

ENERGIC Plus



BATTERY CHARGER AR-D

USER'S MANUAL

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1. Introduction

This manual contains instructions and suggestions for the users of *Energic plus RLD* battery chargers. Before to install, use or repair the charger, it's necessary to read and understand this manual completely.

It's recommended to keep the manual in good condition for all the lifetime of the charger. It should be kept in a dry and clean place, always available to the users.

Throughout this manual, the following special annotations have been used to indicate important information.



WARNING !

Gives important information regarding possible personal injury



CAUTION !

Gives important information regarding possible equipment damage



NOTE

Gives additional information and tips concerning important procedures and features of the charger

RESPONSIBILITY DISCLAIMER

The manufacturer of the *Energic plus RLD* battery charger will not be responsible for damages and/or injuries caused by the charger in these situations:

- The charger is not installed properly by a qualified electrician;
- Maintenance operations are not done by a qualified electrician;
- The charger is not used according to the instructions included in this manual;
- The charger is not connected to the correct input supply (see data label on the box);
- The battery is damaged during the charge;
- The charger has been modified without the authorization of the manufacturer;
- Non-original spare parts are used in the charger;
- Wrong spare parts are used in the charger.

2. Safety instructions and warnings

GENERAL

Battery chargers can cause injury or death, or damage to other equipment or property, if the user does not strictly observe all safety rules and take precautionary actions.

Safe practices must be learned through study and training before using this equipment.

Only qualified personnel should install, use, or service this battery charger.

SHOCK PREVENTION

Bare conductors, or terminals in the output circuit, or ungrounded, electrically-live equipments can fatally shock a person. To protect against shock, have competent electrician verify that the equipment is adequately grounded and learn what terminals and parts are electrically HOT.

The body's electrical resistance is decreased when wet, permitting dangerous current to flow through the body. Do not work in damp area without being extremely careful. Stand on dry rubber mat or dry wood and use insulating gloves when dampness or sweat cannot be avoided. Keep clothing dry.

INSTALLATION AND GROUNDING – Electrica equipment must be installed and maintained in accordance with all the applicable national and local codes.

A power disconnect switch must be located at the equipment. Check the data label for voltage and phase requirements. If only 3-phase power is available, connect single-phase equipment to **ONLY TWO WIRES** of the 3-phase line.

DO NOT CONNECT the equipment grounding conductor to the third live wire of the 3-phase line as this makes the equipment frame electrically HOT, which can cause a fatal shock.

If a grounding conductor is part of the power supply cable, be sure to connect it to a properly grounded switch box or building ground. If not part of the supply cable, use a separate grounding conductor. Don't remove a ground prong from any plug. Use correct mating receptacles. Check ground for electrical continuity before using equipment.

The grounding conductor must be of a size equal to or larger than the size recommended by Code or this manual.

CHARGING LEADS – Inspect leads often for damage to the insulation. Replace or repair cracked or worn leads immediately. Use leads having sufficient capacity to carry the operating current without overheating.

Never extend the charging leads without prior approval of the manufacturer. Extending the charging leads without prior approval of the manufacturer may cause wrong operation of the charger and voids the warranty.

BATTERY TERMINALS – Do not touch battery terminals while equipment is operating.

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE – Shut OFF all power at the disconnect switch or line breaker **BEFORE** inspecting, adjusting, or servicing the equipment. Lock switch OPEN (or remove line fuses) so that the power cannot be turned ON accidentally.

Disconnect power to equipment if it is to be left unattended or out of service.

Disconnect battery from charger.

Measure voltage on capacitors and, if there is any voltage reading, wait 5 minutes before to proceed.

Keep inside parts clean and dry. Dirt and/or moisture can cause insulation failure. This failure can result in high voltage at the charger output.

BURN AND BODILY INJURY PREVENTION

The battery produces very high currents when short circuited, and will burn the skin severely if in contact with any metal conductor that is carrying this current.

Do not permit rings on fingers to come in contact with battery terminals or the cell connectors on top of the battery.

Battery acid is very corrosive. Always wear correct eye and body protection when near batteries.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION PREVENTION

When batteries are being recharged, they generate hydrogen gas that is explosive in certain concentrations in air (the flammability or explosive limits are 4.1% to 72% hydrogen in air). The spark-retarding vents help slow the rate of release of hydrogen, but the escaping hydrogen may form an explosive atmosphere around the battery if ventilation is poor.

The ventilation system should be designed to provide an adequate amount of fresh air for the number of batteries being charged. This is essential to prevent an explosion.

Always keep sparks, flames, burning cigarettes, and other sources of ignition away from the battery recharging area. Do not break "live" circuits at the terminals of batteries. Do not lay tools or anything that is metallic on top of any battery.

To prevent arcing and burning of the connector contacts, be sure the charger is OFF before connecting or disconnecting the battery. The digital display must be completely OFF.

MEDICAL AND FIRST AID TREATMENT

First aid facilities and a qualified first aid person should be available for each shift for immediate treatment of electrical shock victims.

**DANGER: ELECTRICAL SHOCK CAN BE FATAL.**

If person is unconscious and electric shock is suspected, do not touch person if he or she is in contact with charging equipment, battery, charging leads, or other live electrical parts. Disconnect power at wall switch and then use First Aid.

Dry wood, wooden broom, and other insulating material can be used to move cables, if necessary, away from person.

IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT, give oxygen.

IF NOT BREATHING, BEGIN ARTIFICIAL BREATHING, such as mouth-to-mouth.

IF PULSE IS ABSENT, BEGIN ARTIFICIAL CIRCULATION, such as external heart massage.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID: Call physician and ambulance immediately and use First Aid techniques recommended by the American Red Cross.

In case of acid in the eyes, flush very well with clean water and obtain professional medical attention immediately.

EQUIPMENT WARNING LABELS

Inspect all precautionary labels on the equipment.

Order and replace all labels that cannot be easily read.

3. Description

Energic plus RLD battery chargers have been designed to charge lead-acid batteries.

These units can convert the AC input voltage to a DC voltage at the correct level, in order to charge the battery cells.

The digital electronic control is used to monitor the state of the charge, to automatically turn off the charger when the charge is complete and to visualize all the necessary information.

All the features of the digital control will be explained in the next chapters.

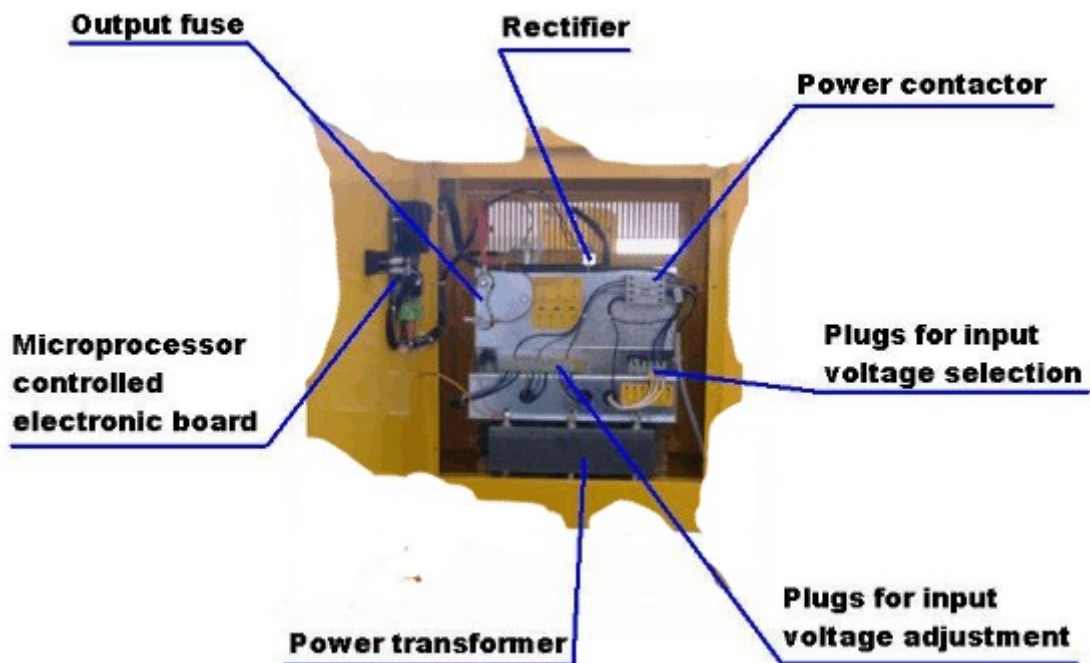
These are the principal devices included in the charger, available to the user:

- External box;
- Control panel with digital display;
- STOP pushbutton (0-1);
- No.2 Cables for battery connection;
- No.1 Cable for main supply connection;



Inside of the charger, there are the following devices, not available to the user:

- Power contactor;
- Power transformer;
- Rectifier;
- Microprocessor controlled electronic board;
- Output fuse;
- Plugs for input voltage selection;
- Plugs for input voltage adjustment.



4. Installation

The charger is marked with a technical label, containing the following data:

- Model;
- Serial number (S/N);
- Weight (kg and lbs);
- Input voltages (V);
- Maximum input current (A);
- Maximum input power (KVA);
- Input frequency (Hz);
- Battery voltage (V);
- Maximum output current (A).

Conditions of use:

- Operating temperature: 5°C to 45°C
- Storage temperature: -20°C to 60°C
- Relative humidity: less than 75%



WARNING !

**The charger can be installed by qualified personnel only!
To avoid the risk of injuries, the user is not allowed to open the cabinet.
Always refer to qualified electricians for installation and service operations.**

**WARNING !**

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the charger to rain or moisture.
Do not use the e charger in presence of flammable gas, because it can generate sparks!
Do not install the charger near flammable materials.

**WARNING !**

To reduce the risk of fire, the charger must be installed on a floor of non-combustible material.
If this is not possible, a floor plate of at least 1,6mm steel extended at least 150mm beyond the charger on all sides must be installed.

**CAUTION !**

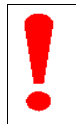
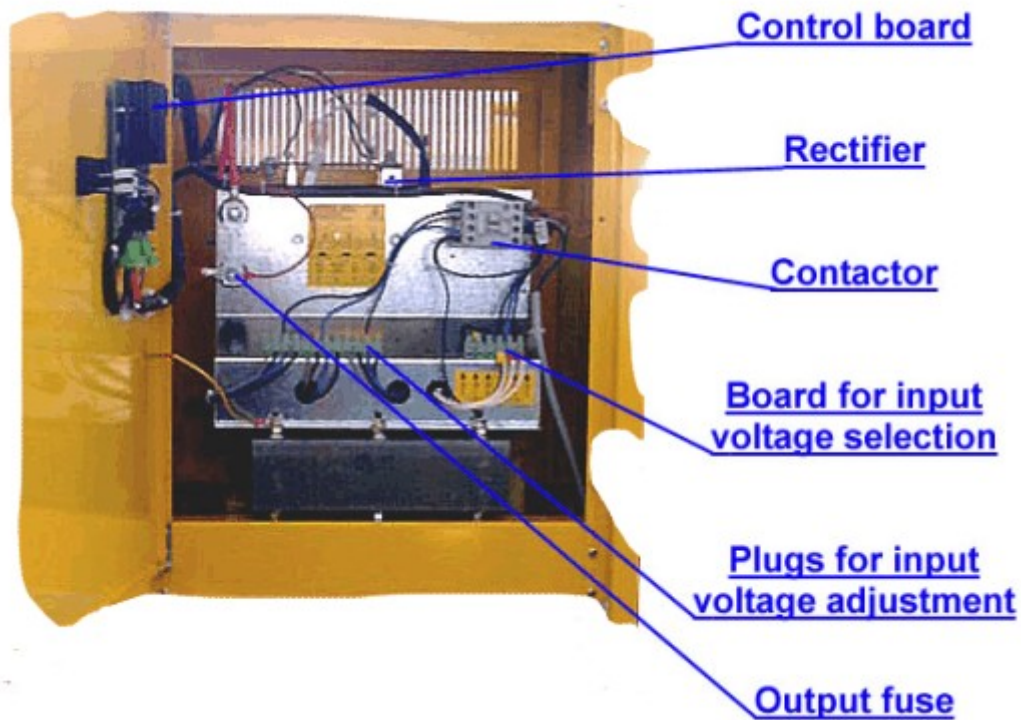
Allow adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat buildup.
Do not place the unit near materials that may block the ventilation slots.
Do not install the unit near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.

**CAUTION !**

The operations and settings described in this chapter are fundamental for the good functionality of the charger.
Improper settings can cause severe damage to the charger and the battery!

Before to install the charger:

Check that the charger input voltage (V) is identical to your AC power supply voltage.
Check that the charger max input power (KVA) is available from your AC power supply.

INTERNAL VIEW OF THE CHARGER**NOTE**

The BOARD FOR INPUT VOLTAGE SELECTION is present only in chargers with 3x 220 / 380 Vac input, and it's NOT present in chargers with 3x440 Vac input.

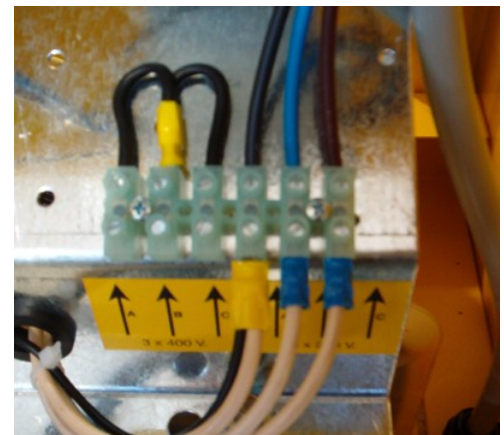
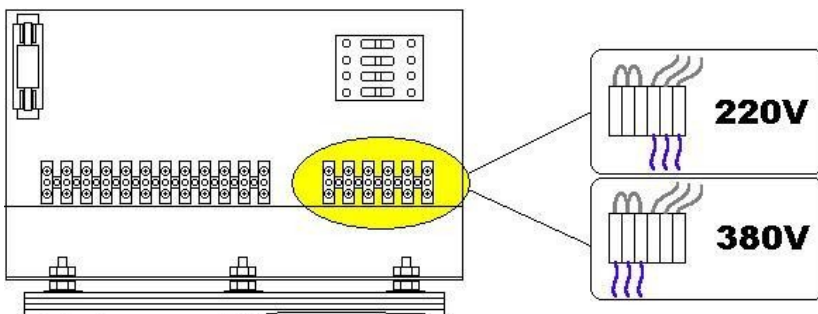
The PLUGS FOR INPUT VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT are present in all the chargers.

AC VOLTAGE SELECTION 3 x 220/380 V

The BOARD FOR INPUT VOLTAGE SELECTION is composed by six terminal blocks, to be connected in one of the two configurations represented on the picture inside the charger.

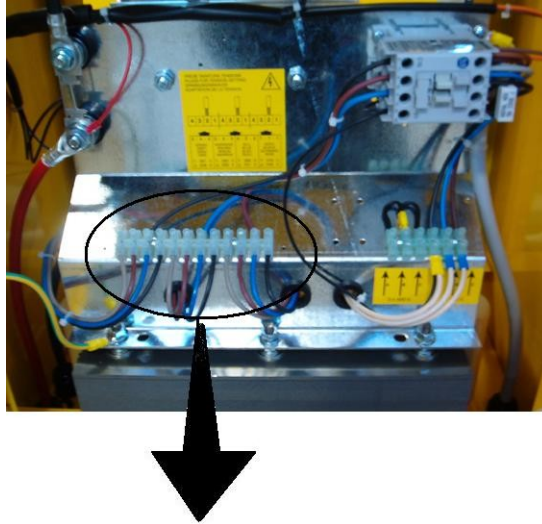
PROCEDURE:

- Check that the charger is disconnected from AC input and battery;
- Open the cabinet and move the three wires (WHITE) in position 220V or 380V;
- Close the cabinet.



AC INPUT VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT

The local AC input voltage must be measured with an adequate voltmeter, then the charger input must be adjusted by moving the three wires marked with the letters A, B, C on the PLUGS FOR INPUT VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT.



A				B				C			
4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
↑				↑				↑			
4 - 4 - 4	3 - 3 - 3	2 - 2 - 2	1 - 1 - 4								
GRIGIO GREY GRAU GRIS	MARRONE BROWN BRAUN MARRON	BLU BLUE BLAU BLEU	NERO BLACK SCHWARZ NOIR								
Y 361 V. Δ 209 V.	Y 380 V. Δ 229 V.	Y 399 V. Δ 231 V.	Y 418 V. Δ 242 V.								

PROCEDURE:

- Check that the charger is disconnected from AC input and battery;
- Open the cabinet and move the wires A, B, C to the desired position.
- Close the cabinet.

GROUNDING AND LINE CONNECTION**WARNING !**

The cabinet of the battery charger must be properly grounded to protect personnel against hazard of electrical shock in case of fault on the charger! The grounding conductor must have a current carrying capacity equal or higher than the current carrying capacity of the AC-input wires.

If the charger is to be connected to the AC power supply with a flexible jacketed cable, one having a separate grounding conductor should be used.

If, for any reason, an input cable which does not include a grounding conductor is used, the equipment must be grounded with separate conductor. Minimum size and color coding requirements must be in accordance with any applicable national or local code.

PROCEDURE

- Read on the data label the AC current value corresponding to the line voltage to which charger is to be connected. Using that current value, select the proper fuses, disconnect switch and power cable sizes, according with any applicable national or local code.
- Check that the charger is disconnected from AC input and battery;
- Open the cabinet;
- Mount the input cable and connect the four power conductors (three phase + ground) to the terminal blocks;
- Close the cabinet;
- With disconnect switch on AC input power line on position "OFF" or "OPEN", connect the power cable coming from the charger to the switch and, then, install the fuses in the switch.

5. Operation



WARNING !

DON'T connect the battery to the charger if the digital display is ON.
DON'T disconnect the battery from the charger while it is being charged.
**ARCING AND BURNING OF CONNECTORS
 OR BATTERY EXPLOSION MAY RESULT!**

PRELIMINARY CONTROLS

- Inspect the charger completely for loose screws, electrical connections or other damages;
- Check that all the ventilation slots are not obstructed to assure proper air flow;
- Make sure that the charger is installed as instructed in this manual and in accordance with any applicable national or local norm.



BATTERY CONNECTION, VOLTAGE CHECK AND AUTOSTART

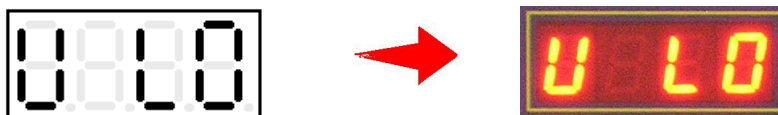


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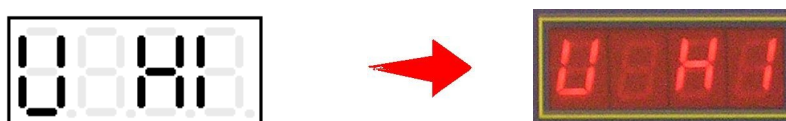
ENERGIC Plus RLD chargers are programmed to do a complete cycle of charge automatically, however it's always recommended to survey the operations, especially when the battery is connected to the charger for more than 12 hours.

- Connect the battery to the charger, using an adequate connector.

When the battery is correctly connected, the display will show the battery voltage. If the battery voltage is below the minimum threshold of 1,62 V/cell, the charger will not start, and the display will show the error message "Voltage Low":



If the battery voltage is higher than the maximum threshold of 2,60 V/cell, the charger will not start, and the display will show the (flashing) error message "Voltage High":



If the battery voltage is between the minimum and maximum thresholds, the charger will turn on automatically after 5 seconds.

If, during the charge, the battery voltage exceeds the maximum threshold of 2,80 V/cell, the charger will shut down automatically, and the error message "Voltage High" will appear on the display.

CHARGE PROCESS

While the charge is in progress, the following parameters are continuously displayed in sequence:

- Battery Voltage/cell (Output voltage) (U) (Volt);
- Charge current (Output current) (A) (Ampere);
- Effective time of charge (h) (Hours);
- Capacity charged (C) (Ah);

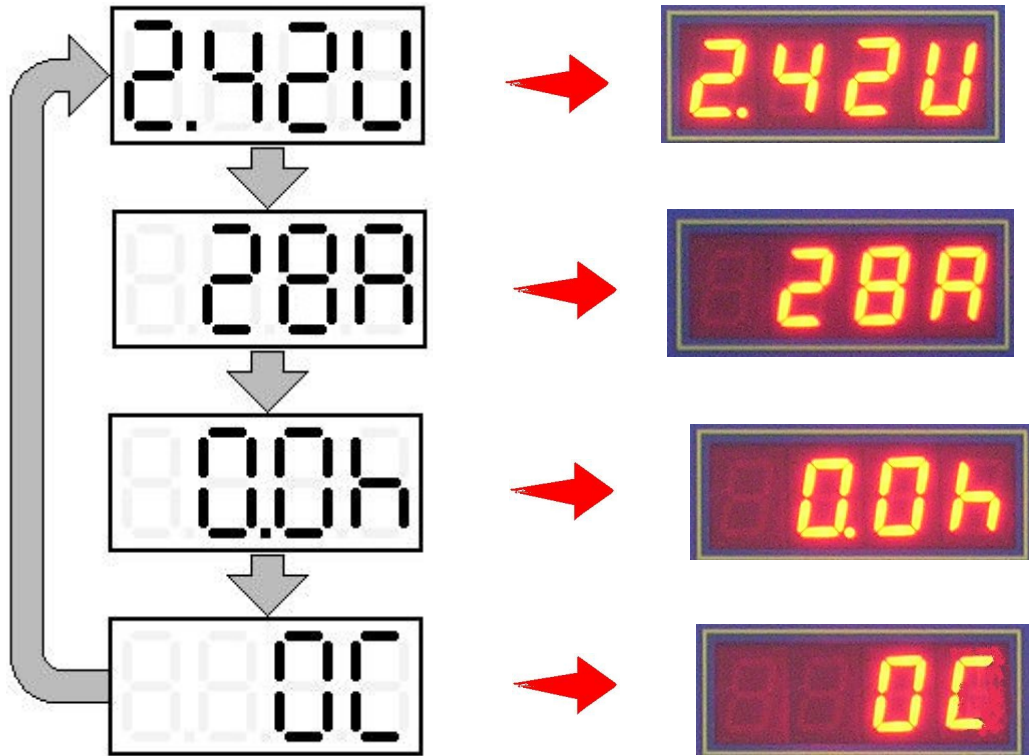
The letter after the value (U-A-h-C) indicates which parameter being is displayed. To display the time, the charger uses this format:

(HOURS) . (MINUTE DECADES) h

Examples:

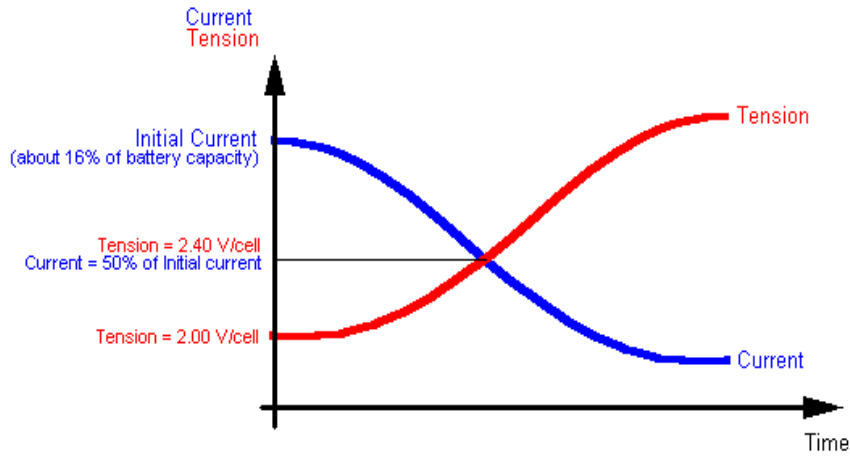
Time of charge 3h 30minutes: Displayed 3.3h

Time of charge 7h 50minutes: Displayed 7.5h



• **STANDARD CHARGERS WITH Wa CHARGE CURVE**

The current of charge follows the Wa charge curve, as described in the DIN 41774 Standard. After some hours, depending by the conditions of the battery, when the battery's voltage reaches the value of "gassing" (2,4 Volt per cell), the LED "FINAL CHARGE" starts to flash and the charge continues.



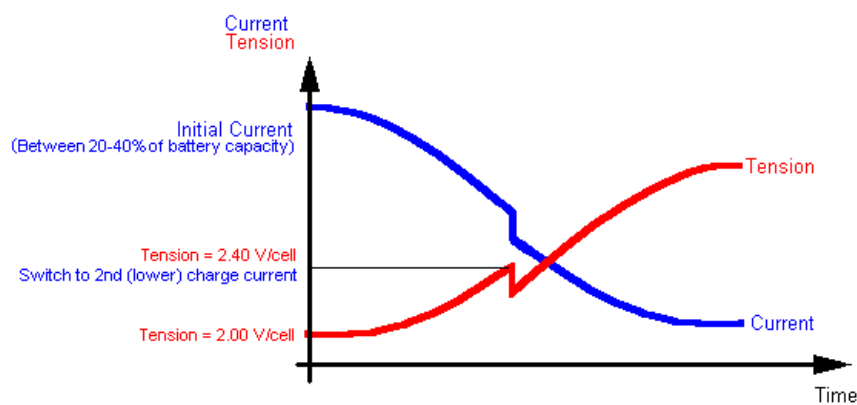
Wa charge curve.

• **FAST CHARGERS WITH WoWa CHARGE CURVE**

The current of charge follows the WoWa curve, as described in the DIN 41773 Standard, while the LED "CHARGE ON" continuously flashes.

The current value, when the charge starts, is 20-40% higher than the standard Wa value, to reduce the time of charge.

When the "gassing" voltage (2,4 Volt per cell) is reached, the current value is reduced to avoid overheats in the battery, and the charge continues in the same way of standard Wa models.



WoWa charge curve

When the battery reaches the gassing voltage, the charge continues for one half of the time needed to reach the gassing voltage, with a minimum total time of 30 minutes.

SAFETY TIMER – EMERGENCY STOP

- If the battery doesn't reach the gassing voltage within 12 hours, the charge is terminated by the Emergency timer. The display will show the error message "Time Error":



If this error message appear, it's recommended to call the service for a complete check of the system.

The cause if this problem may be a wrong setting of the input voltage: if the input is set to a certain value (for example: 610 V) but the real voltage is lower (for example: 575 V), the charging current will be significantly lower than the nominal value, therefore it will take more time to reach the gassing voltage.

AUTOMATIC DATA SAVING

- If, while the charge or the equalization are in progress, a black-out of the AC input occurs, the charger saves automatically all the relevant information about the state of the charge. While the input power is absent, the message "Black Out" is displayed:



- When the power supply will be available again, the charger will re-start automatically from the exact point of interruption, and the charge will be normally completed.

AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL CHARGE TERMINATION**WARNING !**

**DON'T disconnect the battery from the charger while it is being charged.
ARCING AND BURNING OF CONNECTORS OR BATTERY EXPLOSION MAY RESULT!**

- **AUTOMATIC CHARGE TERMINATION:**
When the charge has been normally completed, the charger turns off automatically. The display shows the flashing message "End".



At this point, it's possible to disconnect the battery.

- **MANUAL CHARGE TERMINATION:**
The charge can be manually terminated in any moment, by pressing the red STOP pushbutton. The display will show the message "Stop":



At this point, it's possible to disconnect the battery.



NOTES

After the charge termination, while the battery remains connected, the final values of [Voltage/cell], [Time] and [Capacity charged] remain stored in memory.

If the red STOP pushbutton is pressed, the display will show these values in sequence.

If the charge has been terminated manually, equalization and maintenance functions are automatically disabled.

EQUALIZATION

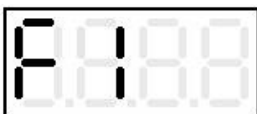
The EQUALIZATION function is useful to keep all the cells of the battery at the same voltage level, even after years of continuous work. When a battery is charged/discharged everyday, it's suggested to equalize it weekly.

The charger, after a normally completed charge cycle, will add 4 extra charges of 30 minutes, with 15 hours interval between each charge.

During the interval between each equalization charge, the display will show the scrolling message: "End":



When the equalization chargers are in progress, the display will show the message "F1", followed by the current value:

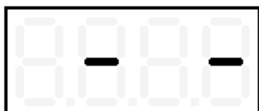


MAINTENANCE

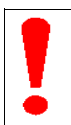
The MAINTENANCE function is useful to keep the battery in perfect condition when it's not used for an indefinite time (weeks, months, ...).

It is sufficient to leave the battery connected to the charger: the control board will keep the battery voltage under control and will activate the charger automatically when the voltage falls below a predefined minimum threshold.

While the charger is off and the battery voltage is being monitored, this message is displayed:



If the voltage falls below the minimum threshold, the charger will give a refresh charge to pull up the voltage to a programmed maximum threshold, and the display will show the message: "F2".

**NOTES**

With this "voltage controlled" maintenance/refresh system, the battery will be kept in perfect condition for an undefined time, without any risk of undercharge or overcharge.

*If the battery is in ideal condition (no self-discharge) the refresh charge will never be activated.
If the battery is in bad condition (self-discharge is significant), the refresh charge will be often activated and the battery will be kept charged without problems.*

6. Trouble shooting



WARNING !

The charger can be repaired by qualified personnel only!
To avoid the risk of electrical injuries, the user is not allowed to open the cabinet.

<i>SYMPTOM</i>		<i>POSSIBLE CAUSES</i>		<i>ACTION</i>	
Charger does not react to battery being connected, and display remains OFF.	A	1	Battery not connected properly.	Check battery connectors/harness.	
		2	Charger has been connected to forklift motor connector.	Disconnect forklift motor and connect battery.	
		3	Output cables reversed.	Check charger, connectors and battery polarities. Output fuse is probably blown.	
		4	Bad control board connection.	Check board connectors (green).	
		5	Bad control board.	Replace control board.	
The charger-process aborts itself and the message FUSE appear.	B		Output fuse blown.	Replace output fuse and adjust AC input setting.	
When battery is connected, message LOUT appear.	C	1	AC input is absent.	Check AC input voltage on each phase. Check AC input connections. Check AC disconnect switch and fuses.	
		2	Bad contactor.	Replace contactor.	
Output current is too high	D	1	Wrong AC input settings.	Adjust AC input settings to higher voltage.	
		2	One or more cells are shorted.	Repair battery.	
Output current is too low	E	1	Wrong AC input settings.	Adjust AC input settings to lower voltage.	
		2	One AC phase is absent.	Check AC input voltage on each phase.	
		3	One or more diodes blown.	Replace rectifier.	
		4	Bad contactor.	Replace contactor.	
Charger smells hot	F	1	Bad location.	Install the charger in proper location.	
		2	Ventilation slots obstructed.	Remove objects which may obstruct slots.	
		3	Wrong AC input settings.	Adjust AC input settings to higher voltage.	
		4	Bad or loose power wirings.	Check and thighten all power wirings.	
		5	Transformer burned.	Replace transformer.	

<i>SYMPTOM</i>		<i>POSSIBLE CAUSES</i>		<i>ACTION</i>
Charger too noisy	G	1	Bad contactor.	Replace contactor and freewheeling diode.
		2	One or more diodes shorted.	Replace rectifier.
Battery has low S.G. and/or doesn't last full shift	H	1	Wrong AC input settings.	Adjust AC input settings to lower voltage.
		2	Battery capacity too low.	Replace battery.
Battery temperature too high.	I	1	Wrong AC input settings.	Adjust AC input settings to higher voltage.
		2	Battery power demand too high.	Consider purchasing bigger Ah battery.
		3	Insufficient cool down time.	Increase cool down time before/after charging.
		4	Automatic stop doesn't work.	Check and replace board and/or contactor.