

## flexible solar panel

### Operating instructions

**Product Description:** flexible solar panel for 12 Volts batteries.

**Product Specifications (@ STC\*):**

Specifications	Sunslick 7 W	Sunslick 14 W	Sunslick 27 W
Operating Voltage (VDC)	15	15	15
Operating Current (mA)	450	900	1800
Weight (Kg)	0.48	0.90	1.5
Dimensions (mm)	350 x 695	350 x 1305	642 x 1305

\* measured @ Standard Testing Conditions (STC): 1000W/m2, AM 1.5, 25°C

**Temperature Operating Range:** -20°C to +60°C

**Disclaimer of Liability**

This user's manual contains safety, installation, performances, maintenance and technical information which you should be familiar with before using your Flexcell solar charger. Please read it carefully!

**Caution**

Photovoltaic modules produce electricity when exposed to light. The voltage from a single module is not considered hazardous, however, if connected in series in order to increase voltage, the shock hazard increases. When working around batteries and other electrical equipment, please observe industry standards and manufacturer's safety procedures.

**"DOs and DON'ts"**

- Make electrical connections to or from the solar panel preferably in low light conditions to reduce risk of electrical sparking.
- Make connections in well-ventilated area free from flammable gases or vapours.
- Check polarity! All connections must be positive (Red, +) to positive and negative (Black, -) to negative. Incorrect connection will damage the solar module and may result in electrical shock or fire hazard.
- DO NOT attempt to recharge NON-RECHARGEABLE batteries.
- Securely mount the solar panel on a supportive surface to avoid flapping in the wind.
- Always roll the solar panel with the cell side (purple side) facing outwards.

**Installation Instructions**

- 1) Select best mounting location. Mount the panel, with the cell side oriented to the sun, in a location that will receive good direct sunlight throughout the day. For maximum charging performance, position the solar panel to face noon time sun.
- 2) Use corner grommets to properly tie or fasten the solar panel to a fixed surface or canvas. The solar panel must be secured sufficiently to avoid flapping in the wind.
- 3) Connect the solar panel cord at of the junction box to the 3 meter extension cable.
- 4) Identify the correct polarity (Red+, Black-) and connect the red terminal of the 3 m extension cable to the positive post of the battery, charge controller or any other 12 Volts device, and the black terminal to the negative post.

**Warning:** reverse connection to the battery is a fire hazard and could damage your solar panel.

- 5) You may leave the panel permanently connected to your battery since a blocking diode in the panel junction box blocks reverse leakage of current from the battery at night.

**FAQs**

**How do I know which Sunslick size I need?**

Consult the application chart below.

**How do I know if the Sunslick is working?**

You can check the solar panel output with a voltmeter.

**Will this product drain my battery at night?**

No. There is a built-in blocking diode to protect against reverse draining of current.

**Can I leave it outside permanently?**

Yes, if properly mounted and secured to avoid damage from winds. Terminals should be kept clean and firmly connected.

**What if the product gets wet?**

No problem. The product is waterproof.

**What if the product goes under water?**

Simply wipe the Sunslick with a dry cloth. Avoid having the Sunslick completely submerged for an extended period of time.

**How do I clean and maintain it?**

The Sunslick requires practically no maintenance. Simply wipe the surface with a damp cloth or with a mild soap solution to clean the panel. Do not use any abrasive cleaner or solvent as this would damage the panel.

**Do I need a charge controller?**

A charge controller is used to prevent overcharging. A charge controller should be used if the current output of the solar panel (in Amps) is more than 1% of the battery capacity (in Amp-hours). Consult the battery manufacturer for complete battery information and recommendations. As an example, with a Sunslick 7 Watts (450 mA), a charge controller would be recommended with a battery that is less than 45 Amp-hours.

**Troubleshooting**

- 1) **Connection** - Inspect your wiring for any sign of loose wires or corrosion. Check polarity!
- 2) **Voltage** - Using a voltmeter, test the open circuit voltage between the positive (Red+) and negative (Black-) terminals.
- 3) **Battery** - Ensure your battery continues to be able to be recharged. Contact your battery's manufacturer for more detailed guidelines on battery testing.
- 4) **Size** - Make sure you are using a properly sized system. Consult the application chart below for guidelines.

**Warranty, limitation of liability**

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Upon purchase or receipt, Purchaser shall inspect and/or test the quality of the delivered Goods as soon as it is customary in accordance with usual business practice. Purchaser shall notify Seller immediately from the date an alleged failure to conform with the specification(s) is discovered. If Purchaser fails to examine the quality of the Goods or give notice according to this provision, the Goods are deemed to have been accepted and any claim of breach of warranty with respect to such Goods shall be waived.

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**Accessories**

Consult the Flexcell website at [www.flexcell.com](http://www.flexcell.com) to get the latest update on solar accessories.

**Application**

First connect your solar panel via the AMP Superseal IP67 waterproof connector to the 3 m extension cable (included).



Then either connect direct the solar panel to a 12 V battery with the appropriate terminals (not included).



or connect your Sunslick, your battery and your load (e.g. a light) to a charge controller (not included).



## sunslick Application Chart

3 years warranty



flexible



do not fold



waterproof



3m cable (included)



charge controller (not included)



battery (not included)

AM/FM radio

standard GPS

fish finder

2-ways radio

satellite phone

professional GPS

lead acid battery for solar lights

battery capacity (mAh) / charging time in hours (@STC*) :	600	900	1500	2000	4000	8000
7W 15VDC 450mA	1h20	2h00	3h20	4h30	9h00	18h00
14W 15VDC 900mA	0h40	1h00	1h40	2h15	4h30	9h00
27W 15VDC 1800mA	0h20	0h30	0h50	1h10	2h15	4h30