

# AUTOMATIKLADER

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**THE I-U-CHARGING CONCEPT** charges the lead-battery with constant current of 800 mA (0,8A) until the end of charge voltage is reached for the respective battery. The charger recognises this and switches to constant current in order to adjust the charging current down (Maintenance charger). The battery charger is therefore maintained at an ideal level. As a result, the battery can be plugged into the charger for a longer period of time. This is the reason why this device is suitable for "over wintering". The plug charger is protected against overcharge and short-term short-circuit (<1min.). A protective circuit avoids charging in case of incorrect poling that could destroy the battery as well as the charger. Incorrect poling will be indicated by a red light.

### FEATURES

- For 2V, 6V and 12V lead batteries (Lead-gel, leadfleece or lead-acid)
- Electronic protection against short-circuits (< 1 min.) and incorrect polarity
- Automatic battery maintenance mode (Automatic refreshing of the battery after charging)
- Constant charging end voltage
- I/U charging characteristic
- No charging takes place when the battery is connected to the wrong polarity
- 3 LED status displays: Mains, charging, wrong polarity

### TECHNICAL DATA

- Operating voltage: 230 VAC/50 Hz
- Charging end voltage: 2.3 V, 6,9 V, 13,8 V max.
- Max. charging current 800 mA for lead batteries 1.2 – 63 Ah
- Protection class: IP20

## Warnings and safety instructions

Before using this device, please carefully read this manual and follow the instructions in it. It contains important information for the safe operation of the unit. The law requires that this manual contains important information for your safety and describes how the unit can be used safely, avoiding damages to the unit and other installments. The manufacturer cannot be made liable for damages resulting from negligent or intentional disregard of the instructions in this manual! This manual is a part of the device and should be kept in a safe place. To avoid malfunctions and damages, please pay attention to the following safety instructions:

- Repairs of the unit should only be performed by a specialist!
- Dispose of the packaging material that is not needed. Children might play with the plastic bags and risk suffocation.
- The unit and its components should not be handled by children and infants.



**Danger!** The unit should only be opened by a specialist. Detach the device from the mains before opening it. Opening the device will reveal components which have a live current and can be hazardous to your health when touched.

## 1. INTENDED USE

The device is designed for automatic charge and buffering of lead batteries with 2, 6 or 12V terminal tension. A sliding switch carries out the set-up of the battery voltage. Possible battery types are lead-gel, leadfleece or lead-acid-batteries. Primary batteries (zinc-carbon, alkaline, etc.) or other battery types must not be plugged in or charged. Another mode of operation other than the one specified is not allowed and results in the damage of the product. In addition, this is linked with dangers, such as short-circuit, firing, electric shock etc.

## 2. GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When handling electrical items, the VDE regulations need to be followed. Especially VDE 0100, VDE 0550/0551, VDE 0700, VDE 0711 and VDE 0860.

- Before opening the device, make sure that it is disconnected from the mains.
- Tools may only be used on the device or components, if it is ensured, that the

device has been disconnected from the mains and that all electric charges, that have been stored within the components, are discharged.

- Cables or leads connecting the device or connecting components within the device should be examined thoroughly for faults in the insulation.
- If a fault in the cables of the device is found, the device should immediately be removed from service until the defective cables have been replaced.

If the following manual does not fully describe function and safety precautions to a layman, or if the technical appliance is not clear, or if it is unclear which external devices may be attached and how to attach them, then it is vital to contact a specialist for advice. Before mounting this device and connecting the accessories, make sure, that this device is suitable for the intended use.

If there is any case of doubt or there are any questions, please contact specialists, experts or the manufacturers of the modules and components. Please note, that operating and connection errors are beyond our influence and that we cannot maintain warranty or be made liable for damages occurring thereof.

### **3. GETTING STARTED**

The charger may only be connected and used in well-ventilated, dry interiors as well as only in a small alternate current voltage of 230V/50 Hz. The position of operation is optional. The permissible ambient temperature must not exceed 50°C during operation. Please consider that operation and connection faults are beyond our sphere of influence. Understandably, we cannot assume liability for defects resulting from this.

The device may be used for the described purpose, if these operating instructions are observed:

- Before each initial operation, check the charger as well as its leads for damages.
- Do not operate the device during frost or danger of frost to avoid the formation of condensation water.
- Never connect your charger with the mains voltage if it is taken from a cold into a warm space. The condensation that is brought about may destroy or cause an electric shock under unfavourable conditions. Let the device adjust down to room temperature.

- Do not expose the device to rain or moisture to avoid a fire hazard and the danger of an electric shock.
- Do not allow liquids of any kind to penetrate into the device.
- Never cover the ventilation slots or housing.
- Do not place the device near hot air sources such as radiators or similar.
- Never charge batteries in a boat or watercraft. Take the battery out of the boat or watercraft before charging.
- In case of misuse (e.g. incorrect battery type or too long polarity reversal.) the battery can be overcharged or damaged. In the worst case, the battery can explode and can cause considerable damage.
- Keep the transmitters (mobile phones, transmitters for modelling etc.) away from the charger since the incoming sender radiation can result in the failure of the charging device or destruction of the charger and therefore the batteries.
- Handle the product carefully, thrusts, blows and dropping from even little height will cause damage. A faulty device must no longer be used and must therefore be disposed of.
- Do not expose the device to sunlight, strong dust formation, mechanic vibrations or thrusts.
- Never put or lead the charging cable near to inflammable materials. The charging cable may neither be kinked nor be led over sharp-edged parts.
- Ensure that no inflammable objects (wood, cloths, cleaning rags or similar) are placed near the device. The mains or charger leads must not be modified, extended or shortened. In addition, the leads must neither be bent, squashed nor be guided through square-edged parts.
- Live cables or lines, which are connected to the device, must always be tested before and after use for insulation faults or breakages.
- Immediately discontinue using the device, if an error is determined in the supply cable.
- If necessary, use an appropriate non-inflammable basis (e.g. a big, thick wall tile or flagstone).
- Only use the device outside of the vehicle.
- Only start using the device outside of the vehicle. Ensure that a secure and stable connection is established when connecting the battery charging clamps.
- Never use in the case of adverse ambient conditions. Adverse ambient conditions are: Ambient temperatures below  $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  or above  $+50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,

combustible gases, solvents, vapours, dust, air humidity above 80 % as well as wetness.

- The device may only be used in dry and closed rooms.
- Do not leave packaging lying around; It can become a dangerous toy for children. Danger of suffocation!
- This product is not meant for playing, it must be kept away from children. Children are not able to estimate the danger when dealing with electric devices.

**NOTE:** The device may only be used for charging and maintainig of lead-gel, leadfleece or lead-acid-batteries! Non-charcheable batteries can not be charged with this charging device!

## **MALFUNCTION**

If it can be assumed that a safe operation of the device is no longer possible the device must be disconnected, removed and secured against unintentional use immediately. This applies if:

- The device shows any signs of damage.
- The device is no longer functional.
- Parts of the device are loose or disconnected.
- The connecting wires show signs of damage.
- There are smoke emissions or penetration of liquids etc.

If the device needs to be repaired, only the original spare parts may be used. The use of other components or components with different values can cause damages and be hazardous. A repair of the device may only be carried out by a specialist.

## **4. DANGER**

Danger by reverse polarity, short-circuit and contact with battery acid – always observed the safety instructions of the lead battery manufacturer.

**Caution!** Battery acid is extremely corrosive. Immediately treat acid splashes on skin or clothes with a soap solution and rinse with lots of water. Acid splashes in the eye must be immediately rinsed with lots of water; consult a physician immediately.

## 5. BEFORE INITIAL OPERATION

- Before each initial operation, check the charger as well as its leads for damages.
- Do not start using the device under any circumstances if the protecting insulation of the mains or charger leads is damaged (squashed, ripped down or ripped off).
- Never work with the charger in spaces or unfavourable environment conditions that contain or may contain inflammable gases, smoke or dust.
- Never cover ventilation slots or containers.
- Do not place the device near hot air sources such as radiators or similar. Do not expose the device to sunlight, strong dust formation, mechanic vibrations or thrusts. Do not use the device near or on easily inflammable materials. If necessary, use an appropriate non-inflammable basis (e.g. a big, thick wall tile or flagstone).
- Do not place or guide the mains or charger leads near inflammable materials.
- Ensure that no inflammable objects (wood, cloths, cleaning rags or similar) are placed near the device. The mains or charger leads must not be modified, extended or shortened. In addition, the leads must neither be bent, squashed nor be guided through square-edged parts.
- Current conducting cables or leads that are connected with the device, must be checked for insulation faults such as points of rupture, squashing or bending before and after using the device. In case of fault detection (damage) of the cable, the device must be disposed of immediately.
- Only start using the device outside of the vehicle. Ensure that a secure and stable connection is established when connecting the battery charging clamps.
- Never deep charge the batteries to avoid damage of the batteries.

### Operating note

The device heats up when operating. Make sure there is sufficient ventilation. The case must not be covered. Never charge lead batteries in a closed container. When charging sufficient ventilation must be ensured and open fire must be avoided.

Before charging batteries with liquid acid, open the closing plug of the individual cells. Air the battery case for 2 minutes so inflammable gases can volatilise. Check the liquid level when charging and, if necessary, refill it. In addition, check the liquid regularly in case of longer charging time (hibernation). Use safety goggles. Do not spill lead-acid-batteries. Avoid any kind of contact with the battery liquid since it can cause serious burns. In case of contact, wash off the contact spot (skin, clothes etc.) immediately with plenty of water to dissolve the battery acid. Always see a doctor in case of skin contact. Keep recharging lead-acid-batteries from time to time, at least every 3 months, if stored for a longer period of time to prevent deep discharge. Never bypass the battery contacts. When connecting the batteries, it is necessary to consider the polarity and the charging instructions of the respective battery manufacturer.

## 6. CHARGING

1. First of all, set up the cell voltage at the back of the device (2/6 or 12V).
2. Place the charger in a mains socket (230 V~). The green LED "net" (**Netz**) lights up if there is a mains voltage.
3. Connect the battery with the correct polarity. Red polarity clamp on positive pole, black polarity clamp on negative pole. The charging process starts automatically. The yellow charging display "Charge" (**Laden**) is lit up as long as a charge current flows.
4. If the red display „Reverse polarity“ (**Verpolt**) lights up, check the polarity of the battery terminal clamps immediately and change them.

### AFTER CHARGING

Disconnect the charger from the mains. Pull the plug and not the cable. In case you interrupt the charging process of a battery which is built-in in a vehicle, always disconnect the battery cable from the body, followed by the other battery cable (inverse order compared to connecting the battery).

**ATTENTION!** Stop the charging process in case of defective battery.

Signs of a defective battery:

- Smell of gas in the room
- Different temperatures of individual cells when touching the battery
- Mechanic and thermal deformation of the battery case or charger.
- Different liquid level in the cells or liquid leakage.

## 7. DISCONNECTION OF CHARGING PROCESS

The charger is provided with an automatic switch-off control that ends the charging process automatically once the charging end voltage is reached and switches automatically to the conservation-charging mode. The yellow charging display switches off in the conservation-charging mode or if the charge current falls under 80mA.

The device is characterised by the following properties:

- short-circuit and reverse-polarity protection
- Constant charging end voltage
- No charging if battery is connected with reverse-polarity
- Charging is only carried out if the battery is connected correctly
- Visual display, for net, charging and reverse-polarity

As opposed to common chargers, the charge current of this automatic charger does not represent a precise value and depends on various factors. This includes e.g. the charge condition of the battery, the battery age, type or capacity. In addition, it is important how much the battery was discharged before. If the battery was extracted a lot of current, a high initial charge current will take place at the beginning (max. 0,8 A) that will diminish after a short time. This means with increasing voltage of the battery, the charge current decreases. The charging time, until the charging end voltage is reached, depends on several parameters, e.g.

- the capacity (Ah, the bigger the longer the charging time)
- the battery type
- the charging condition of the battery (full, partly charged, flat),
- the ambience temperature
- the general condition (age) of the battery.

The charging time is based on the above parameters and can roughly be calculated according to the following formula (for a rough time estimation):

$$\text{Charging time (in hours [h])} = \frac{\text{Capacity of the battery in Ah}}{\text{Charge current 0,8A}} \times 1,4$$

Example: Lead-gel-battery 12 Ah, flat

$$\frac{12\text{Ah}}{0,8\text{A}} \times 1,4 = \text{the charging time amounts to approx. 21 h}$$

Towards the end of the charging process (battery is full), the yellow LED "Charging" usually switches off. Older or high-capacity batteries may show an extremely high self-discharge (approx. 1% of the battery capacity) and the plug connector may not recognize this elevated conservation charge current as a completed charging cycle (yellow LED-display is not switched off). In this case the plug connector works as a buffer to compensate the selfdischarge of the battery.

Generally, as for more recent batteries, the LED switches off once the battery is fully charged. Batteries of different capacities can be charged, bigger batteries have a longer charging time whereas smaller batteries have a shorter one. As far as the charging process is concerned, it does not make any difference whether the battery is partly or fully discharged. The batteries may also remain connected to the charger, the ambience temperature should not exceed approx. 50 °C. If by accident the battery is poled incorrectly when being connected to the charger, this will be signaled by a red LED "reversepoled" and the charge current will be switched off automatically.

## **8. WARRANTY**

We grant warranty of 2 year for this product. The warranty includes the repair of defects which result clearly from incorrect materials or manufacturing mistakes. For damages caused by not following the instructions the warranty will be stated void. For consequential damages resulting thereof, no liability can be taken! For safety and licensing reasons (CE) the unauthorized conversion and/or modification the device is forbidden. Further claims are excluded.

In the event of defects which occur as of delivery within the legal guarantee period of two years, you have the legal right of subsequent fulfillment (either: rectification of the defect or delivery of a new product) and – if the legal prerequisites are met – the legal rights of reduction or withdrawal and additionally compensation for damages. Detected deficiencies are to be reported immediately. Proof of purchase must be provided. For reasons of safety and licensing (CE) it is not allowed to modify the unit. Any additional claims are excluded.

We accept neither responsibility nor liability for any damages or consequential damages in connection with this product. We reserve the right to repair, supply spare parts or return the purchase price.


In case of the following criteria the warranty does not apply neither will we repair the product:

- changing and own repairing of the product
- changes of the switches
- during the construction not planned outsourcing of components
- destruction of the PCB and soldering spots
- overcharging of the product
- defects resulting from operations of external persons
- defects resulting from not paying attention to the manual or drawings
- connection to wrong current
- connection to wrong polarity
- wrong operation or defects from misuse
- defects due to wrong or manipulated fuses
- using components other than the original components


In all these cases the device will be returned at your expense.

## 9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



This product must not be disposed of through normal household waste at the end of its durability, but handed in at a collecting point for recycling of electrical and electronic devices. This is shown by the  picture on the product, the manual or the packaging. The materials are recyclable according to its labeling. By doing this you are making an important contribution to the protection of our environment.



As an end consumer you are obliged by law (battery regulation) to return all used batteries and chargers, a disposal through household waste is not permitted. Toxic batteries/chargers are characterized  with appropriate symbols pointing out the interdiction of the disposal through household waste.

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