

OPERATOR'S MANUAL / MANUAL DEL USUARIO

DieHard®

12V Battery Charger & Engine Starter

Cargador de baterías 12V y arranque de motor



Model / Modelo:
28.71322

CAUTION:

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SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

ATENCIÓN:

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1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

- 1.1 SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –**
This manual contains important safety and operating instructions.
- 1.2** Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.
- 1.3** 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.
- 1.4** To reduce the risk of damage to electric plug and cord, pull by the plug rather than the cord when disconnecting charger.
- 1.5** An extension cord should not be used unless absolutely necessary. Use of improper extension cord could result in a risk of fire and electric shock. If an extension cord must be used, make sure:
 - That the pins on plug of extension cord are the same number, size and shape as those of plug on charger.
 - That extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition; and
 - That wire size is large enough for AC ampere rating of charger as specified in the section 8.
- 1.6** Do not operate charger with damaged cord or plug – replace the cord or plug immediately.
- 1.7** Do not operate charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged in any way; take it to a qualified serviceman.
- 1.8** Do not disassemble charger; take it to a qualified serviceman when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire.
- 1.9** To reduce risk of electric shock, unplug charger from outlet before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off controls will not reduce this risk.
- 1.10 WARNING: RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES.**
 - a.** 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 YOU FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EACH TIME YOU USE THE CHARGER.
 - b.** To reduce risk of battery explosion, follow these instructions and those published by battery manufacturer and manufacturer of any equipment you intend to use in vicinity of battery. Review cautionary marking on these products and on engine.
- 1.11** Pursuant to California Proposition 65, this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

2. PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 2.1** Consider having someone close enough by to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.
- 2.2** Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, or eyes.
- 2.3** Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection. Avoid touching eyes while working near battery.
- 2.4** If battery acid contacts skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water. If acid enters eye, immediately flood eye with running cold water for at least 10 minutes and get medical attention immediately.
- 2.5** NEVER smoke or allow a spark or flame in vicinity of battery or engine.
- 2.6** Be extra cautious to reduce risk of dropping a metal tool onto battery. It might spark or short-circuit battery or other electrical part that may cause explosion.
- 2.7** 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 weld a ring or the like to metal, causing a severe burn.
- 2.8** Use charger for charging 12V lead-acid and AGM-type rechargeable batteries only. It is not intended to supply power to a low voltage electrical system other than in a starter-motor application. Do not use 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 to property.
- 2.9** NEVER charge a frozen battery.

3. PREPARING TO CHARGE

- 3.1 If necessary to remove battery from vehicle to charge, always remove grounded terminal from battery first. Make sure all accessories in the vehicle are off, so as not to cause an arc.
- 3.2 Be sure area around battery is well ventilated while battery is being charged.
- 3.3 Clean battery terminals. Be careful to keep corrosion from coming in contact with eyes.
- 3.4 Add distilled water in each cell until battery acid reaches level specified by battery manufacturer. Do not overfill. For a battery without removable cell caps, such as valve regulated lead acid batteries, carefully follow manufacturer's recharging instructions.
- 3.5 Study all battery manufacturer's specific precautions while charging and recommended rates of charge.
- 3.6 Determine voltage of battery by referring to car owner's manual and make sure that output voltage selector switch is set at correct voltage. If charger has adjustable charge rate, charge battery initially at lowest rate.

4. CHARGER LOCATION

- 4.1 Locate charger as far away from battery as DC cables permit.
- 4.2 Never place charger directly above battery being charged; gases from battery will corrode and damage charger.
- 4.3 Never allow battery acid to drip on charger when reading electrolyte specific gravity or filling battery.
- 4.4 Do not operate charger in a closed-in area or restrict ventilation in any way.
- 4.5 Do not set a battery on top of charger.

5. DC CONNECTION PRECAUTIONS

- 5.1 Connect and disconnect DC output clips only after setting any charger switches to "off" position and removing AC cord from electric outlet. Never allow clips to touch each other.
- 5.2 Attach clips to battery and chassis, as indicated in the sections 6 and 7.

6. FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN BATTERY IS INSTALLED IN VEHICLE

A SPARK NEAR THE BATTERY MAY CAUSE A BATTERY EXPLOSION. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A SPARK NEAR THE BATTERY:

- 6.1 Position AC and DC cords to reduce risk of damage by hood, door, or moving engine part.
- 6.2 Stay clear of fan blades, belts, pulleys, and other parts that can cause injury to persons.
- 6.3 Check polarity of battery posts. POSITIVE (POS, P, +) battery post usually has larger diameter than NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) post.
- 6.4 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.).
- 6.5 For negative-grounded vehicle, connect POSITIVE (RED) clip from battery charger to POSITIVE (POS, P, +) ungrounded post of battery. Connect NEGATIVE (BLACK) clip 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 gage metal part of the frame or engine block.
- 6.6 For positive-grounded vehicle, connect NEGATIVE (BLACK) clip from battery charger to NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) ungrounded post of battery. Connect POSITIVE (RED) clip 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 gage metal part of the frame or engine block.
- 6.7 When disconnecting charger, turn switches to off, disconnect AC cord, remove clip from vehicle chassis, and then remove clip from battery terminal.
- 6.8 See *Operating Instructions* for length of charge information.

7. FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN BATTERY IS OUTSIDE VEHICLE

A SPARK NEAR THE BATTERY MAY CAUSE A BATTERY EXPLOSION. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A SPARK NEAR THE BATTERY:

- 7.1 Check polarity of battery posts. POSITIVE (POS, P, +) battery post usually has a larger diameter than NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) post.
- 7.2 Attach at least a 24-inch-long 6-gauge (AWG) insulated battery cable to NEGATIVE (NEG, N, -) battery post.
- 7.3 Connect POSITIVE (RED) charger clip to POSITIVE (POS, P, +) post of battery.
- 7.4 Position yourself and free end of cable as far away from battery as possible – then

connect NEGATIVE (BLACK) charger clip to free end of cable.

- 7.5 Do not face battery when making final connection.
- 7.6 When disconnecting charger, always do so in reverse sequence of connecting procedure and break first connection while as far away from battery as practical.
- 7.7 A marine (boat) battery must be removed and charged on shore. To charge it on board requires equipment specially designed for marine use.

8. GROUNDING AND AC POWER CORD CONNECTIONS

This battery charger is for use on a nominal 120 volt circuit and has a grounded plug. The charger must be grounded to reduce the risk of electric shock. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances. The plug pins must fit the receptacle (outlet). Do not use with an ungrounded system.

DANGER: Never alter the AC cord or plug provided – if it does not fit the outlet, have a proper grounded outlet installed by a qualified electrician. An improper connection can result in a risk of an electric shock or electrocution.

NOTE: Pursuant to Canadian Regulations, use of an adapter plug is not allowed in Canada. Use of an adapter plug in the United States is not recommended and should not be used.

USING AN EXTENSION CORD

The use of an extension cord is not recommended. If you must use an extension cord, follow these guidelines:

- Pins on plug of extension cord must be the same number, size, and shape as those of plug on charger.
- Ensure that the extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition.
- Wire size must be large enough for the AC ampere rating of charger, as specified:

Length of cord (feet)	25	50	100	150
AWG* size of cord	18	16	14	14

*AWG-American Wire Gauge

9. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Remove all cord wraps and uncoil the cables prior to using the battery charger.

10. CONTROL PANEL

BATTERY TYPE SELECTOR

Use this switch to select the type of battery.

- **AGM** – The Absorbed Glass Mat construction allows the electrolyte to be suspended in close proximity with the plate's active material. In theory, this enhances both the discharge and recharge efficiency. The AGM batteries are a variant of Sealed VRLA (valve regulated lead-acid) batteries. Popular uses include high-performance engine starting, power sports, deep-cycle, solar and storage batteries.

- **Standard** – Used in cars, trucks and motorcycles, these batteries have vent caps and are often marked "low maintenance" or "maintenance-free". This type of battery is designed to deliver quick bursts of energy (such as starting engines) and has a greater plate count. The plates are thinner and have somewhat different material composition. Standard batteries should not be used for deep-cycle applications.

CHARGE RATE SELECTOR

Use this switch to select the desired charge rate. The charge rate is measured in amps.

- **10A<>2A CHARGE RATE** – For charging small and large batteries commonly used in automotive and marine deep-cycle batteries. The charger will automatically adjust the charging current, based on battery size, in order to charge the battery completely, efficiently and safely. **Not intended for industrial applications.**
- **50A ENGINE START** – Provides high amperage for cranking an engine with a weak or run-down battery. Always use in combination with a battery.

AMMETER

The ammeter indicates the amount of current, measured in amps, that is being drawn by the battery. As a battery takes

on a charge, it draws less current from the charger. Correspondingly, the meter will show less current being drawn by the battery. When the current stops decreasing, the battery is charged.

LED INDICATOR

- **Solid** – The charger is connected to a battery and is charging.
- **Pulsing** – The battery is fully charged and the charger is in Maintain mode.
- **Fast Blink (4 times per second)** – The charger is ready to crank the engine in Engine Start mode.
- **Slow Blink (Once per second)** – The charger is in Engine Start Cool Down mode.
- **Two Blinks (followed by pause)** – The charger is in Abort mode.

11. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: A spark near battery may cause an explosion.

IMPORTANT: Do not start the vehicle with the charger connected to the AC outlet, or it could damage the charger.

NOTE: This charger is equipped with an auto-start feature. Current will not be supplied to the battery clamps until a battery is properly connected. The clamps will not spark if touched together.

CHARGING A BATTERY IN THE VEHICLE

1. Turn off all the vehicle's accessories.
2. Keep the hood open.
3. Clean the battery terminals.
4. Place the charger on a dry, non-flammable surface.
5. Lay the AC/DC cables away from any fan blades, belts, pulleys and other moving parts.
6. Connect the battery, following the precautions listed in sections 6 and 7.
7. Connect the charger to an electrical outlet.
8. Select the battery type and charge rate.
9. When charging is complete, disconnect the charger from the AC power, remove the clamps from the vehicle's chassis, and then remove the clamp from the battery terminal.

CHARGING A BATTERY OUTSIDE OF THE VEHICLE

1. Place battery in a well-ventilated area.
2. Clean the battery terminals.
3. Connect the battery, following the precautions listed in sections 6 and 7.
4. Connect the charger to the electrical outlet.
5. Select the battery type and charge rate.
6. When charging is complete, disconnect the charger from the AC power, disconnect the negative clamp, and finally the positive clamp.
7. A marine (boat) battery must be removed and charged on shore.

AUTOMATIC CHARGING MODE

When an Automatic Charge is performed, the charger switches to the maintain mode automatically after the battery is charged.

ABORTED CHARGE

If charging cannot be completed normally, charging will abort. When charging aborts, the charger's output is shut off and the LED will blink (two blinks followed by a pause). All charger switches become non-functional. To reset after an aborted charge, unplug the charger from the AC outlet, wait a few moments and plug it back in.

COMPLETION OF CHARGE

Completed charge is indicated by the green LED inside the meter. When pulsing, the charger has switched to the Maintain Mode of operation.

MAINTAIN MODE (FLOAT-MODE MONITORING)

When the LED pulses, the charger has started Maintain Mode. In this mode, the charger keeps the battery fully charged by delivering a small current when necessary. If the charger has to provide its maximum maintain current for a continuous 12 hour period, it will go into abort mode (see Aborted Charge section). This is usually caused by a drain on the battery or the battery could be bad. Make sure there are no loads on the battery. If there are, remove them. If there are none, have the battery checked or replaced.

MAINTAINING A BATTERY

The 28.71322 charges and maintains 12 volt batteries, keeping them at full charge.

NOTE: The maintain mode technology allows you to safely charge and maintain a healthy battery for extended periods of time. However, problems with the battery, electrical problems in the vehicle, improper connections or other unanticipated conditions could cause excessive current draws. As such, occasionally monitoring your battery and the charging process is required.

USING THE ENGINE START SETTING

Your battery charger can be used to jump start your car if the battery is low. Follow all safety instructions and precautions for charging your battery. Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection.

WARNING: Using the ENGINE START setting WITHOUT a battery installed in the vehicle could cause damage to the vehicle's electrical system.

NOTE: If you have charged the battery and it still will not start your car, do not use the Engine Start setting, or it could

damage the vehicle's electrical system. Have the battery checked.

1. With the charger unplugged from the AC outlet, connect the charger to the battery, following the instructions given in the CHARGING A BATTERY IN THE VEHICLE section.
2. With the charger plugged in and connected to the battery and chassis, set the Charge Rate Selector to the 50A Engine Start setting.
3. Crank the engine until it starts or 10 seconds pass. If the engine does not start, wait 3 minutes before cranking again. This allows the charger and battery to cool down.

NOTE: During extremely cold weather, or if the battery is under 2 volts, charge the battery for 5 minutes before cranking the engine.

4. If the engine fails to start, charge the battery for 5 more minutes before attempting to crank the engine again.
5. After the engine starts, unplug the AC power cord before disconnecting the battery clamps from the vehicle.

NOTE: If the engine does turn over but never starts, there is not a problem with the starting system; there is a problem somewhere else with the vehicle. STOP cranking the engine until the other problem has been diagnosed and corrected.

ENGINE STARTING NOTES

During the starting sequence, the charger is set to one of these states:

- **Cranking** – When cranking is detected, the charger will automatically deliver up to its maximum output as required by the starting system for up to 10 seconds or until the engine cranking stops.
- **Cool Down** – After cranking, the charger enters a mandatory 3 minute (180 second) cool down state.

12. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

A minimal amount of care can keep your battery charger working properly for years.

- Clean the clamps each time you are finished charging. Wipe off any battery fluid that may have come in contact with the clamps to prevent corrosion.
- Occasionally cleaning the case of the charger with a soft cloth will keep the finish shiny and help prevent corrosion.

- Coil the input and output cords neatly when storing the charger. This will help prevent accidental damage to the cords and charger.
- Store the charger unplugged from the AC power outlet in an upright position.
- Store inside, in a cool, dry place. Do not store the clamps on the handle, clipped together, on or around metal, or clipped to the cables.

13. TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REASON/SOLUTION
The charger will not turn on when properly connected.	AC outlet is dead.	Check for open fuse or circuit breaker supplying AC outlet.
	Poor electrical connection.	Check power cord and extension cord for loose fitting plug.
	Battery is defective.	Have battery checked.
Battery clamps do not spark when touched together.	The charger is equipped with an auto-start feature. It will not supply current to the battery clamps until a battery is properly connected. The clamps will not spark if touched together.	No problem; this is a normal condition.
The Green LED is on (solid), but the needle shows zero amps.	The battery is sulfated.	Allow the charger to complete the desulfation process.
Short or no start cycle when cranking engine.	No power at receptacle.	Check for open fuse or circuit breaker supplying AC outlet.
	AC cord and/or extension cord is loose.	Check power cord and extension cord for loose fitting plug.
	The clamps are not making a good connection.	Check for poor connection at battery and frame.
	Failure to wait 3 minutes between cranks.	Wait 3 minutes of rest time before the next crank.
	Battery may be severely discharged.	On a severely discharged battery, charge for 10 to 15 minutes in the 10A<=>2A rate, to help assist in cranking.
	The battery is drawing more than the engine start rate.	Crank time varies with the amount of current drawn. If cranking draws more than the engine start rate, crank time may be less than 5 seconds.
	The charger may be overheated.	The thermal protector may have tripped and needs a little longer to reset. Make sure the charger vents are not blocked. Wait and try again.

14. BEFORE RETURNING FOR REPAIRS

- When a charging problem arises, make certain that the battery is capable of accepting a normal charge. Double check all connections, the AC outlet for a full 120 volts, the charger clamps for correct polarity and the quality of the connections from the cables to the clamps and from the clamps to the battery system. The clamps must be clean.
- When an UNKNOWN OPERATING PROBLEM arises, please read the complete manual and call the customer service number for information. This will usually eliminate the need for return.

If the above solutions do not eliminate the problem,
or for information about troubleshooting or replacement parts,
call toll-free from anywhere in the U.S.A.

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