# AUTO CHARGE LPC SERIES

# LOW PROFILE CHARGER





MODEL #: 091-207-24

INPUT: 120 Volt, 50/60 Hz, 7 Amps

**OUTPUT: 20 Amps** 

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3 YEAR WARRANTY



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

#### I. PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:

- Someone should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.
- Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, or eyes.
- Wear complete eye and clothing protection. Avoid touching your eyes while working near a battery.
   If battery acid contacts skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water. If battery acid enters the eye, immediately flood eye with cold running water for at least 10 minutes and get medical attention immediately.
- **NEVER** smoke or allow a spark or flame in the vicinity of the battery or engine.
- Be extra cautious to reduce the risk of dropping a metal tool onto the battery. It might spark or short-circuit the battery or other electrical part and cause a fire or an explosion.
- 7. Remove personal metal items such as rings, bracelets, necklaces, and watches when working with a lead-acid battery. A lead-acid battery, when shorted, can produce a current sufficient to weld a ring or the like metal causing a severe burn.
- Use the battery charger for charging gel-cell, AGM and flooded lead-acid batteries only. Do not use the charger for charging dry-cell batteries that are commonly used with home applications. These batteries
- may burst and cause injury to persons and damage to property.

  WARNING RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES: Working in the vicinity of a lead-acid battery is dangerous.

  Batteries generate explosive gases during normal battery operation.

#### **II. CHARGER PRECAUTIONS:**

- 1. **NEVER** charge a frozen battery.
- 2. Make sure the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over, or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
- Do not operate the charger with a damaged cord or plug; replace them immediately.

- Do not operate the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged. Do not disassemble the charger. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock and fire. To reduce the risk of electric shock, disconnect the charger from the AC source before attempting any maintenance or cleaning
- 7. LOCATION OF CHARGER: The charger should be mounted on a wall, vehicle floor, ventilated compartment or other suitable surface as close to the batteries to be charged as possible. Do not block the charger's fan or air intakes. Do not mount the charger directly over the batteries as fumes may cause excessive corrosion. The area should be well ventilated and free from excessive moisture, exhaust manifolds, and battery fumes. For maximum performance, the charger should not be located in an area of extreme high temperature. The charger is not waterproof. Do not mount the charger where there is a possibility of water entering the unit. Evidence of water entry into the charger will void the warranty.

  CAUTION: Do not attempt to increase battery bank capacity by splitting the output of one of the banks with a diode-type battery isolator. The diode isolator lowers the charger voltage and results in undercharging the batteries connected to it. If additional capacity is required it is preferable to add another isolated or parallel battery.
- isolated or parallel battery.

#### III. GROUND AND AC POWER CORD CONNECTION:

- The charger should be grounded via the AC power connection to reduce the risk of electrical shock. The charger must be plugged into or wired to an outlet that is an over-current protected 3 prong outlet. Alternatively, it may be routed through a separate dedicated fuse or circuit breaker on an AC distribution panel with proper earth/safety ground. All wiring shall comply with UL recommendations, NEC or NFPA standards and local ordinances. Never alter the AC cord or plug if provided. Any modification of the cord must only be done by a qualified electrician. Improper cord/outlet connection may result in a risk of electrical shock.
- Observe color coding of the AC wiring as follows:

CAUTION: (230 VAC applications only): If AC input is provide from a source consisting of two HOT or LINE leads (phase-to-phase 230 VAC input voltage); an external fuse or circuit breaker must be used to protect both hot leads.



## INTRODUCTION

The AUTO CHARGE LPC SERIES is a low profile, completely automatic, single channel battery float charger designed for vehicles with a single battery system. The LPC improves upon package size and parasitic systems. The charger is also ruggedized to withstand the shock and vibration encountered by vehicle mounted equipment.

## **FEATURES**

#### I. AUTO CHARGE BATTERY CHARGER

- Automatic current limiting
- Remote Battery charge/condition indicator display
- LED status indicators
- AUX output with AC or DC mode rocker switch and automatic fuse protection
- · Reverse polarity protected
- Dual AC input fuse protection

#### II. CHARGE CONTROLS & ELECTRONIC REMOTE SENSING

The Auto Charge LPC contains a precision voltage controller to maintain the battery's charge. Using high-frequency switching technology the output terminal voltage is compared to a reference voltage, any error detected is then used to control the charger output at the desired level. There is no "trickle charge" and therefore no danger of overcharging and water boil-off.

#### III. AUTOMATIC CURRENT LIMITING

When batteries are severely discharged, some battery chargers can be overloaded due to the high charging current required. The Auto Charge LPC contains an automatic current limit. The current limit feature limits the output current to 20 amperes when charging a deeply discharged battery, or if the starter cranks the engine while charging. The current limiter thus eliminates the need for an ignition interlock circuit.

## IV. BATTERY SELECTOR SWITCH (LEAD-ACID/AGM OR GEL-CELL)

Not applicable with this model.

## V. Remote Battery Charge Condition Indicator

This indicator shows the charge condition of the battery in 10-levels from "LOW CHARGE" to "FULLY CHARGED". This device indicates a defective battery when a bar graph does not rise to the "FULLY CHARGED" level after an extended period of charging. Note: If a battery is being charged with an external load of 4 to 10 amperes across its terminals, the bar graph may move down 1 or 2 levels. This does not indicate a defective battery



#### V. AUX OUTPUT

The output terminal strip provides an additional output to accomodate 24 volt accessories, such as: Kussmaul's 24VDC air pump. The AUX output works in conjunction with a front panel mounted rocker switch. For normal operation, the rocker switch should be left in AC mode, which means that the aux accessory works only when shoreline power is supplied to the charger. With the switch in DC mode the aux accessory will operate when AC power is ON or OFF. In either position the aux output operates from the vehicle's batteries, while the charger automatically recharges the batteries as required.

#### VI. AUX OUTPUT AUTOMATIC RESET FUSE

The LPC contains an internal manual reset fuse. Should the AUX output fuse open contact the factory for service

#### VII. LED STATUS INDICATORS

- **1. AUX ON**: Indicates that power to the AUX output terminal is ON.
- 2. AC ON: Indicates that AC input voltage is present. Note: Battery must be above 18 Vdc and of proper polarity.
- 3. BATTERY OK: Indicates a battery of proper polarity is connected to the charger output terminals.

## VIII. COOLING FAN

The LPC is fan cooled and automatically adjusts circulation depending on the current output and internal component temperature. Air is circulated from the rear panel fan and exhusted through the front panel. When the load current increases or the internal component temperature increases, the fan speed increases to allow greater air movement through the unit.

## **OPERATION**

#### I. BATTERY CHARGER OUTPUT

- 1. A discharged battery is recharged to roughly 90% or until the current tapers down to less than 2 amps. The ouput voltage never exceeds the float voltage, which is regulated from 0 to 20 amps (current-limit).
- 2. The charger will continue to charge the battery until the voltage at the battery reaches float voltage level.

#### II. AUX OUTPUT

- The AUX output is current-limited to 15 amps via an internal automatic reset fuse. The AUX output shares current demand with the battery output. The combination of both outputs never exceeds 20 amps. If the AUX output demands 15 amps then the battery output will be limited to 5 amps.
- 2. The AUX output voltage follows the battery output voltage.



### INSTALLATION

- 1. The Auto Charge LPC should be installed in a well ventilated area.
- 2. Mount the charger with the four holes provided.

## WIRING

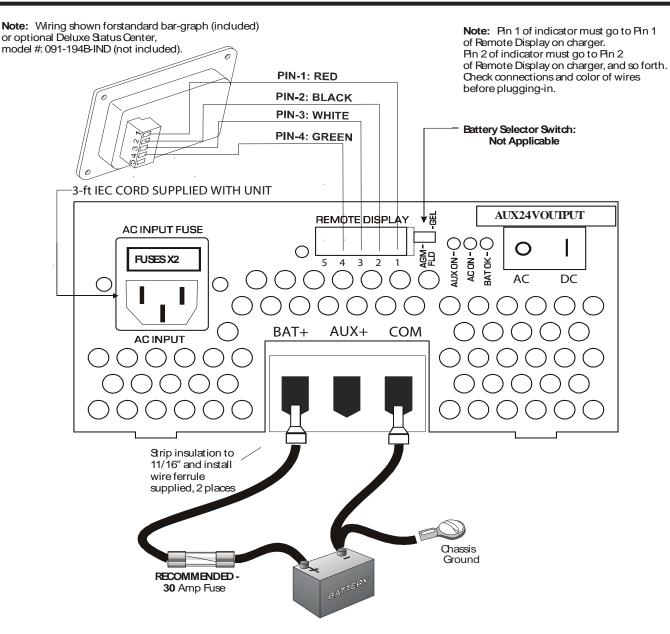
#### I. BATTERY CHARGER WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Refer to Installation Wiring Diagram.
- 2. Terminate #10AWG or larger cable wire using ferrule, (p/n FEY1012), included in hardware pack
- 3. Kussmaul Electronics recommends installing a 30 amp fuse or circuit breaker protection in line with the battery output. **Note: Fuse or circuit breaker protection should be placed near battery output terminal**.
- 4. Double check all wiring before applying 115 AC volts to input terminal. Verify that the battery voltage appears at the charger output terminals. Note: A minimum of 18 volts is required to start the charger.
- 5. Apply 115 VAC (shoreline power) to input terminal and observe that the charger is operating. The Remote Bar Graph need not be connected for the charger to operate.



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## INSTALLATION WIRING DIAGRAM



| WIRE SIZE CHART |                                    |           |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| CONNECTION      | DEFINITION                         | WIRE SIZE |
| СОМ             | NEGATIVE CHARGING LEAD             | 10 AWG    |
| BAT+            | POSITIVE CHARGING LEAD             | 10 AWG    |
| AUX+            | POSITIVE OUTPUT FORAUX             | 12 AWG    |
| INPUT           | ACINPUT POWER IEC CORD (SHORELINE) | 16/3 AWG  |

NOTE Minimum wire size on charger output and ground is #10 AWG For a length of 20 feet or longer #8 AWG is required. Smaller gauge wire may cause overheating of terminal. Use FEY1012 wire ferrule over wire to simplify insertion of wire into terminal strip and to improve connection. Additional information is available upon request.



## II. DELUXE STATUS CENTER, MODEL #: 091-194B-24-IND

- Indicator has a digital voltage and ampere display
- 5 segment bar graph display indicates output current
- 4 LED's to show the condition of the batteries



#### III. WATERTIGHT DELUXE STATUS CENTER, MODEL #: 091-194B-24-IND-WT-XX

- Indicator has digital voltage and ampere display
- 5 segment bar graph display indicates output current
- 4 LED's to show the condition of the batteries
- Indicator is housed in a watertight bezel
- Bezel is available in 6 different colors, Red, White, Blue, Yellow, Gray, and Black Specify color choice when ordering



## V. E-Z SLIDE MOUNTING PLATE, MODEL #: 091-200-EZM

- Locking mounting system
- Ease the installation and the removal of larger sized chargers that are in harder to access areas, such as under seats





## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Input Power: 115 volt, 50/60 Hz, 7 amperes

Input Fuse: (2) - 8 amp, fast acting, 5X20mm, Littlefuse p/n: 217008

AUX Fuse: 15 ampere, internal, manual reset, circuit breaker

Battery Selector Switch: Not Applicable

Output Current: 20 amperes max Torque: DC output connector: 20 in. lbs

Status Indicators: AUX On, Power On, and Battery OK

Hardware Pack Provided: (2) #10 AWG Yellow Ferrules, P/N: 091-TERFEY1012

(1) #12 AWG Gray Ferrule, P/N: 091-TERFEG1212

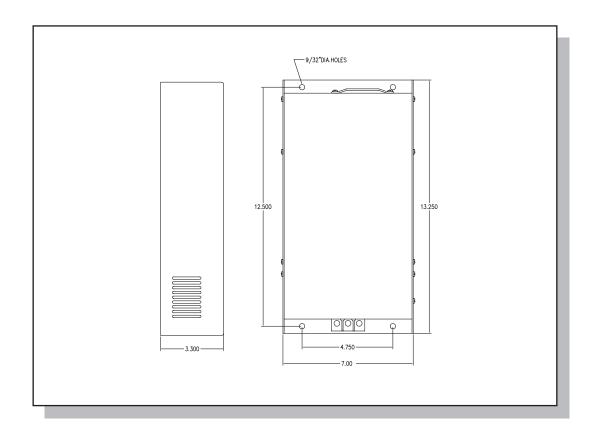
(1) 3-ft IEC cord

Charger Indicators: 091-200-IND: LPC Standard Remote Bar Graph indicator, included with

charger

Weight: 6 pounds

#### OUTLINE DRAWING





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## INSTALLATION RECORD

| DATE INSTALLED         |  |
|------------------------|--|
|                        |  |
| INSTALLED BY           |  |
|                        |  |
| VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION |  |
|                        |  |
| VEHICLE OWNER          |  |

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