

West Marine®

15 Amp Portable Smart Battery Charger



USER'S MANUAL & WARRANTY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION, SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY, USER MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL. THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE OPERATION AND WARRANTY OF THIS PRODUCT. PLEASE RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

1. **RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GAS MIXTURES — WORKING IN VICINITY OF A LEAD-ACID BATTERY IS DANGEROUS. BATTERIES GENERATE EXPLOSIVE GASES DURING NORMAL BATTERY OPERATION. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT EACH TIME BEFORE USING YOUR CHARGER, YOU READ THIS MANUAL AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY.**
2. To reduce risk of battery explosion, follow these instructions and those published by the battery manufacturer and manufacturer of any equipment you intend to use in vicinity of battery. Review cautionary markings on these products and on engine.
3. This equipment employs parts (switches, relays, etc.) that produce arcs or sparks. Therefore, if used in a garage or enclosed area, the unit **MUST** be placed not less than 18 inches above the floor.

Battery Safety

1. Use of an attachment not recommended or sold by the battery charger manufacturer may result in a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
2. To reduce risk of damage to electric plug and cord, pull by plug rather than cord when disconnecting charger.
3. An extension cord should not be used unless absolutely necessary. Use of an improper extension cord could result in a risk of fire and electric shock, and will void warranty.

If an extension cord must be used, make sure:

- a. that pins on plug of extension cord are the same number, size, and shape as those of plug on charger;
 - b. that extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition; and
 - c. that wire size is AWG#16 (16 gauge) for 100 feet and AWG#14 for distances over 100 feet.
4. Do not operate charger with damaged cord or plug — take to a qualified technician for replacement of the plug or cord immediately.
 5. Do not operate charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged in any way. Call Technical Support toll-free at (800) 618-5178.
 6. Do not disassemble charger; take it to a qualified service technician when service or repair is required. Incorrect re-assembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire, and will void warranty.
 7. To reduce risk of electric shock, unplug charger from outlet before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off controls without unplugging will not reduce this risk.
 8. Do not expose charger to rain, snow or use when wet.

Personal Safety

1. Another person should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.
2. Fresh water and soap should be nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, or eyes.
3. Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection. Avoid touching eyes while working with a battery. Acid, acid particles or corrosion may get into eyes. Immediately flood eye with cold water (Eye Wash Station) for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
4. If battery acid contacts skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water. If redness, pain or irritation occurs, seek immediate medical attention.
5. NEVER smoke or allow a spark or flame in vicinity of battery or engine.
6. Be extra cautious to reduce the risk of dropping a metal tool onto battery. This might cause sparks or short-circuit the battery or other electrical part, which can cause 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 can produce a short-circuit current high enough to cause a severe burn.
8. Use charger for charging a LEAD-ACID battery only. It is not intended to supply power to a low-voltage electrical system other than in a starter-motor application. Do not use the battery charger for charging dry-cell batteries that are commonly used with home appliances. These batteries may burst and cause injury to persons and damage property.
9. NEVER ATTEMPT TO CHARGE A FROZEN BATTERY.

Power Cord Safety

Charger should be grounded to reduce risk of electric shock. Charger is equipped with an AC cord having equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a properly installed and grounded 110/120 volt AC outlet in accordance with all local codes and ordinances (see Figure 1A)

Figure 1A

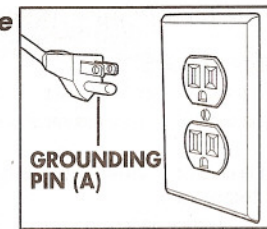
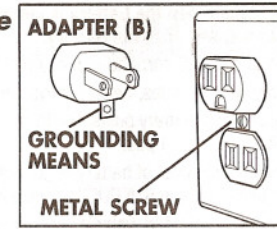


Figure 1B



If a properly grounded outlet is not available, a temporary adapter (like the adapter shown in Figure 1B) may be used to connect this plug to a two-pole receptacle. The temporary adapter should be used **ONLY** until a properly grounded outlet can be installed by a qualified electrician.

DANGER — Before using an adapter as illustrated, make certain that the center screw of outlet plate is grounded.

The green-colored rigid ear or tab extending from adapter must be connected to a properly grounded outlet. **MAKE CERTAIN IT IS GROUNDED.** If necessary, replace original outlet cover plate screw with a longer screw that will secure adapter ground tab to outlet cover plate and connect to grounded outlet.

WARNING

NEVER alter AC cord or plug. If it will not fit, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician. Improper connection may result in an electric shock.

Note: Use of an adapter is not allowed in Canada. If a grounding type receptacle is not available, do not use this appliance until the proper outlet has been installed by a qualified electrician.

Preparing to Charge

1. Ensure battery to be charged is 12 volt nominal lead acid type.
2. If it is necessary to remove battery from vehicle to charge, or to clean terminals, always remove grounded terminal from battery first. Make sure all accessories in the vehicle are off, so as not to cause an arc.
3. Clean battery terminals. Do not allow corrosion to come in contact with eyes.
4. Add distilled water in each cell until battery acid reaches level specified by battery manufacturer. This helps purge excessive gas from cells. Do not overfill. For a battery without cell caps (maintenance free), carefully follow manufacturer's charging instructions.
5. Study all battery manufacturer's specific precautions, such as removing or not removing cell caps while charging, and recommended rates of charge.
6. Area around battery should be well ventilated while battery is being charged. Gas can be forcefully blown away by using a piece of cardboard or other nonmetallic material as a fan.
7. Make sure the initial charging rate does not exceed battery manufacturer's requirement.

Charger Location

1. Locate charger as far away from battery as cables permit.
2. NEVER place charger directly above battery being charged; gases from battery will corrode and damage charger.
3. NEVER allow battery acid to drip on charger when reading gravity or filling battery.
4. NEVER operate charger in a closed-in area or restrict ventilation in any way.
5. Marine batteries must be removed and charged onshore.
6. Do not set a battery on top of charger.

DC Connection Precautions

1. Connect and disconnect DC output clamps only after removing AC cord from electric outlet.
2. Never allow clamps to touch each other.
3. Attach clamps to battery chassis as indicated in "Battery Installed in Vehicle" steps 5 and 6, and in "Battery Outside of Vehicle" steps 2, 4 and 5. This charger is not designed for marine onboard charging applications.

Follow these steps when the battery is installed in a vehicle. A spark near the battery may cause an explosion. To reduce risk of a spark near the battery:

1. Position AC and DC cords to reduce risk of damage by moving engine parts.
2. Stay clear of fan blades, belts, pulleys, and other parts that can cause injury to persons.
3. Check polarity of battery posts. The RED POSITIVE (POS, P, +) battery post usually has larger diameter than the BLACK NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) post.
4. Determine which post of battery is grounded (connected) to the chassis. If NEGATIVE post is grounded to chassis (as in most vehicles), see 5. If POSITIVE post is grounded to the chassis, see 6.
5. For negative-grounded vehicle, connect POSITIVE (RED) clamp from battery charger to POSITIVE (POS, P, +) ungrounded post of battery. Connect NEGATIVE (BLACK) clamp to vehicle chassis or engine block away from battery. Do not connect clip to carburetor, fuel lines, or sheet-metal body parts. Connect to heavy gauge metal part of the frame or engine block.
6. For positive-grounded vehicle, connect NEGATIVE (BLACK) clamp from battery charger to NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) ungrounded post of battery. Connect POSITIVE (RED) clamp to vehicle chassis or engine block away from battery. Do not connect clip to carburetor, fuel lines or sheet-metal body parts. Connect to a heavy gauge metal part of the frame or engine block.
7. When disconnecting charger, disconnect AC cord, remove clamp from vehicle chassis, and then remove clamp from battery terminal.
8. Do not charge the battery while the engine is operating.
9. See operating instructions for length of charge information.

Follow these steps when the battery has been removed from a vehicle. A spark near the battery may cause an explosion. To reduce risk of a spark near the battery:

1. Check polarity of battery posts, the Positive posts (marked POS, P, +) usually has a larger diameter than the Negative battery post (marked NEG, N, -).
2. Attach a 24-inch (minimum length) 6 AWG insulated battery cable to the Negative battery post (marked NEG, N, -).
3. Connect the Positive (RED) battery clamp to the Positive battery post (marked POS, P, + or red).
4. Stand as far back from the battery as possible, and do not face battery when making final connection.
5. Carefully connect the NEGATIVE (BLACK) charger clamp to the free end of the battery cable connected to the negative terminal.
6. Set the charge rate to appropriate setting according to battery size.
7. When disconnecting charger, always do so in reverse sequence of connecting procedure and break first connection while as far away from battery as practical.

Note: A marine (boat) battery must be removed and charged onshore. To charge it onboard requires equipment specially designed for marine use. This unit is NOT designed for such use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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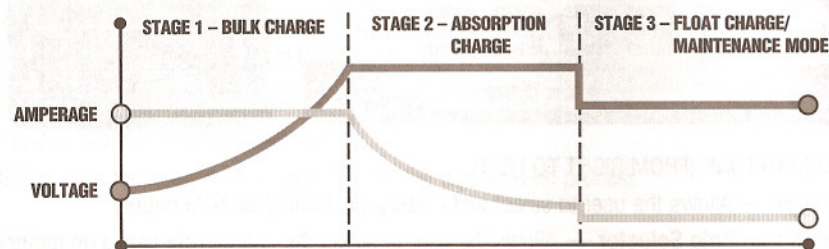
INTRODUCTION

Thank you for selecting the **West Marine 15 Amp Portable Smart Battery Charger**. With proper care and use, it will give you years of dependable service. This battery charger has a high charge rate of up to 15 amps, and low charge rate of 2 amps. It is designed for charging only 12 volt lead-acid, maintenance-free, marine deep cycle and gel batteries.

West Marine Battery Chargers feature 3-stage, high-efficiency charging technology, built-in microprocessor control that ensures fast, safe and complete charging of serviceable batteries.

Charge Curve

3 STAGE BATTERY CHARGING



Stage One — Bulk Charge at 15 amps delivers maximum charging amperage to “wake up” any serviceable 12 volt battery and allows for quick engine starting in just 3½ minutes (based on a midsize vehicle battery at 50% charge level). When battery reaches a maximum safe predetermined voltage, the charger will automatically signal a “beep” and move into Stage 2 of the charging process.

Stage Two — Absorption Charge maintains the maximum possible charge at a constant, safe, predetermined voltage. During this phase, the charging voltage remains constant, while the actual charging current is reduced to allow for the maximum proper internal chemical energy transfer. At the end of Stage 2, the charger will automatically move into Stage 3 charge mode.

Stage Three — Float Charge — voltage is automatically maintained and reduced to a predetermined level while current is adjusted for a safe, effective battery charge. At the conclusion of Stage 3, the unit will BEEP signaling the completion of the charging cycle.

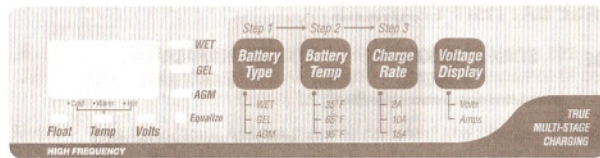
The Automatic Float Charge feature is ideal for maintaining a battery. It automatically tops off battery as needed, to keep battery fully charged all the time.

FEATURES

- This unit has three charge rate settings, accessed by the Charge Rate Selector button:
 - a) 2 amps: smaller batteries, as in personal watercraft, snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc.
 - b) 10 amps: mid-sized batteries, as in small cars and boats
 - c) 15 amps: automobiles and light trucks and boats
- Manual Temperature Compensation
- Battery type selection
- Digital diagnostics
- Digital display
- 3-stage, high-frequency switch mode automatic rapid charging
- Spark resistant reverse polarity and short circuit protection for user
- Lightweight, high efficiency design
- Cables and clamps self-stored
- Microprocessor control (Digital Smart Control)/High frequency power
- Compensates for low AC from extension cord use
- Equalization function

Controls and Indicators

CONTROL PANEL



DIGITAL READOUT CIRCULATING PATTERN



FUNCTION BUTTONS (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT):

Battery Type — Allows the user to select wet battery, gel battery or AGM battery.

2/10/15 Charge Rate Selector — Allows the user to select the charge rate based on battery size. This selection and actual battery charge rate are monitored by the microprocessor and will stop charging if the rate is too fast or too slow for battery size or condition.

Temp — Manual selection for current environmental temperature. Suggested settings are: Cold: 32—60° F; Warm: 60—85°; Hot: 85—104°.

Voltage Display — Enables a check that measures the battery voltage and displays it for 3 seconds.

INDICATORS:

Large (.375") 3-Character Digital Display in the upper left of the control panel indicates the various conditions and/or status codes:

Status Codes are described in the following chart and on side of the charger.

When connected to an AC outlet, digital display shows circulating pattern to indicate power is on. Disconnect AC to charger after use.

CODES

F 0 1	INTERNAL SHORTED CELL BATTERY — <i>Cannot be charged, bad battery. Replace battery.</i>
F 0 2	BAD BATTERY CONNECTION — <i>Check battery connection or BATTERY VOLTAGE TOO LOW TO ACCEPT CHARGE — Bad battery. Replace battery.</i>
F 0 3	INTERNAL OPEN CELL — <i>Bad battery. Battery needs to be replaced or SULFATED CONDITION — Battery needs to be reconditioned for 24 to 48 hours. See owner's manual.</i>
F 0 4	OVERTIME CONDITION — <i>Battery is not fully charged after 18 hours of continuous charging. Battery may have internal damage and needs to be replaced or BATTERY CHARGE RATE IS SET TOO LOW — Set charger to higher charge rate. See owner's manual.</i>
F 0 5	OVERHEATED CONDITION — <i>Disconnect charger and allow to cool for 30 minutes, check for ample ventilation.</i>
F 0 6	REVERSE POLARITY CONNECTION — <i>Check to ensure correct polarity. Ensure red clip connects to system positive.</i>
0 0 0	CHARGER STANDBY
F U L	BATTERY FULLY CHARGED, CHARGER IN MAINTENANCE MODE

For additional information on these codes, refer to your owner's manual.

CONTROL PANEL LED INDICATORS:

WET — lights when battery type selector is on WET battery type

GEL — lights when battery type selector is on GEL battery type

AGM — lights when battery type selector is on AGM battery type

Float Charge — lights when automatic charge monitoring is active

BUTTON (BELOW THE DIGITAL DISPLAY):

Equalizing — a recessed button used to start the equalization process.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ensure that all installation and operating instructions and safety precautions are understood and carefully followed by anyone installing or using the charger. Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual.

Note: For a battery located in marine craft, always remove battery from vessel and place battery on ground in an environmentally safe location before using unit.

Charge Rate Selection

After charger clamps are correctly connected, plug in the charger to a 120 volt AC outlet. The charger will show a circulating pattern on the Digital Display, indicating power has been applied. Select the proper charge current rate based on battery size. Press the Charge Rate Selector button and the charger will begin charging at 2 amps. Pressing the Charge Rate Selector button again will advance the charge rate to 10 amps, and again to 15 amps. Pressing the switch again will turn OFF the charger output and the display will show "000".

Note: The only time the selected charge rate does not display at the full selected rate is when the battery is nearly full and charging at either step two or three. The display will show a reduced charge rate. To return to 2A, press the Charge Rate Selector button. When the battery is fully charged, the charging complete and "FUL" is displayed on the Digital Display.

⚠ WARNING

If Digital Display shows "F02" and the Fault indicator lights, the connection to the battery terminals is bad. Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect, clean battery terminals, then reconnect.

If Digital Display shows "F06", the Red (Positive) and Black (Negative) clamps are incorrectly connected to battery terminals. Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect, then reconnect in correct polarity.

Charging the Battery

1. Press Battery Type selector until desired battery type LED lights.

Note: The default selection is "GEL" type battery.

2. Press Charge Rate Selector button to begin charging at the 2 amp rate; the unit sounds a beep and the charging current LED lights. The charger starts charging at 2 amp rate automatically if Charge Rate Selector button is not pressed within 3 minutes after applying AC power.

Charger occasionally sounds a beep and displays "0.0" during self-test or charging stage changes.

3. Pressing the Charge Rate Selector button again advances charging rate to 10 amps and pressing once more advances charging rate to 15 amps. (Pressing the button again will turn OFF the charger output and the Display will show "000".) This selection and actual battery charge rate are monitored by the microprocessor and the unit will stop charging if the selected rate is too fast or too slow for battery size or condition.

As the battery nears full charge capacity, the unit's output will automatically drop to a lower charge rate.

4. Pressing the Charge Rate Selector button repeatedly advances to standby mode; the unit sounds a beep, displays "000" and stops charging. The battery charger displays the charge current. To view the battery voltage, press VOLTAGE DISPLAY button. The charger will sound a beep and display the battery voltage for 3 seconds, then returns to displaying the charge current.
5. The display shows "FUL" when the battery is fully charged.
6. Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect.

Automatic Float Charging

Automatic Float Charging is ideal for maintaining a fully charged battery.

1. Keep the AC power and battery connected after battery is fully charged.
2. The charger monitors the battery and tops it off as needed.
3. The Float Charge indicator lights.
4. The display shows charge current when topping off the battery and returns to "FUL" when completed.
5. To view battery voltage, press the Voltage Display button.

Notes: Charging can be terminated by pressing the Charge Rate selector repeatedly until the display shows "000." After AC power interruption, charging restarts at 2 amp rate automatically.

⚠ WARNING

If battery size is not known, charge at the 2 amp rate.

Equalizing

Equalizing is the process by which the fluid in each of a battery's cells is equalized. This process occurs after charging is complete.

⚠ WARNING

- NEVER TRY TO EQUALIZE A GEL OR AGM CELL. THE RESULTING EXPLOSION COULD CAUSE PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH.
- Remove or disconnect the vehicle's battery when equalizing.

The frequency at which the equalization process needs to be run depends on the use of the battery. The more the battery is used, the more undercharged it becomes; thus the more frequently the battery should be equalized.

1. Do not use this mode on sealed or valve regulated batteries. This mode is only meant for wet (unsealed/vented) batteries.
2. Make sure there are no flammable sources near the recharging sight.
3. Wear safety glasses, gloves and protective clothing.
4. Remove battery from vehicle. MAKE SURE THAT THE BATTERY HAS GOOD VENTILATION. The process causes the release of hydrogen and oxygen. An accumulation of these gases presents a real danger of explosion.
5. Open the battery cap, if removable.
6. Fill the battery with distilled water according to the manufacturer's instructions. Since batteries may rapidly bubble while being charged, remember to refill (only with distilled water) after the equalization process is complete and the voltage is back to normal.
7. Follow the steps in the "Charging the Battery" section on page 4 of this manual.
8. Push the Battery Type Selector Switch until "WET" is displayed. (This mode will only work if a WET battery is selected.)
9. Choose the correct charge rate and start charging. You can check the battery voltage by pushing the Voltage Display button. This will trigger the Voltage Display indicator button.
10. Push the Equalize button at any time and the battery will automatically begin to equalize in 4 amp limited current. Note that in order to push the recessed button you will need a small pin or ballpoint pen.

11. Every hour, the temperature should be checked by touching the battery. If the battery is hot to the touch, stop the charging and allow the battery to cool.
12. The voltage rises, but does not go over 15.3v to 16.2v (2.55-2.7v per cell) depending on ambient temperature, it will automatically adjust.
13. The "WET" LED flashes while the charger is in equalize mode.
14. The digital readout will show "FUL" when the equalization process is complete.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

With proper care and minimal maintenance, the **West Marine 15 Amp Portable Smart Battery Charger** will provide years of dependable service. For maximum performance, manufacturer recommends:

- After each use, clean the battery charger clamps — be sure to remove any battery fluid that will cause corrosion of the copper clamps.
- Clean the outside case of the charger with a soft cloth and, if necessary, mild soap solution.
- Do not allow liquid to enter the charger. Do not operate when charger is wet.
- Keep the charger cords loosely coiled during storage to prevent damage to the cords.

⚠ WARNINGS

- **Do not use charger if cords or clamps have been damaged in any way — call Technical Support toll-free at (800) 618-5178.**
- **There are no user-serviceable parts in this unit.**
- **Do not open the unit. In the event of malfunction, it must be returned to manufacturer for professional testing and repair. OPENING THE UNIT WILL VOID THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY.**
- **Perform care and maintenance ONLY after unit is disconnected from any power source.**

TROUBLESHOOTING

Display Indications/Common Problems/Possible Solutions

No Functions

- Check and make sure the charger is plugged into a live 110/120 volt AC outlet.
- Follow the steps outlined in the Operating Instructions section.

F01 — Internal Shorted Cell Battery

If the battery being charged has an internal shorted cell, the F01 will show. We recommend taking your battery to a certified battery service center for evaluation.

F02 — Bad Battery Connection or Battery Voltage Too Low to Accept Charge

When F02 appears, the most common cause is poor connection to battery.

- Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect AC cord and clamps, clean battery terminal and reconnect.
- If the situation persists, we recommend taking your battery to a certified automotive service center for evaluation.

F03 — Sulfate or Unchargeable Battery

Appears when the battery is highly sulfated and cannot accept normal charge current.

- Follow the steps in "Equalizing" to equalize the battery.
- If the situation persists after reconditioning and equalizing, we recommend taking your battery to a certified automotive service center for evaluation.

F04 — Overtime Condition

Appears when charging time exceeds 18 hours. You may be using a charge current rate too low for a large battery. Select higher charge rate to charge the battery.

F05 — Overheated Condition

The ventilation grill that prevents the air from flowing in and out of the charger may be blocked.

- Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect AC cord and clamps, allow the unit to cool for 30 minutes and reconnect.
- Make sure there is ample ventilation before resuming operation.

F06 — Reverse Polarity

The connections to the battery's POSITIVE and NEGATIVE terminals are incorrect. Follow the steps outlined in "Important Safety Instructions" at the front of this manual to disconnect AC cord and clamps and reconnect to battery with correct polarity.

Charging a Very Cold Battery

If the battery to be charged is very cold (in temperatures below freezing — 0°C/ 32°F), it cannot accept a high rate of charge. The initial charge rate will be low. The charge rate will increase as the battery warms. Never attempt to charge a frozen battery.