



# MULTI XS 15000 Battery Charger

For lead-acid batteries 30–500Ah



User Manual and Guide  
to professional charging of  
starter and deep cycle batteries.



## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on purchasing your new CTEK professional switch mode battery charger. This charger is part of a range of professional battery chargers from CTEK SWEDEN AB. It represents the latest technology in battery charging with charging and analysis in eight steps with temperature compensation. Read this User Manual and follow the instructions carefully before using your new charger.

## SAFETY

- The charger is designed for lead-acid batteries from 30–500Ah. Do not use the charger for any other purpose
- Use safety glasses and turn your head away when connecting or disconnecting a battery.
- Battery acid is corrosive. Rinse immediately with water if acid comes into contact with skin or eyes. Seek medical advice.
- Make sure that the cable is not being pinched or in contact with warm surfaces or sharp edges.
- While charging, a battery can emit explosive gases, so it is important to avoid sparks in the immediate area.
- Always provide for proper ventilation during charging.
- Avoid covering the charger.
- Make sure that the electrical cable does not come into contact with water.
- Never charge a frozen battery.
- Never charge a damaged battery.
- Do not place the charger on the battery while charging.
- The electrical connection must fulfill the national heavy current requirements.
- Check the cabling in the charger before use. Make sure there are no cracks in the cabling or in the protective covering. A charger with damaged cables may not be used.
- Always check that the charger has gone over to maintenance charging mode before leaving the charger unattended and connected for long periods. If the charger had not gone over to maintenance charging within 3 days, this is an indication of a problem. In this case the charger must be disconnected manually.
- All batteries fail sooner or later. A battery that fails during charging is normally taken care of by the chargers advanced control, but certain uncommon errors in the battery can still arise. Don't leave the battery charger unattended for a longer period of time.
- Only mount the charger on a flat surface.
- This equipment may not be used by children or by those who can not read and understand the manual if they are not supervised by a responsible person who can guarantee that the battery charger is being used in a safe manner. Store and use the battery charger out of the reach of children. Make sure that children do not play with the battery charger.

## CHARGING

### Connecting the charger to a battery fitted in a vehicle

1. The power cord should be disconnected when connecting or disconnecting the battery leads.
2. Identify the battery terminal that is grounded (connected to the chassis). The negative terminal is normally the grounded post.
3. Charging a negatively grounded battery. Connect the red cable to the positive terminal on the battery and the black cable to good metal engine ground away from the battery. Ensure you do not connect the black cable to fuel lines or sheet-metal body parts.
4. Charging a positively grounded battery. Connect the black cable to the negative terminal on the battery and the red cable to good metal engine ground away from the battery. Ensure you do not connect the black cable to fuel lines or sheet-metal body parts.

### Connecting the charger to an out of vehicle battery:

1. The power cord should be disconnected when connecting or disconnecting the battery leads.
2. Connect the red cable to the positive terminal on the battery and the black cable to the negative terminal.

If the battery leads have been connected incorrectly, the reverse polarity protection system will ensure that neither the charger nor the battery are damaged.

### Start charging

1. Connect the charger's AC cord to the power outlet. The charger will indicate POWER, yellow indication lamp (B).
2. The lamp for completely discharged battery (1) will illuminate if the battery's voltage is less than 12V.
3. Normal charging will be indicated by the following lights: completely discharged battery (1), bulk charging (2), absorption charging (3) or maintenance charging (4). When the maintenance charging lamp illuminates the battery is fully charged. Charging will start if the voltage drops. The charger can normally be connected for months. Reconditioning is indicated by the lamp (5) illuminating.
4. If the battery leads have been connected incorrectly, the reverse polarity protection system will ensure that neither the charger nor the battery are damaged.
5. If nothing happens. If the lamp indicating the setting and the power lamp remain lit but no other lamp illuminates, the connection to the battery or chassis may be poor or the battery may be faulty. Another cause may be a lack of voltage in the AC Power Supply. Begin by improving the connection between the battery and charger.
6. Charging can be stopped at any time by disconnecting the charger's AC cord. Always disconnect the AC cord before disconnecting the battery leads. When you stop charging a battery installed in a vehicle you should always disconnect the battery lead from the chassis before disconnecting the other battery lead.

## BATTERY TYPES AND SETTINGS

The MULTI XS 15000 can easily be set for different types of batteries or conditions. The following recommendations should, however, only be seen as guidelines. Please consult the battery manufacturer for further instructions.

Settings are made by pressing the "MODE-button " and stepping forward one press at a time until the required mode is reached, the button is then released. After about 2 seconds the charger activates the selected mode. The selected mode is saved in a memory in the charger and remains there even if the charger is disconnected from battery and mains.

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|---|--|
| NORMAL  | NORMAL - Normal setting for wet batteries, maintenance free and for most Gel batteries. Some Gel batteries prefer a slightly lower charging voltage. Please consult the battery manufacturer when in doubt.  |
| SUPPLY<br> | SUPPLY - The charger operates at a constant voltage. This is the maintenance mode for applications where maximum capacity from the battery is important, like floor sweepers and golf carts. Note that the Spark protection function is suppressed in this mode.   |
| RECOND  | RECOND - This mode is used to recover deep discharged flooded batteries where you could expect a stratified acid (high acid weight in the bottom, low on top). Check with battery manufacturer when in doubt.<br>Use this mode with care, because the high voltage will cause some water loss. 16V is normally no problem for electronics in 12V system. Consult your supplier when in doubt. Life of light bulbs will be reduced at higher voltage. Try to disconnect light from the battery during this phase. Maximum effect and minimum risk for electronics is achieved by charging a disconnected battery. |

## CHARGING PHASES

MULTI XS 15000 charges and analyses in eight fully automatic steps and has three different operating modes, see Battery Types and Settings.

The battery charger has an 8-step fully automatic charging cycle:

### Desulphation

Desulphation with pulses recovers sulphated batteries. Indicates with lamp 1.

### Soft start (Lamp 1)

Start mode for the charging cycle. The charging current is limited. The start phase continues until the battery's terminal voltage has risen above the set limit, at which point the charger switches to bulk charging. If the terminal voltage has not passed the voltage limit within the time limit, the charger switches to fault mode (lamp 0) and discontinues the charging. If so, the battery is faulty or its capacity is too large.

### Bulk (Lamp 2)

Main charge when 80% of charging takes place. The charger delivers maximum current until the terminal voltage has risen to the set level. Bulk has a maximum time, at which point the charger automatically switches to Absorption.

### Absorption (Lamp 3)

Complete charge up to virtually 100%. The terminal voltage is maintained at the set level. During this phase the current tapers successively. Once the current has tapered to the set limit, this phase switches to being timed. If the total time for Absorption exceeds the time limit the charger automatically switches to maintenance.

### Analysis (Lamp 3)

Testing self-discharge. If self-discharge is too high, charging is discontinued and fault mode is indicated.

### Maintenance charging - Float (Lamp 4)

Charging at constant voltage.

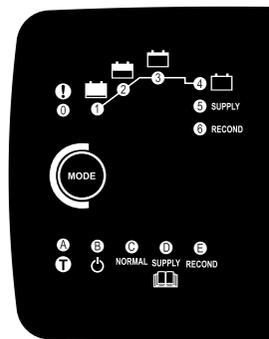
### Maintenance charging - Pulse (Lamp 4)

Charging varies between 95% and 100% state of charge. The battery receives a pulse when the voltage drops and keeps the battery in perfect condition when it is not in use. The charger can be connected for months at a time. The charger continuously measures the terminal voltage to determine whether a charging pulse should be initiated. If the battery is loaded and/or the battery's terminal voltage drops the charger starts a charging pulse until the terminal voltage reaches the set level. The charging pulse is then discontinued and the cycle is repeated infinitely. If the terminal voltage drops below a lower limit, the charger automatically goes back to the beginning of the charging curve.

### Recond (Lamp 5)

This mode is used to recover deeply discharged flooded batteries. Recondition of deep discharged batteries. The voltage increases with reduced current for a limited time period. The higher voltage starts some gassing and mixing of the acid, which is beneficial for both battery capacity and expected life. Note that the battery could emit explosive gas during Recond. Recond is performed between Analysis and Maintenance.

## INDICATORS



| Lamp | Description  |
|------|--|
| 0    | Fault mode, the charging is discontinued. For fault causes, see below. |
| 1    | Start mode   |
| 2    | Bulk charging  |
| 3    | Absorption charging  |
| 4    | Maintenance charging   |
| 5    | Supply   |
| 6    | Recond reconditioning of completely discharged batteries.              |
| A    | Charging without temperature compensation.                             |
| B    | Mains voltage connected  |
| C    | Normal   |
| D    | Supply   |
| E    | Recond   |

### Fault mode

The charger goes to fault mode if the time for gradual start has been exceeded or if the battery's self-discharge is too high.

## TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION

MULTI XS 15000 has a sensor cable placed together with the battery cables. The units will automatically adjust the charging voltage if the temperature deviates from +25°C. A high temperature lowers the voltage and freezing conditions is handled by higher voltage.

The temperature is best measured on or very close to the battery. Therefore always place the sensor as close to the battery as possible when charging. The sensor cable could be prolonged or cut to length with the same functionality. A short-circuited or disconnected sensor is indicated by lamp A. The charging voltage is then adjusted to the +25°C condition.

## SPECIFICATION

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Voltage AC          | 170-260VAC, 50-60Hz.  |
| Charging voltage    | 14.4V   |
| Charging current    | 15A max.  |
| Current, mains      | 1,9A rms (at full charging current)   |
| Back Current Drain* | < 2Ah per month   |
| Current ripple**    | < 4%  |
| Ambient temperature | - 20°C to + 50°C. Output power is automatically reduced at higher temperatures. |
| Cooling             | Fan   |
| Charger type        | Eight-step, fully automatic.  |
| Battery types       | All types of 12V lead-acid batteries (WET, MF, AGM and GEL).                    |
| Battery capacity    | 30-300Ah, up to 500Ah maintenance.  |
| Protection class    | IP 44 (Outdoor use)***  |
| Weight              | 1,4 kg  |

\*) Back current drain is the current that the charger drains from the battery if the AC cord is disconnected.

\*\*) The quality of the charging voltage and charging current are very important. High current ripple heats the battery and ages the positive electrode. High voltage ripple can damage other equipment connected to batteries. The battery chargers from CTEK produces very high quality voltage and current with low ripple.

\*\*\*) IP 44 cannot be guaranteed if the charger is not positioned horizontally with the long side or top side turned up.

## MAINTENANCE

The charger is maintenance-free. The charger must not be opened; doing so will invalidate the warranty. If the power cable is damaged it must be replaced by CTEK or its authorized representative. The charger casing can be cleaned using a damp cloth and mild cleaning agent. Remove the plug from the power socket before cleaning.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

CTEK SWEDEN AB, Rostugnsvägen, 3, SE-776 70 VIKMANSHYTTAN, SWEDEN issues this limited warranty to the original purchaser of this product. This limited warranty is not transferable. CTEK SWEDEN AB warrants this unit for two years from the date of purchase against defect workmanship or material. It is the obligation of the purchaser to forward the unit together with proof of purchase to the manufacturer or its representative with transportation cost prepaid. This warranty is void if the unit is abused, handled carelessly or repaired by anyone other than CTEK SWEDEN AB or its authorized representative. CTEK SWEDEN AB makes no warranty other than this limited warranty and expressly excludes any implied warranty including any warranty for consequential damages. This is the only expressed limited warranty and CTEK SWEDEN AB neither assumes nor authorizes anyone to assume or make any other obligation towards the product other than this limited warranty.

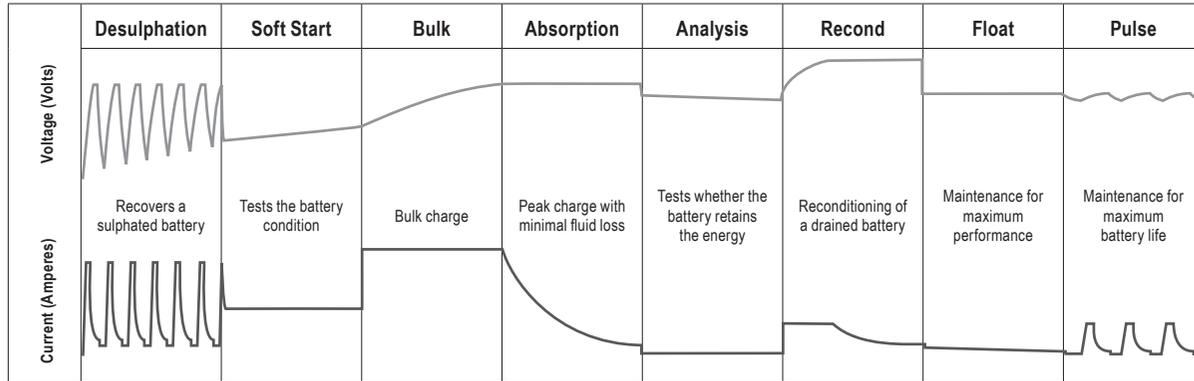
## DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

CTEK SWEDEN AB hereby declares under sole responsibility that the MULTI XS 15000 battery charger, to which this declaration relates, conforms with the following standards: EN60335-1, EN60335-2-29 following the provisions of directive 73/23/EEC amended by 93/68/EEC and EN55022, EN 61000-3-3, EN 61000-3-2, EN55014-2 following the provisions of directive 89/336/EEC amended by 92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



## MULTI XS 15000 PARAMETERS

| MODE             | Desulphation | Soft Start                                    | Bulk             | Absorption   | Analysis   | Recond   | Float                               | Pulse                                    |
|------------------|--------------|---|------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| NORMAL or RECOND | YES          | Max 15A for 4h until the voltage reaches 12V. | 15A for max 20h. | 14.4V until 4h after the current dropped to 2.5A, max 12h. | Warning indication if voltage drops to 12.0V in 3 minutes. | Max 15.8V and 3A for 4h for deeply discharged batteries. Otherwise for 30 minutes (only in Recond mode). | 13.6V with max 15A for max 10 days. | Pulse start at 12.9V, max voltage 14.4V. |
| SUPPLY           |              |   |                  |  |  |  | 13.6V max 15A.                      |  |