

BENTON
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5STEP

SWITCH MODE BATTERY CHARGER

**For Lead- Acid Rechargeable
Batteries 1.2-14Ah (6V)
& 1.2-120Ah (12V)**






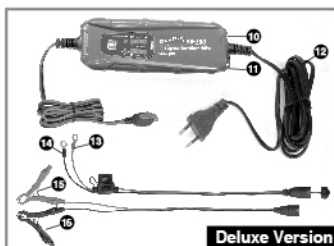
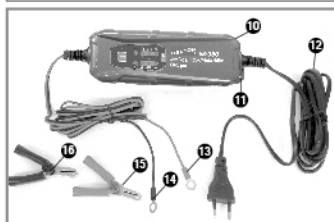
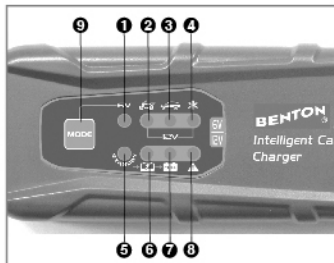
SB-380



**User's Manual And
Guide To
Professional Battery Charger**

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For Your Safety

This manual contains important safety and operating instructions. Read this manual carefully before using the charger for the first time and keep the manual in a safe place for future reference.

Product Feature

Congratulations on your purchase of the BENTON® SB-380 5-Step fully automatic switch mode battery charger and maintainer, designed for charging a variety of lead-acid rechargeable batteries, widely used in motorbikes, cars and several other vehicles. The batteries may be of various types i.e. WET/Flooded (Liquid Electrolyte), GEL (Gelatin type Electrolyte, absorbed into the plates), AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) batteries. Their capacity range from 6V/1.2 Ah to 6V/14 Ah and 12V/1.2 Ah to 12V/120 Ah. The BENTON® SB-380 battery charger also charges batteries in cold conditions. Using state-of-the-art technology, the charger enables the recharging of the batteries to almost 100% of their original capacity. It recovers slightly sulphated batteries. It diagnoses and rescues drained battery. It provides trickle charge and maintenance charging which increases battery life and gives superb performance. It also features low back current drain and low ripple.

Product Safety Feature

- Electronically safe against user errors. The charger will not damage vehicle electronics. It is totally safe for months-long connections and maintenance of irregularly or seasonally used batteries even while the charger is still connected to the vehicle. It provides optimal condition without damage.
- **No risk of over-charging!**
- Full protection against wrong connection and against short circuit ensures safe charging operation.
- Provided with Spark protection mechanism. The charger will not begin operation upon connection to the battery unless charging mode has been selected. This embedded feature eliminates the possibility of a spark that often appears during connections.
- Fully controlled by internal MCU (Micro-Computer-Unit), which makes it faster, powerful, reliable and smarter. It detects the state of charge of the battery plugged into it and initiates charging.
- Dust and splash proof (IP65), for indoor use only.
- Double insulated

Contents

- 1) BENTON® Charger SB-380
- 2)* Quick contact battery leads with clamps
- 3)* Quick contact battery leads with eyelet terminals (Ø 6.3mm), plug-in fuse 10A
- 4) User Manual

(In case Deluxe version 2* & 3* refer to interchangeable leads)

Safety Information

- BENTON® SB-380 charger is designed for charging 6V 1.2-14 Ah and 12V 1.2-120Ah Lead-Acid rechargeable batteries. Do not use it to supply power to low voltage electrical system other than designated applications. Do not use it for any other purposes. It may cause an explosion.



WARNING! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHARGE A NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERY (PRIMARY CELLS).

- Before charging make sure the input power is as per rated specifications, otherwise the charging performance may be seriously affected.
- Do not use battery charger for charging dry-cell batteries. They may burst and cause injury to

- Never charge a frozen battery.
- Never charge a damaged battery.
- Do not use the charger with a damaged cable **12**. It must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified technician in order to ensure safety.
- Do not operate charger if it appears to be damaged or malfunctioning. Take it to qualified person for inspection and repair.
- Do not disassemble charger, incorrect reassembly may result in electric shock or fire. Locate charger as far away from battery as DC cable permit.
- Never place charger above battery being charged, gases from battery will corrode and damage charger.
- While charging always use safety glasses, gloves, protective clothing and keep your face away from the battery.
- Remove 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 melt such metallic objects, causing a severe burn.
- **Explosion hazard!** A battery being charged could emit explosive gasses. Avoid smoking or open sparks or flames in the vicinity of the battery. Explosive and flammable substances such as fuel or solvents should not be kept in the vicinity of the charger or the battery.
- Disconnect the supply before making or breaking connections to the battery.
- While connecting the charger to the battery, maintain right polarity connection and avoid short-circuiting.
- Connect the appropriate DC clip to the battery post which is not connected to the automobile chassis. (The battery terminal not connected to the chassis has to be connected first.)
- Connect the other DC connector to the chassis, away from the battery and fuel line.
- The connector to be fixed to the positive pole shall be coloured red and that to be connected to the negative pole shall be coloured black.
- Then connect the battery charger to the supply mains.
- Do not cover the charger while charging.
- Do not touch the battery clips together when charger is connected with mains.
- Charging must be ceased immediately if battery is found to be too hot or leaks out liquid during charging.
- In case of malfunction or damage, immediately disconnect the charger from the mains.
- Do not use vehicle when charging permanently installed batteries.
- During charging the battery must be placed in a well ventilated area.
- **Danger of chemical burns!** Battery acid is highly corrosive. If your skin or eyes come into contact with acid, immediately rinse the affected part of the body with excessive water and seek medical advice.
- The battery terminal not connected to the chassis has to be connected first. The other connection is to be made to the chassis, far from the battery and fuel line. The battery charger is then to be connected to the power supply.
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- This appliance is not intended for use 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 concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
- Ensure that charger switches to maintenance charge mode, before it is left unattended and connected for long time.

Locate Charger

- Locate the charger as far away from battery as the DC cord permits.
- While charging do not place charger directly above or below the battery. Gases or fluids from the battery may corrode and damage the charger.
- Never allow battery acid to drip on the charger.
- Charging should be carried out in a well-ventilated, weather protected facility.

Battery Type & Settings

The following recommendations should only be referred to as guidelines. For precise details, you must refer to battery manufacturer for instructions.

	Mode 7.3V/0.8A This mode is normally suitable for 6V WET, MF and GEL batteries 1.2Ah-14Ah
	Mode 14.4V/0.8A This mode is normally suitable for 12V WET, MF and GEL batteries 1.2Ah-14Ah
	Mode 14.4V/3.8A This mode is normally used for 12V WET, MF and most GEL batteries 14Ah-120Ah
	Mode 14.7V/3.8A This mode is recommended for several 12V AGM batteries. This mode is also suitable for charging batteries in sub-zero temperatures 14Ah-120Ah

OPERATION

Charging

- 1) Charging of a permanently installed battery in a vehicle
 - a) Before connecting or disconnecting the battery leads, the power cord should be removed from the mains.
 - b) Check polarity of battery post. A positive (+) battery post usually has a larger diameter than a negative (-) post.
 - c) Identify the pole of battery which is connected to the chassis (earth). Normally the negative terminal is connected to the chassis.
 - d) Charging of negative earthed battery:
 - Make sure the black wire **16** (-) pole connection) has not contact with the fuel line or the battery.
 - Connect the red wire **15** (+) to the positive (+) pole of the battery and the black wire **16** (-) to the vehicle chassis.

e) Charging of positive earthed battery:

- Make sure the red wire **15** ("+" pole connection) has no contact with the fuel line or the battery.
- Connect the black wire **16** ("-" pole) to the negative ("-" pole) of the battery and the red wire **15** ("+" pole) to the vehicle chassis.

2) Charging of a battery not connected to a vehicle

- Before connecting or disconnecting the battery leads, the power cord should be removed from the mains.
- Connect the red wire **15** ("+" pole) to the positive ("+" pole) of the battery and the black wire **16** ("-" pole) to the negative ("-" pole).

Equipment Description

Indication:

Indication	State	Description
5		Red LED on for "STANDBY" In case of open circuit or short circuit or reverse connection, LED lights up
1	6V	Red LED on for "Mode 1" (7.3V/0.8A)
2		Red LED on for "Mode 2" (14.4V/0.8A)
3		Red LED on for "Mode 3" (14.4V/3.8A)
4		Red LED on for "Mode 4" (14.7V/3.8A)
8		Red LED on for "Error" i.e. Incorrect polarity/Fault
6		Red LED on for "Charging in progress"
6		Red LED flashes for "Checking battery"
7	FULL	Green LED on for "Fully charged"
9		"Mode" selection button(b)

Component Description

10	Charger
11	Mounting holes
12	Mains cable with power plug
13*	"+" Pole connection cable (red) with ring terminal
14*	"-" Pole connection cable (black) with ring terminal
15	"+" Pole quick clamp (red), with built-in terminal screw
16	"-" Pole quick clamp (black), with built-in terminal screw

(In case of Deluxe version **13*** & **14*** cables refer to in-line battery protection plug-in fuse (10A) for permanent attachment to the battery posts to allow quick connection/disconnection through snap-connector)

Select Charging Mode

To charge various batteries at different ambient temperature you can select correct voltage charging mode by pushing the selection button until the light for correct voltage is lit.

Reset / Deleting Settings

After connection to the power supply, the charger automatically resets itself to basic settings and remains in mode **5** unless further action is executed by the user.

Switching over between Modes 1,2,3 and 4

By repeatedly pressing the selection button displays the charging modes in the following order-

a) for 6V battery:

5 → **6V 1** (7.3V/0.8A)

b) for 12V battery:

5 → **2** (14.4V/0.8A) → **3** (14.4V/3.8A) → **4** (14.7V/3.8A) and repeats this cycle.

If you press **9**, charging mode automatically switches to the next operation mode and begins functioning in that specific mode. However after a full charge, if battery is not disconnected from the charger, it remains in float charge mode, even if user switches it over to another mode. This protects battery from being damaged.

MODE 1 (7.3V/0.8A)

This mode is suitable for charging 6V small batteries with capacity range from 1.2-14Ah. Connect the output terminals of the charger to the battery with right polarity. Connect the power cord to the power outlet to begin charging.

Press the selection button **9** to select Mode 1. After executing this operation the corresponding LED display **6V 1** will light up. If no further process is activated, the electronic system will automatically start the charging process with the LED displaying **6** and charging starts with a current of 0.8A. If this procedure runs smoothly, the LED display **6** will remain on during the entire charging process, until battery is fully charged upto 7.3V. At this stage LED display

6 will turn off and LED display **7** will turn on. The Trickle current is now available to battery for maintenance.

MODE 2 (14.4/0.8A)

This mode is suitable for charging 12V small batteries with capacity range from 1.2-14Ah in normal conditions. Connect the output terminals of the charger to the battery with right polarity. Connect the power cord to the power outlet to begin charging.






Press the selection button **9** to select Mode 2. After executing this operation the corresponding LED display **2** will light up. If no further process is activated, the electronic system will automatically start the charging process with the LED displaying **2** and charging starts with a current of 0.8A. If this procedure runs smoothly, the LED display **6** will remain on during the entire charging process, until battery is fully charged upto 14.4V. At this stage LED display **6** will turn off and LED display **7** will turn on. The Trickle current is now available to battery for maintenance.

MODE 3 (14.4/3.8A)

This mode is suitable for charging 12V large batteries with capacity range from 14-120Ah in normal conditions. Connect the output terminals of the charger to the battery with right polarity. Connect the power cord to the power outlet to begin charging.

Press the selection button **9** to select Mode 3. After executing this operation the corresponding LED display **3** will light up immediately. If no further action is taken, the electronic system will automatically start the charging process with current of 3.8A. If this procedure runs smoothly, the LED display **6** remains on, the electronic system becomes active and remains in this condition until battery is fully charged upto 14.4V. At this stage LED display **6** will turn off and LED display **7** will turn on. The Trickle current is now available to battery for maintenance.



MODE 4 (14.7/3.8A)

This mode is suitable for charging 12V large batteries with capacity range from 14-120Ah in cold conditions or charging several AGM batteries. Connect the output terminals of the charger to the battery with right polarity. Connect the power cord to the power outlet to begin charging. Press the selection button  ④ to select Mode 4. After executing this operation the corresponding LED display  ④ will light up immediately. If no further action is taken, the electronic system will automatically start the charging process with a set delay. In this mode, the charging current is identical to that of Mode 3. If this procedure runs smoothly, the LED display  ④ remains on, the electronic system becomes active and remains in this condition until battery is fully charged upto 14.7V. At this stage LED display  ④ will turn off and LED display  ⑦ will turn on. The Trickle current is now available to battery for maintenance.

Rescuing Drained Battery

When charger is connected to a battery, before the start of charging process, the charger automatically detects the voltage of the battery. It can recover deeply discharged & drained batteries with pulse charging if the voltage is in the range of 7.5-10.5V for 12V battery or 3.75V-5.25V for 6V battery.




Abnormality Protection

In case of short-circuit, open circuit, reversed polarity connection or battery voltage below $7.5V \pm 0.5$ (for 12V battery) or $3.75V \pm 0.3$ (for 6V battery), the charger will turn-off the electronic system and will immediately reset the system back to basic position to avoid damage to battery and charger. System will remain in  ⑤ mode unless it receives any charging action by the user. Additionally, the LED displays  ⑧ to indicate reverse polarity/fault.

Overheating Protection

BENTON® SB-380 charger is protected by NTC control. During the charging process, if the charger becomes too hot or due to extreme ambient temperature, the power output is automatically reduced to protect itself from damage. The charger continues to work trickle charge. Charger increases power automatically when the ambient temperature drops.

Bulk Charging Time

Battery size (Ah)	Mode	For About 80% Charge (hours)	
		6V	12V
1.2		1.5	1.5
2		2	2
14		14	14
14			3
20			4.5
60			14
100			23
120			28





Technical Data

MODEL	SB-380
Input Voltage AC	220-230VAC, 50/60Hz
Output Voltage	Nominal: 6V or 12V
Starting Current	<25 A
Input Current	0.6A RMS max
Efficiency	75%
Charging Voltage	14.4V or 14.7V or 7.3V
Charging Current	3.8A or 0.8A
Back Current Drain*	< 5 mA (No AC input)
Ripple**	150mV max
Ambient Temperature	-20°C to 40°C, Reduced output power at higher temperature
Type of Charger	Five step, fully automatic, switch mode with maintenance charging
Type of Batteries	12V Lead-acid batteries (WET, MF, AGM and GEL)
Battery Capacity	1.2-14Ah (for 6V), 1.2-120Ah (for 12V)
Dimensions (LxWxH)	183 x 65 x 45mm
Housing Protection	IP65 (Dust and Splash proof), indoor use.
Weight	0.502kg / 0.69kg (Deluxe Version)
Noise Level	<50 dB (Tested from a distance of 50cm)

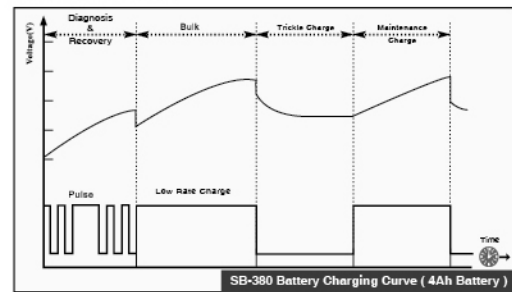
* = Back current drain is the amount of current drawn by the charger from battery, when the charger is connected to the battery, without power cord connected. BENTON® SB-380 has extremely low back current drain which corresponds to 0.7 Ah per month (1mA/hr)

** = Ripple refers to interference of current and voltage. A high current ripple heats up battery and reduces life of battery. Against a linear charger, which has a current ripple of up to 400%, BENTON® SB-380 charger's current ripple is below 2% (0.15/12V battery voltage), which is much lower than the max 5% for a sealed acid battery. Equipments connected to the battery could be damaged by high voltage ripple.

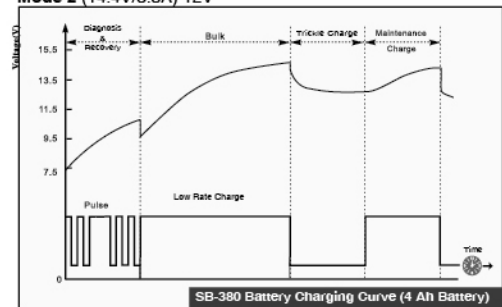
Charging Phases

BENTON® SB-380 charger performs 5-step fully automatic charging cycle. Mode 1  ① (7.3V/0.8A), Mode 2  ② for (14.4V/0.8A), Mode 3  ③ for (14.4V/3.8A) and Mode 4  ④ for (14.7V/3.8A).

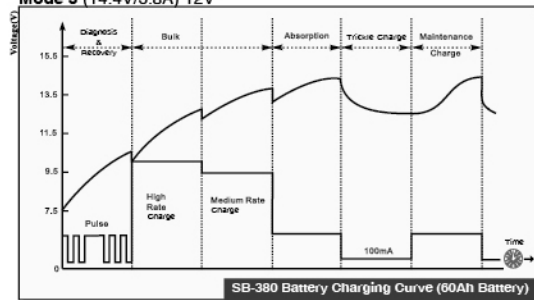
Mode 1 (7.3V/0.8A) 6V



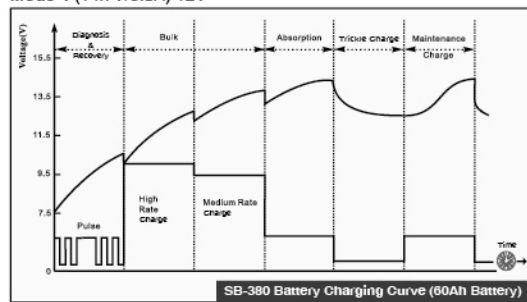
Mode 2 (14.4V/0.8A) 12V



Mode 3 (14.4V/3.8A) 12V



Mode 4 (14.7V/3.8A) 12V



1) **Diagnosis & Recovery** : Initializes the recovery process for drained batteries by pulse charging with small current in order to restoring the battery capacity.




2) **Bulk** : 80% of energy is returned in this phase of charging. Here charger performs in two states: High Rate Charging and Medium Rate Charging.

3) **Absorption**: In this phase complete charging up to almost 100% is achieved. Charger switches to trickle charge phase after sensing that the battery is truly fully charged.

4) **Trickle Charge**: Battery is fully charged and ready to use. If the battery needs more current, the charger will switch to Maintenance Charge phase.

5) **Maintenance Charge**: As charger continuously monitors the terminal voltage in order to determine if a maintenance charging should be initiated. If the battery is loaded and/or terminal voltage falls below 12.8V (for 12V battery) or 6.4V (for 6V battery), the charger starts a maintenance cycle until voltage reaches to 14.4V (for 12V battery) or 7.35V (for 6V battery). The maintenance charging is discontinued.

Trouble Shooting

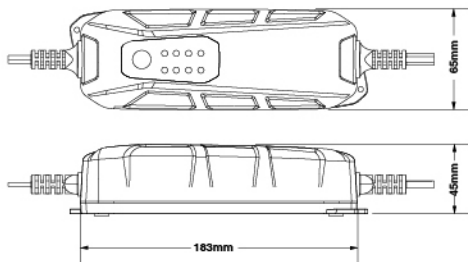
Problem	Indication	Possible Cause	Solution
Charger does not work	Indicator lights are not on	a) Charger is not plugged in b) Poor electrical connection c) AC outlet is dead	a) plug in b) Check AC connections and make sure mains is switched on c) Check receptacle
Charger has no DC output	 6 or  5	a) Battery is connected with reverse polarity poles b) Output is short circuited c) Poor contact from charger to battery d) MODE button is not pressed	a) Check DC connection between charger and battery and make sure they are not short b) Check if clamps or ring connectors are connected to the correct polarity c) Check if connectors are not greasy or corroded and making a clean connection and there are no loose or damaged connection d) Press the MODE button
No charging current	 6	a) Battery may be defective /excessive current draw b) Battery may be severely sulfated	a) Check battery condition b) If battery can not be de-sulfated, it must be replaced
Excessive charging time	All LED indicators work normally	a) Wrong battery type selected b) Battery capacity too large	a) Check battery type selection b) Battery can not be charged and must be replaced

Maintenance

BENTON® SB-380 charger does not need any specific maintenance. Only install, maintain or service this charger when it is disconnected from the mains. It may be cleaned with a dry cloth or soft tissue. Under any circumstances, do not use any solvents or other cleaning agents.

Mounting & Product Dimensions


The charger is easy to fix using two screws.
Please refer to product drawing.



Application



Declaration of Compliance

Tested and approved by  and SGS and conforms to EN 60335-1/A15:2011, EN 60335-2-29/A2:2010, EN62233:2008, PPP76001:2008 incl. ZEK01.2-08, EN 61000-3-2:2006+A1:2009+A2:2009, EN 61000-3-3:2008, EN 55014-1: 2006+A1:2009, EN 55014-2:1997+A1:2001+A2:2008

Environment Friendly Disposal Appliance



At the end of its life, the battery charger should not be disposed of in household rubbish. Seek advice of your local authority for environmentally friendly disposal.

Packaging



Your battery charger is wrapped in packaging to protect it against transportation damage. Packaging can be re-used or sent to re-cycling system.

Note- We reserve right to carry out technical modifications for improvement of SB-380 charger.