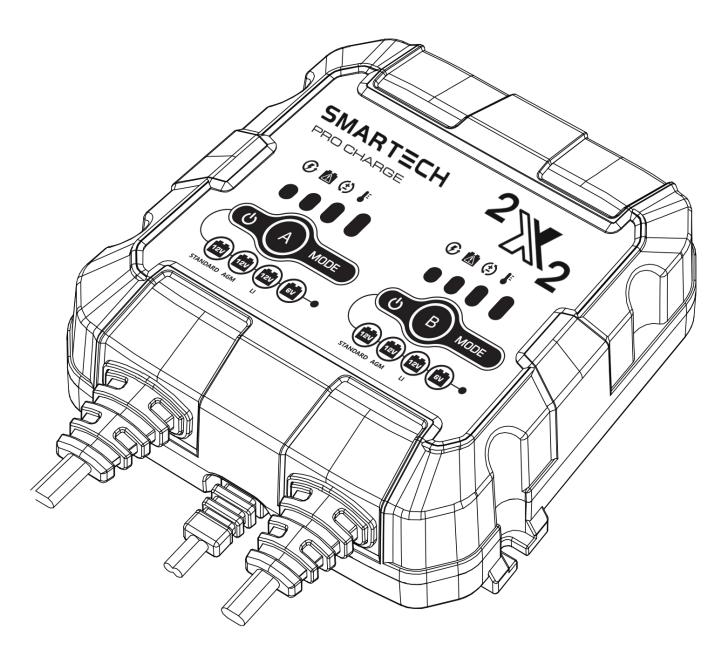


# **SMART BATTERY CHARGER**

# **MODELS: STC2x2**



## **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

## **Important Safety Instructions**

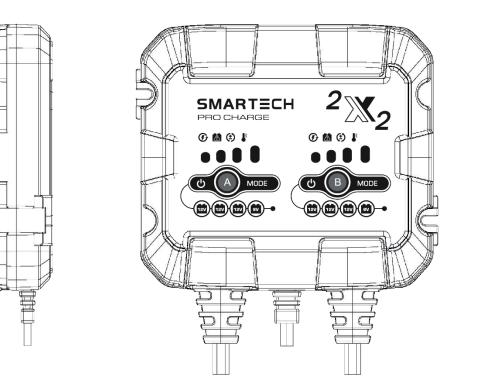
Please read this manual thoroughly before use and store in a safe place for future reference. This manual contains important safety ting instructions.

## WARNING

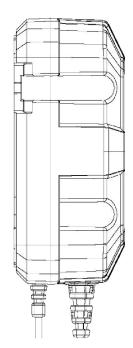
- Before using the charger, please read the instructions carefully.
- Explosive gases may escape from the battery during charging. Prevent flames and sparks. Provide adequate ventilation.
- For charging 6 Volt and 12 Volt lead acid and lithium LiFePO4 batteries only.
- Do not expose charger to rain or snow.
- Use of an attachment not recommended for the battery charger may result in a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- Disconnect the 240V AC mains supply before making or breaking
- the connections to the battery
- The battery charger must be plugged into an earthed socket-outlet.
- Connection to supply mains is to be in accordance with National wiring rules.
- Do not operate charger with damaged cord or plug. It must be replaced or repaired by a qualified person.
- Warning against recharging non-rechargeable batteries.
- Never charge a frozen battery
- Ensure all vehicle accessories including lights, heaters, appliances, etc are turned off prior to charging.
- The charger may not be used as a starting aid.
- the appliance is not to be used by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory
  or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given
  supervision or instruction.
- Please store disconnected and out of reach of unsupervised children.
- For Indoor use only.

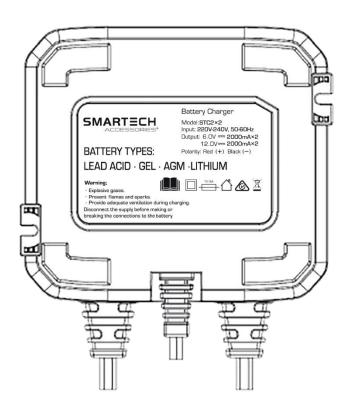
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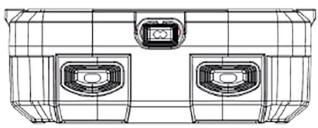
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- 2. Clamp cable
- 3. Fused harness
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## FEATURES

#### **8-STAGE SMART CHARGING**

This is a fully automatic battery charger with 8 charge stages.

All Smartech chargers are equipped with a sophisticated micro processing controller that ensures optimal charge is delivered to the battery whilst protecting the battery from being overcharged.

8-stage charging is an accurate and comprehensive charging process that will result in better battery performance and longer life expectancy when compared to traditional chargers.

Smartech 8-stage smart chargers are suitable for many 6V and 12V battery types including LiFePO4 batteries, Absorbent Glass Mat (AGM) batteries, Colloidal Sealed Lead-Acid (GEL) batteries, Motorcycle, Maintenance Free and Calcium batteries.

The 8 charge stages are: Diagnosis, Pulse, Soft Start, Bulk Charge, Absorption, Analysis, Equalization and Float.

#### **STAGE 1 – DIAGNOSIS**

The Micro Controller Unit (MCU) will analyse the condition of the battery to provide correct charge or prevent the charging of a defective battery.

#### STAGE 2 – PULSE

If necessary, a Pulse charge is applied to aid in reducing the build up of sulphate crystals on the plates of a discharged lead acid battery. This method is also known as Desulphation. This stage does not apply to Lithium Mode.

#### **STAGE 3 – SOFT START**

Start the charging process with a gentle (soft) charge.

#### **STAGE 4 – BULK CHARGE**

Constant Current charging until desired voltage is reached.

#### **STAGE 5 – ABSORPTION**

Constant Voltage charging. Current will diminish as the MCU maintains a constant voltage until fully charged.

#### STAGE 6 – ANALYSIS

Charger output will stop, and the charger will analyse the battery to ensure it holds its charge.

#### **STAGE 7 – EQUALIZATION**

After analyzing the battery, the charger may start to charge the battery at a higher voltage in order to balance the voltage of each cell. This stage does not apply to Lithium Mode.

#### STAGE 8 – FLOAT

The MCU will continue to monitor the voltage and apply a maintenance charge as required.

#### SWITCHMODE TECHNOLOGY

Using the latest technology in battery chargers, switchmode chargers convert 240V AC power to 12V DC power using electronic components unlike traditional battery chargers that rely on heavy transformers. This allows the charger to be lightweight and compact without sacrificing on performance.

#### **SPARKPROOF & POLARITY PROTECTION**

Prevents the output leads from sparking due to accidental reverse connection or short circuit, making the charger safer to use around batteries.

#### SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION

The charger provides protection against excessive currents, short circuits and overloads. If such a fault is detected during charging, the charger will automatically terminate the charging program.

#### **OVER VOLTAGE PROTECTION**

The charger will provide protection against voltages that exceed the acceptable voltage rating. If such a fault is detected during charging, the charger will automatically terminate the charging program.

#### **OVER TEMPERATURE PROTECTION**

If the charger's internal temperature limit is exceeded, the over temperature protection will be triggered to protect the unit against overheating.

#### ADJUSTABLE CHARGE VOLTAGE

The charger's voltage can be selected to suit 6V or 12V batteries.

#### LITHIUM BMS ACTIVATION

When a Lithium battery BMS shutdown has been triggered you can reactivate the BMS and the charger will raise the voltage above 11V then will begin recharging the battery.

#### LED DISPLAY

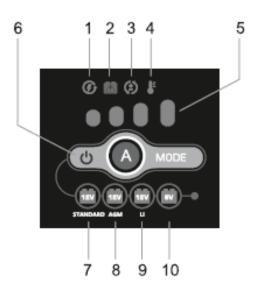
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- 2. Bad battery indicator
- 3. Reverse polarity indicator
- 4. Over temperature protection indicator
- 5. Battery State of charge indicator
- 6. Standby indicator
- 7. 12V standard battery mode
- 8. 12V AGM/VRLA battery mode
- 9. 12V Lithium (LiFePO4) battery mode
- 10. 6V battery mode



Mode Selection buttons A and B. Used to set charging parameters.

## CHARGE MODE VOLTAGE PARAMETERS

| Battery Type         | Battery capacity<br>range (Ah) | Bulk/Absorption<br>Voltage | Float Voltage |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 12V Standard Battery | 6.5 - 20                       | 14.4±0.2V                  | 13.6±0.2V     |
| 12V AGM              | 6.5 - 20                       | 14.8±0.2V                  | 13.6±0.2V     |
| 12V LifePO4          | 6.5 - 20                       | 14.6±0.2V                  | 13.6±0.2V     |
| 6V                   | 6.5 - 20                       | 7.2±0.2V                   | 6.8±0.2V      |



## **CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **STEP 1 – CHARGE PREPARATION AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Read this manual thoroughly, follow instructions and adhere to safety precautions. Ensure the charger is in a safe location away from the battery. Do not operate charger in a closed-in area or restrict ventilation in any way.

Study the battery manufacturer's specific precautions, recommended rates of charge and determine the correct voltage of the battery.

#### **STEP 2 – CONNECT TO 240V MAINS POWER**

Connect the battery charger to the 240V mains powered socket and turn on the mains power. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed in accordance with all local codes and ordinances and never alter AC cord or plug provided. The standby indicator will light up to show the charger is ready and in standby mode.

#### STEP 3A - CONNECT TO BATTERY OUT OF VEHICLE

Connect the RED output lead (battery clip) from the charger to the Positive (+) battery terminal and ensure a good connection is made.

Connect the BLACK output lead (battery clip) from the charger to the Negative (-) battery terminal and ensure a good connection is made.

#### STEP 3B - CONNECT TO BATTERY IN VEHICLE

Before connecting, determine if the vehicle is Negatively (-) or Positively (+) earthed. Negative earthed vehicles are most common and use the chassis as an earth by connecting the battery negative terminal to a conductive chassis point. If you are unsure, please seek advice from a gualified person before connecting.

#### Negatively Earthed

Connect the RED lead (battery clip) from the charger to the Positive (+) battery terminal. Connect the BLACK lead (battery clip) from the charger to the vehicle's chassis away from the fuel line or moving parts. Always ensure a good connection is made.

#### **Positively Earthed**

Connect the BLACK lead (battery clip) from the charger to the Negative (-) battery terminal.

Connect the RED lead (battery clip) from the charger to the vehicle's chassis away from the fuel line or moving parts. Always ensure a good connection is made.

#### STEP 4 – SET MODE

The mode should be set according to the type and voltage of the battery. The charger defaults to the 12V standard battery setting. To set the battery type, press the MODE button (A or B) until the desired battery type setting lights up. The charger will automatically begin charging.

#### 6V Charging mode

Enter standby mode then press the mode button (A or B) for 3 seconds and the 6V icon will light up. The charger will begin to charge.

#### **BMS** Activation

Enter Standby mode and disconnect the clamps from the lithium battery. Press the mode button (A or B) for 5 seconds and the lithium battery indicator will begin to flash. Connect the charging clamps to the battery terminals (as outlined in step 3). The charger will provide a constant charge to the battery for 5 minutes and then will enter normal charging stage after that. If the BMS cannot be reactivated the bad battery indicator will light up.

#### **STEP 5 – CHARGING**

During the charging process, the charger will show the state of charge by lighting up the Battery State of Charge indicators. The for lights, represent, from left to right – 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% when fully charged. At 100%, The charger will remain in float mode until the battery clamps are disconnected. If there is an error in charging, then the fault icons will light up.

#### **STEP 6 – DISCONNECTION**

Ensure the 240V mains switch is turned off and the charger is disconnected from the 240V mains power before disconnecting clamps from the battery.

The Smartech chargers sophisticated smart MCU will determine multiple issues with the charging process or the battery. If a fault is recognized the charger fault icons will light up and the charger will not start or halt the charging process.

| ICON | CAUSE   | REMEDY   |
|------|---|--|
| Ø    | Battery Voltage error – Wrong<br>voltage selected, or wrong voltage<br>battery connected. | Select correct voltage to suit either a 12v or 6 volt battery.   |
|      | Bad Battery; Internal resistance of battery is too high. Battery is faulty.               | Have the battery tested or replace the battery.  |
|      | Reverse Polarity; the clamps have been connected incorrectly.                             | Check the clips are connected to the correct polarity and<br>have a good clean contact to the terminal. Make sure the<br>clips are not touching each other.        |
| E    | Over Temperature protection:<br>Ambient temperature is too high.                          | Stop charging and check and fix connection. Allow charger<br>to cool down before resuming charge process.<br>If error code persists, fan may be broken or blocked. |

| Model:                 | STC2x2  |
|------------------------|---|
| Charger Type:          | 8 stage Automatic charger – Standard and AGM<br>6 stage Automatic charger – LiFePO4   |
| Input:                 | 220~240V AC 50Hz – 60Hz   |
| Power:                 | 75W max   |
| Output:                | 6 Vdc, 2000mA x 2<br>12 Vdc, 2000mA x 2   |
| Minimum Start Voltage: | 2.5V  |
| Float Current:         | 300mA ±200mA  |
| Functions:             | Float charging, reverse polarity protection, short circuit protection, Over voltage protection, overheating protection, LiFePO4 BMS Reactivation. |
| Ambient Temperature:   | 0°C to 40°C   |
| Thermal Protection:    | 95°C  |
| Cooling:               | Natural cooling   |
| Types of Batteries:    | LiFePO4, AGM, Maintenance Free Lead Acid, Calcium Lead Acid, EFB  |
| Cable Lengths:         | AC cable: 1.55m<br>Output cable: 1.52m  |
| Dimensions:            | 133 x 117 x 49mm  |
| Weight:                | 0.7Kg   |
| Fuse Rating:           | T3.15A 250V   |
| Protection:            | IP65  |
| Protection Class:      |   |
| Certifications:        | ૯   |

## WARRANTY STATEMENT

#### APPLICABLE ONLY TO PRODUCTS SOLD IN AUSTRALIA

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

All claims are subject to Super Start Batteries Pty Ltd standard testing procedures by its authorized representatives. Should a product be deemed defective due to a manufacturing fault and is within its applicable warranty period; it will be replaced with an equivalent product free of charge.

The product is guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and parts for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase. This warranty does not cover ordinary wear and tear, abuse, alteration of products, damage caused by the consumer, changes in the condition or operational qualities of the product resulting from incorrect storage, or other influences. Warranty does not include transit costs if the product is sent back for a claim.

Proof of purchase is required to make a claim. The warranty period is not renewed or extended as a result of a repair or replacement. The warranty is not transferable and is only offered to the original end user of the product.

If you believe your product to be defective due to a manufacturing fault you must deliver the product at your cost to the original place of purchase. Alternately, you may contact Super Start Batteries Pty Ltd directly to arrange for it to be returned to our head office or a nominated distributor for assessment. If the product is confirmed as defective we will repair or replace it under the terms of the relevant warranty. If a product is deemed by our testing not to be faulty, you have the choice to have the product returned at your cost. You must also deliver the original invoice evidencing the date and place of purchase together with an explanation in writing as to the nature of the claim.

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