

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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# **AUTO CHARGE<sup>®</sup>** **3 STEP** **AUTOMATIC BATTERY CHARGER**

MODEL #091-127-XX-XX-(XXX)(XX)

3 YEAR WARRANTY

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# **INTRODUCTION**

The Auto Charge-3 STEP CHARGER, Model 091-127-XX-XX-(XXX)(XX) is a compact, completely automatic single channel battery charger designed specifically for periodic charging. Of rugged construction, the charger is made to withstand the shock and vibration encountered in vehicle mounted equipment. Utilizing components, which meet international safety standards, makes this charger ideal for worldwide applications.

# **BATTERY CHARGER FEATURES**

Completely automatic operation, charges battery on demand  
Output Voltage regulated, eliminates overcharging battery  
Output Voltage, temperature compensated (optional)  
Output, current limited to protect charger from overloading  
A 5-LED display indicating charge state and faults  
Reverse polarity protection

# **INSTALLATION**

The 3 STEP CHARGER should be installed in an area with adequate ventilation.  
Mount the charger using the four holes provided.  
Connect wiring from the battery to the output terminal strip.  
Double check battery wiring. Verify that the battery voltage appears at the charger output terminals (See Figure 2).

# **PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION**

A three-step lead acid battery charger operates in the three stages described below:

- 1) A discharged battery is recharged at a constant current (**bulk charge**) until its voltage reaches an overcharge level of 2.42 volts per cell (approximately 14.5 vdc for a 12V battery). At this time the charger will switch to Finish Charge. The battery accepts 75-85% of its capacity during bulk charge.
- 2) This overcharge voltage is now maintained constant at 2.42 volts per cell (**absorption or finish charge**) until the charge current tapers down to {battery capacity/35} amperes. For the 12 volt, 80 ampere charger this current is 11.9 amperes. The battery accepts 15-25% of its capacity during absorption charge.
- 3) Once the charge current reaches the tapered down value (see above), the voltage is set to a float voltage of 2.24 volts per cell (approximately 13.4 vdc for a 12V battery), and maintained at float charge. The battery is maintained at full charge during float charge, and the green indicator labeled "Battery Charged" is illuminated.

Figure 1 depicts the above described operation. Note that the term "absorption charge" is used interchangeably with "finish charge". Upon application of AC power, the charger is placed into bulk charge. When the charger switches to finish charge, a timer starts. In the event that the charge current did not taper down to approximately C/35 amperes after 2 ½ hours, the charger will automatically go to float charge, and a timeout will be indicated. This timeout indicator can indicate an old or leaky battery, or it can indicate that the charger is undersized for the battery being charged.

A battery fault indicator is provided to indicate the absence of a battery, a battery connected with reverse polarity, or a battery with an open circuit terminal voltage of less than 1.35 volts per cell.

# **TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION**

Temperature compensation is provided as an optional feature. A temperature probe is provided which can be placed in the air surrounding the battery or bonded to the battery case.

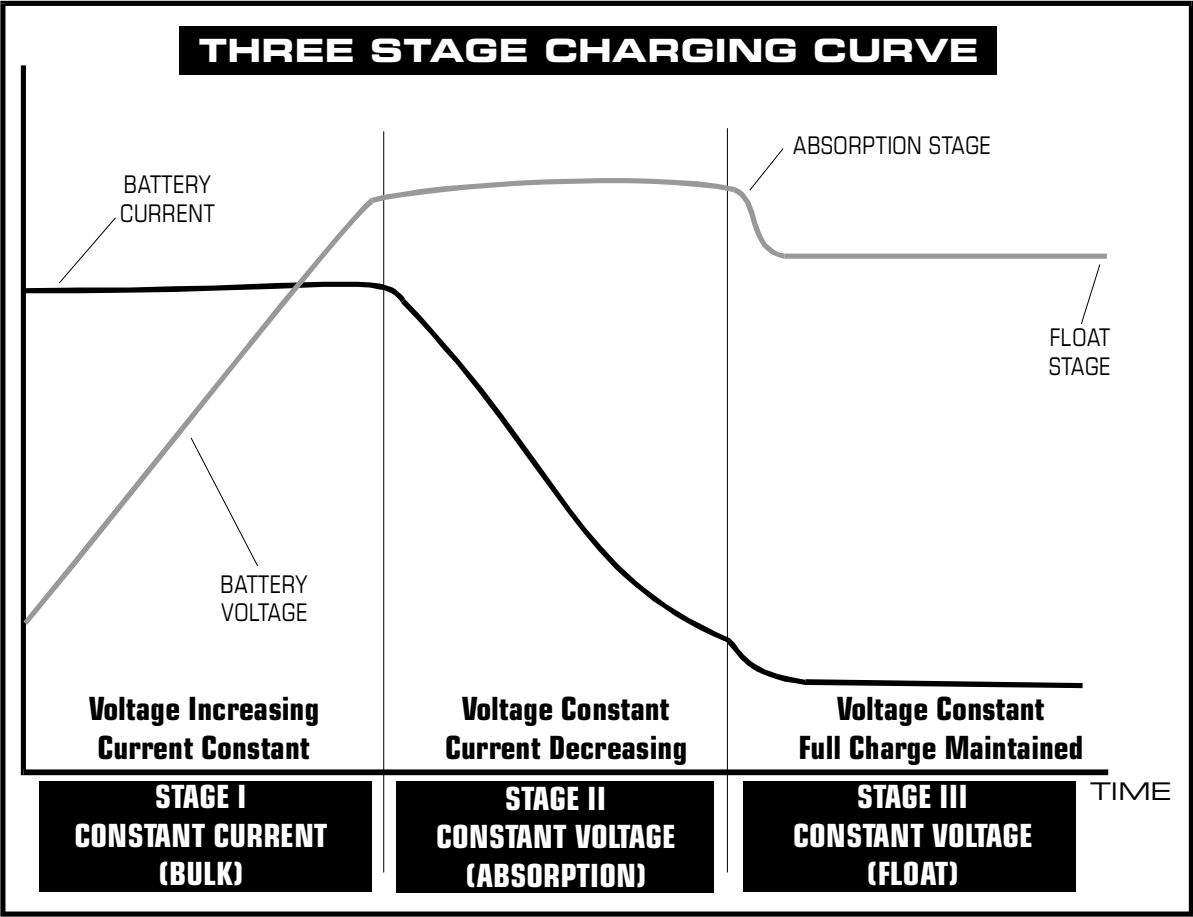


Figure 1

NOTE: This charger is designed to have its output voltage compensated for changes in Temperature. A switch on the circuit board selects whether the unit is operated in the compensated or uncompensated mode. WHEN IN THE TEMPERATURE COMPENSATED MODE THE THERMISTOR MUST BE CONNECTED. Operation without the thermistor while in the compensated mode will result in loss of voltage control and overcharging of the battery.

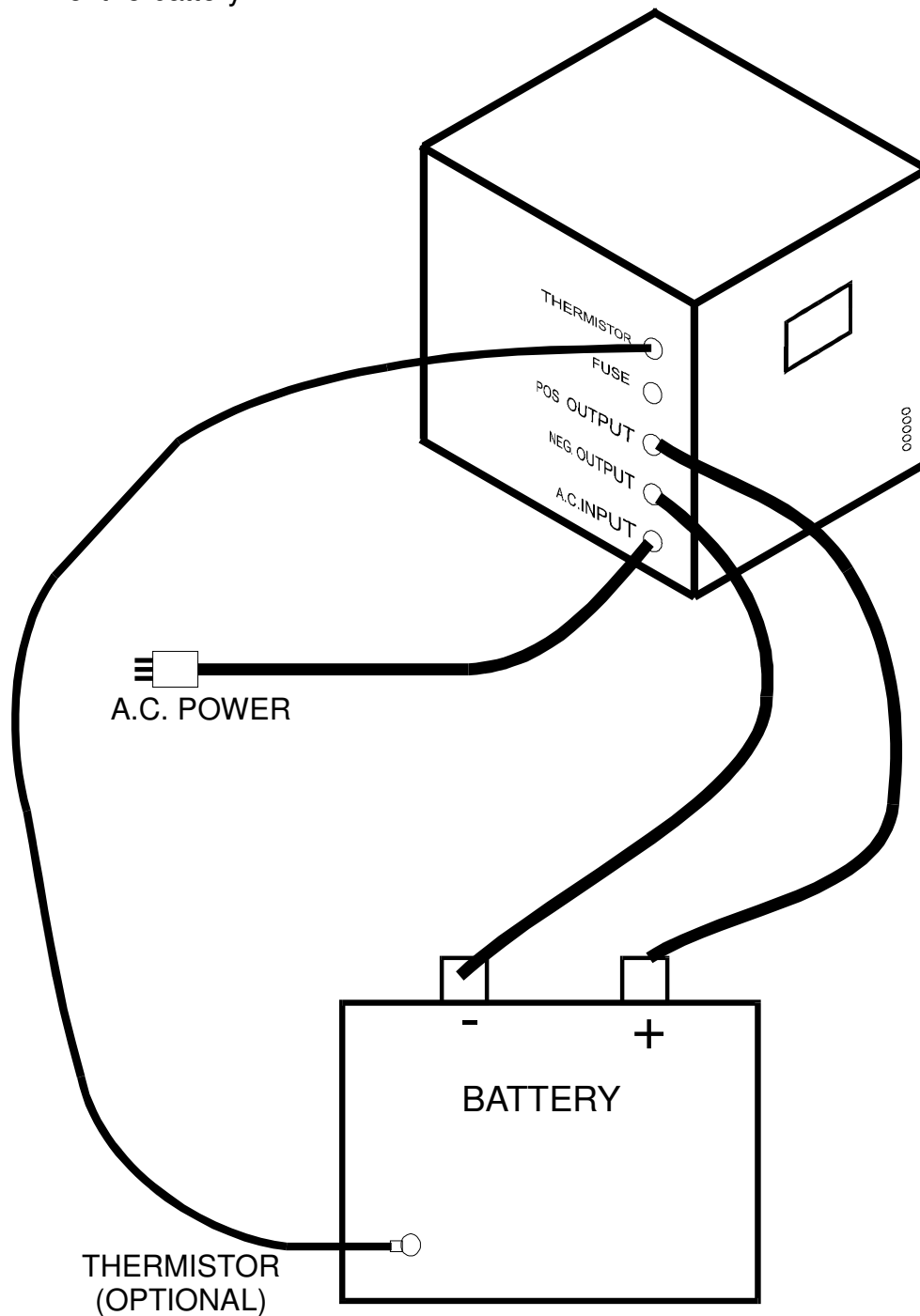


Figure 2

## INSTALLATION WIRING

# Specifications

**Input Power:& Fuse:** See Chart

**Output Power:** See Chart

**Charge Indicator:** See Chart

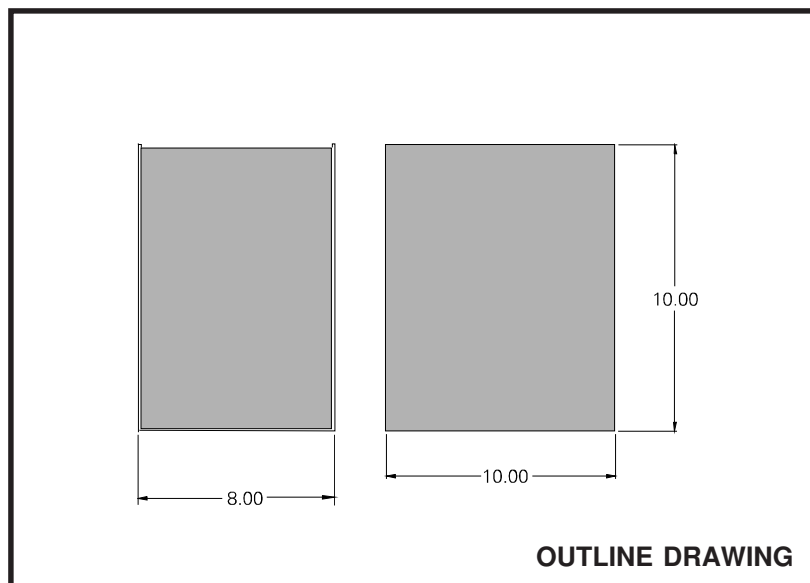
**Mode Indicators:** Battery Fault, Timeout, Bulk Charge, Finish Charge, and Battery Charged

**Recommended Battery Size:** See Chart

**Weight:** 65 pounds

**Temperature Compensation:** Add suffix "TC" to Model Number shown in Table below

Model Number	Input Power	Input Fuse	Output	Charge Indicator	Recommended Battery Size
091-127-80-12	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	12 Volts, 80 amps	100 Ampere	300 to 600 ampere-hours
091-127-40-24	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	24 Volts, 40 amps	50 Ampere	150 to 300 ampere-hours
091-127-32-30	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	32 Volts, 30 Amps	50 Ampere	110 to 220 ampere-hours
091-127-36-27	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	36 Volts, 27 Amps	50 Ampere	100 to 200 ampere-hours
091-127-48-20	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	48 Volts, 20 Amps	25 Ampere	75 to 150 ampere-hours
091-127-72-15	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	72 Volts, 15 Amps	25 Ampere	50 to 100 ampere-hours
091-127-96-12	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	96 Volts, 12 Amps	25 Ampere	45 to 90 ampere hours
091-127-120-10	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 Amps	25 amp Slow Blow	120 Volts, 10 Amps	25 Ampere	40 to 80 ampere hours
091-127-144-8	115 Volts 60 Hz, 20 amps	25 amp Slow Blow	144 Volts, 8 Amps	25 Ampere	30 to 60 ampere hours
091-127-80-12-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	12 Volts, 80 amps	100 Ampere	300 to 600 ampere-hours
091-127-40-24-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	24 Volts, 40 amps	50 Ampere	150 to 300 ampere-hours
091-127-32-30-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	32 Volts, 30 Amps	50 Ampere	110 to 220 ampere-hours
091-127-36-27-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	36 Volts, 27 Amps	50 Ampere	100 to 200 ampere-hours
091-127-48-20-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	48 Volts, 20 Amps	25 Ampere	75 to 150 ampere-hours
091-127-72-15-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	72 Volts, 15 Amps	25 Ampere	50 to 100 ampere-hours
091-127-96-12-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	96 Volts, 12 Amps	25 Ampere	45 to 90 ampere hours
091-127-120-10-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	120 Volts, 10 Amps	25 Ampere	40 to 80 ampere hours
091-127-144-8-230	230 Volts 60 Hz, 10 Amps	15 amp Slow Blow	144 Volts, 8 Amps	25 Ampere	30 to 60 ampere hours



# INSTALLATION RECORD & WARRANTY

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**Date Installed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Installed By** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Identification** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Owner** \_\_\_\_\_

## WARRANTY

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