in diesel generation. We do not just sell a skid — we size, build, deliver, install, commission and look after the set for its working life.

REASONS CLIENTS CHOOSE GES POWER LTD

1 One accountable UK partner

Supply, installation, electrical connection, commissioning and aftercare sit in one company. You are not passed between a seller, an electrician and a service agent when the set is on site.

2 Genuine Perkins-powered, UK-assembled sets

British-built Perkins and Caterpillar powered generators from small commercial units through to 2,000 kVA industrial machines. This 230 / 253 kVA open set is assembled and works-tested in the UK before it leaves.

3 Right-sized, not oversold

We design the package around your actual load, starting kVA, ambient, fuel strategy and budget. That avoids wasted capital, excess fuel burn and hire-set overspend.

4 Prime and standby from one platform

The same open set can be built for continuous / prime site duty or automatic standby. Glow plugs, coolant heaters, battery chargers, ATS and remote monitoring are selected to match how you will actually run the machine.

5 Turnkey installation nationwide

Site survey, plinth and location advice, HIAB offload and positioning, certified electrical installation to BS 7671, exhaust and extract systems, bulk fuel tanks and fuel-transfer, cable containment and making-good.

6 Commissioning that is more than a start-up

Functional testing of AMF / ATS, protection settings, load proving, customer training and a documented handover so your team know how to run, test and call for help.

7 Planned maintenance, not breakdown roulette

Prime and standby service schedules, genuine filters and parts, annual black-start / blackout tests and load-bank testing to prove the set still carries the building when the grid fails.

8 Repair, fault-finding and 24/7 support

Power cuts and failed starts do not keep office hours. Engineers operate nationwide from Chesterfield with common Perkins and control-system spares. Critical-site response is part of the offer, not an afterthought.

9 Life-extension and compliance support

Controller upgrades, remote monitoring, exhaust and extract redesign, fuel polishing, battery replacement, and help meeting insurer, healthcare and facilities-management test regimes.

10 Wider power systems, not just a diesel

ATS / AMF and synchronising panels, UPS, off-grid battery and solar-hybrid packages, and installation into vehicles or vessels. The generator can sit inside a larger resilience scheme.

11 Plain commercial terms

Clear quotations, free mainland UK delivery on this PL230 open set, and a family-run team you can actually speak to on 01246 380525. Established 2016 with more than twenty years' combined industry experience.

12 Return on the investment

Reduced downtime, fewer emergency hire invoices, lower fuel through correct sizing, and a maintained asset that holds value. The set is only half the product — the service wrap is the other half.

FULL SERVICE WRAP AVAILABLE WITH THIS GENERATING SET

Load assessment & kVA sizing

Site survey & plant-room design

Open or canopied build options

HIAB delivery & positioning

Certified electrical installation

AMF / ATS panel supply & wire-in

Exhaust, flue & extract systems

Bulk fuel tanks & transfer

Remote monitoring & telemetry

Training & documented commission

Planned service agreements

Load-bank & black-start testing

24/7 breakdown attendance

Genuine parts & service kits

Controller / ATS upgrades

Hybrid battery & off-grid packages

Talk to an engineer before you buy

Written for every type of client — facilities managers, contractors, farmers, healthcare estates and industrial engineers. If you are unsure about Prime versus Standby, open versus silent, ATS, exhaust routing or a service contract, call us. We will size the set and quote the installation as well as the machine.

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