

Dual Voltage 4 Stage Automatic Battery Chargers

Operating Instructions
Please read these instructions before use



This new GSL Battery Charger is an award winning 4 Stage charger conditioner. Utilising Switchmode and microprocessor technology it is designed to charge 12 and 24 Volt Lead Acid batteries with automatic voltage selection. As a Lead Acid Battery Charger, the unit provides a safe and fast method of restoring discharged batteries and maintaining them via precisely controlled Bulk, Absorption, Float and Pulse stages.

The charger features a high operating efficiency of above 85% and virtually no power consumption during standby without a battery connected. The charger is fully protected against overload, short circuit, over temperature, reverse polarity connection, over voltage and also features a bulk charge timeout for additional safety. The charger is built in a compact and strong aluminium extrusion which can be easily secured to both vertical and horizontal surfaces and will be fully operational with voltages as low as 190Vac or as high as 260Vac. Before starting the charge cycle the battery voltages are evaluated to detect faulty batteries.

BULK MODE – This mode of the battery charger delivers bulk charging current regulated to 20Amps (for 12V) and 10Amp (for 24V) into the battery being charged. When the battery voltage rises to approximately 14.3V (for 12V) & 28.6V (for 24V) the battery is 70% recharged. The charger will switch automatically to Absorption Mode.

ASORPTION MODE – In this mode the battery charger output voltage is maintained at 14.3V (for 12V) or 28.6V (for 24V) until the current drops below a controlled threshold. The battery is brought up to a 90% recharge.

FLOAT MODE -- The voltage is reduced to 13.5V (for 12V) or 27V (For 24V) and maintained at that level with the charger supplying just enough current to maintain the battery at full capacity.

PULSE MODE – Periodic low current pulse to maintain maximum battery life.

Installation & Safety Precautions:

- a. This appliance is not meant for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision.
- b. During charging process, do not use a naked flame near a battery, due to gases emitted from the battery, which may ignite and explode.
- c. Never smoke or light cigarettes near a battery.
- d. Do not place tools on top of battery or allow tools to fall on battery.
- e. Always wear eye protection near a charging battery.
- f. Ensure a "well" ventilated area is used when testing or re-charging batteries.
- g. Ensure ventilation is adequate and venting holes are not obstructed. Inadequate ventilation may over-heat the unit and cause inefficient operation.
- h. The battery charger is intended for indoor use only. Do not expose it to extreme weather conditions e.g. rain or dampness.
- i. If skin or clothing comes into contact with acid, flush the area(s) with water immediately. Seek medical attention if necessary.
- j. The battery charger contains hazardous voltages. There are no user serviceable components inside. If the AC supply cord is damaged, in order to avoid a hazard it must be replaced by the manufacturer or its service agent or a similarly qualified person.

Should product require service, return it to place of purchase for warranty advice.

Procedures for Charging a Battery:

The chargers are intended for 12V/24V lead acid and Calcium batteries with a capacity ranging from 50AH to 250AH. DO NOT attempt to recharge non-rechargeable batteries or non lead acid based chemistries.

1. Remove filler caps (for unsealed batteries) from battery and check electrolyte levels in each cell. If the level is low then top up with distilled water.
2. It is recommended to remove the battery from the vehicle or, if this is not practical, then disconnect the leads. If the battery has to remain connected then the battery lead not connected to the chassis has to be connected first. The other connection has to be made to the chassis remote from the battery and fuel line. Ensure that the clips bite firmly and are the correct polarity (+ Pos to + Pos & - Neg to - Neg).
3. Connect the battery charger to the supply mains.
4. Wait a few seconds until the [CHARGE] LED starts flashing indicating the battery has been tested and the charge cycle has commenced. Either the [12V] or [24V] indicator LEDs will be illuminated corresponding to the battery voltage.
5. When the charging is completed the [CHARGE] led will stop blinking and you may then disconnect the battery.
6. The batteries can remain connected indefinitely to the charger which will alternate between FLOAT and PULSE modes for optimum long term battery maintenance.

NOTE: Colour coded clips are as follows : Red for (+) Positive pole and Black for (-) Negative pole.

Battery Charging Times:

The question of "how long will my battery take to re-charge?" is always asked. Firstly, the charge rate (CR) of a battery is rated in Amps and the battery capacity (C) in Amp Hours. The battery manufacturer for each battery type normally states this CR. As a rule of thumb, a lead acid battery generally should be charged under approximately 1/5 of C.

For example: if you have a 100Ah battery, the recommended charging current is: $100 / 5 = 20A$.

The majority of the battery capacity would normally be charged in 5 hours using a 20 Amp battery charger.

Similarly it would take approximately 10 hours to charge the battery with a 10 Amp battery charger.

****Please note the figures quoted above could vary depending on the battery condition.***



Do:

- ✓ Think Safety First.
- ✓ Do read entire instruction manual for your charger.
- ✓ Do regular inspection and maintenance periodically.
- ✓ Do recharge batteries immediately after discharge.
- ✓ Do buy the highest RC reserve capacity or AH (amp hour) battery that will fit your configuration.
- ✓ Do follow your batteries manufactures recommended maintenance schemes

Don't:

- ✗ Don't add new electrolyte (acid) to your battery. Only Distilled Water should be added.
- ✗ Don't place your equipment and vehicles into storage without some consideration in keeping the battery charged.
- ✗ Don't disconnect battery cables while the engine is running (your battery acts as a filter).
- ✗ Don't put off recharging batteries.
- ✗ Don't add tap water as it may contain minerals that will contaminate the electrolyte.
- ✗ Don't discharge a battery any deeper than you possibly have to.
- ✗ Don't let a battery get hot to the touch and boil violently when charging.

Specifications

Model	BC240-12202410
Input Voltage [VAC]	240 VAC
Input Current [ARMS]	3 ARMS
Bulk Charge Output [VDC±1%] (12V/24V)	14.5VDC/ 29VDC
Float Charge Output [VDC±1%] (12V/24V)	13.5VDC / 27VDC
Max Output Current	
Max Output Current [ADC±5%] (12V/24V)	20ADC /10ADC
Dimensions [mm] (L x H x W)	210mm X 65mm X 160mm
Weight [Kg]	1.8Kg
E.M.I	AS2064 GR.1 A
Safety Approval	Approval V071019 AS/NZS 3350.2.29
Protections	Over Temperature Over Current Short Circuit Reverse Polarity Bulk Charge Time-Out
Cooling	Via Fan, Load Activated
Efficiency (Typical)	85%
Stand By Power	Less than 1W
Battery Voltage required for start-up	16V (24V Mode) 8V (12V Mode)

