

Here's a practical guide to **fuse sizes for campervan circuits**, based on common devices and wire sizes. Fuses are essential for **protecting your wires**, not your devices. So, you size the fuse based on the **wire's current capacity**, not just the appliance draw.

General Fuse Sizing Rule

Fuse rating = Less than or equal to the ampacity of the cable.

Campervan Fuse Size Chart

| Device/Appliance | Typical Current Draw | Recommended Wire Size | Suggested Fuse Size |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| LED lighting (strip) | 1–2 A | 1.0–1.5 mm ² / 18–16 AWG | 3–5 A blade fuse |
| USB charger | 2–5 A | 1.5 mm ² / 16 AWG | 5 A blade fuse |
| 12V fridge | 4–8 A | 2.5 mm ² / 14 AWG | 10 A fuse |
| Water pump | 5–10 A | 2.5–4 mm ² / 14–12 AWG | 10–15 A fuse |
| Diesel heater | 8–12 A startup, 1–2 A run | 2.5–4 mm ² / 14–12 AWG | 10–15 A fuse |
| Fan | 3–6 A | 2.5 mm ² / 14 AWG | 5–10 A fuse |
| Inverter (300–600W) | 30–60 A | 10–16 mm ² / 8–6 AWG | 40–60 A MIDI fuse |
| Inverter (1000W+) | 80–150 A | 25–50 mm ² / 4–0 AWG | 100–150 A MEGA fuse |
| Solar charge controller | Based on solar input | Match cable size | Match max current + 25% |
| Battery-to-fuse block | Depends on total draw | Match total load capacity | Add up branch fuses |

Tips for Fuse Selection

- **Never** fuse higher than the wire can safely carry. Use ampacity charts if unsure.
- Place fuses as **close to the battery** as possible.
- Use **blade fuses** for low-current circuits ($\leq 30\text{A}$), **MIDI** or **MEGA fuses** for high-current (inverters, batteries).
- Consider **resettable breakers** for convenience on large loads.