

Installation Instructions for 81988

Automatic Battery Maintainer

0.8 Amp 12 Volt

PLEASE SAVE THIS OWNERS MANUAL AND READ BEFORE EACH USE.

This manual will explain how to use the charger safely and effectively.
Please read and follow these instructions and precautions carefully.

1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS – SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS – This manual contains important safety and operating instructions.

1.2 Keep out of reach of children.

1.3 Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.

1.4 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.

1.5 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:

- The pins on plug of extension cord are the same number, size and shape as those of plug on charger.
- The extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition.
- The wire size is large enough for AC ampere rating of charger, as specified in 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.

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 markings on these products and on the engine.

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 the charger for charging only 12V LEAD-ACID (STD or AGM) rechargeable batteries. 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.



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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.

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 removing unit from electric outlet. Never allow clips to touch each other.

5.2 Attach clips to battery and chassis, as indicated in sections 6 and 7.

6.FOLLOW THESE STEPS WHEN BATTERY IS INSTALLED IN VEHICLE

WARNING! 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 (6.5). If positive post is grounded to the chassis, see (6.6).

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 gauge 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 gauge metal part of the frame or engine block.

6.7 When disconnecting charger, turn switches to off, disconnect from AC outlet, 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

WARNING! 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

8.1 This battery charger is for use on a nominal 120 volt circuit. The unit 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.



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8.2 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.

8.3 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	18	18	16

* AWG – American Wire Gauge

9 ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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

10. LED INDICATOR

Pulsing green LED: The charger is connected to AC power.

Solid green LED: The charger is charging the battery.

LED off: The battery is fully charged; the charger is in Maintain Mode.

Solid red LED: Clamps are reversed.

See *Operating Instructions* for a complete description of the charger modes.

11. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

NOTE: This charger is equipped with an auto-start feature. Current is supplied to the battery clamps before a battery is connected, and the clamps may 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. Connect the battery clamps to the quick-connect cable.
6. Lay the DC cable away from any fan blades, belts, pulleys and other moving parts.
7. Connect the battery, following the precautions listed in sections 6 and 7.
8. Connect the charger to a live, grounded 120V AC outlet. The green LED will pulse.
9. The LED will change to solid green to indicate charging; the LED will turn off when the battery is fully charged.
10. When charging is complete, disconnect the charger from the AC power, remove the clamp 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 clamps to the quick-connect cable.
4. Connect the battery, following the precautions listed in sections 6 and 7.
5. Connect the charger to a live, grounded 120V AC outlet. The green LED will pulse.
6. The LED will change to solid green to indicate charging; the LED will turn off when the battery is fully charged.
7. When charging is complete, disconnect the charger from the AC power, disconnect the negative clamp, and finally the positive clamp.
8. A marine (boat) battery must be removed and charged on shore.



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BATTERY CHARGING TIMES

BATTERY SIZE/RATING		CHARGE TIME	
SMALL BATTERIES Motorcycle, garden tractor, etc.	6-12 Ah	5-10 h	
	12-32 Ah	10-26.5 h	
CARS AND TRUCKS	200-315 CCA	40-60 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
	315-550 CCA	60-85 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
	550-1000 CCA	85-190 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
MARINE/DEEP-CYCLE		80 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
		140 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
		160 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY
		180 RC	MAINTAIN ONLY

Times are based on a 50% discharged battery and may change, depending on age and condition of battery.

AUTOMATIC CHARGING MODE

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

COMPLETION OF CHARGE

When the green LED turns off, the charger has switched to the maintain mode of operation.

MAINTAIN MODE (FLOAT MODE MONITORING)

When the green LED turns off, the charger has started maintain mode. In this mode, the charger keeps the battery fully charged by delivering a small current when necessary.

MAINTAINING A BATTERY

The unit 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 recommended.

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	SOLUTION
The green LED does not pulse when charger is properly connected.	AC outlet is dead. Poor electrical connection.	Check for open fuse or circuit breaker supplying AC outlet. Check for a loose fitting plug or extension cord.
The red LED is lit.	Reversed clamps.	Unplug the charger and reverse the clamps.

14. BEFORE RETURNING

For RETURNS visit JEGS.com or call 1-800-345-4545.

15. LIMITED WARRANTY

For information on our one year limited warranty, please call 1-800-345-4545.

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