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SMART 6-STAGE BATTERY CHARGER AND MAINTAINER
12V 10 AMP

100% AUTOMATIC SMART BATTERY CHARGER & MAINTAINER

SUITS ALL LEAD ACID TYPE BATTERIES

FULLY MICROPROCESSOR CONTROLLED

NO FAN NO NOISE

NO TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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You are now the owner of one of the most advanced, reliable and feature packed chargers available today. Please take the time to read and understand this manual, even though it may have already been installed for you.

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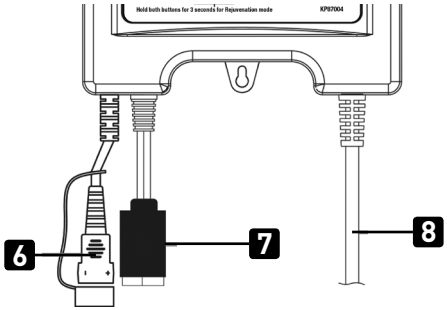
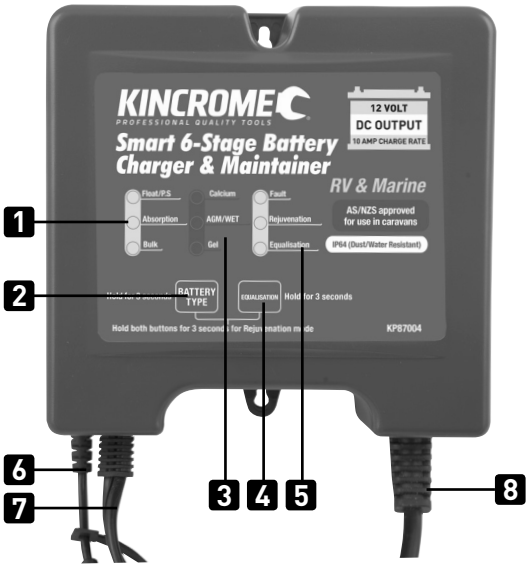


Know Your Product

1. Charge Stage Indicator LEDs
2. Battery Type Button
3. Battery Type Selection LEDs
4. Equalisation Button
5. Function LEDs
6. Temperature Compensation Sensor Socket
7. Output Socket
8. AC Mains Pin Plug



*Additional ring terminals included in pack

Specifications:

Part No: **KP87004**
Output: ..... **10 AMPs DC peak, 8A DC constant**
Input Voltage: ..... **230-240VAC nominal**
Input Frequency: **50Hz**
Charge Voltage: **14.1/14.4/14.7VDC**
Trickle Charge Voltage: .. **13.7VDC**
Equalise Voltage: **15.5VDC**

Operating Temperature: ..... **0 to 40ºC**
Operating Humidity: ..... **90% RH Max.**
Dimensions: ..... **140 x 145 x 55mm**
Weight: **1.0kg**
Approvals ..... **CE, UL/cUL, AS/NZS, EMC**

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IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE AND WARNINGS

- While this charger is dust-proof and water splash-proof to IP64, we recommend that it is used and/or installed indoors only and should never be directly exposed to water, rain, pressure washer, etc.
- Make sure you are using proper AC mains power Voltage.
- Do not attempt to use the charger if it has been dropped or damaged.
- Never attempt to charge a damaged battery, frozen battery or non-rechargeable battery.
- Do not use the charger in a closed area or poorly-ventilated area.
- Never smoke, use an open flame, or create sparks near a battery or charger during charging operation as this may cause an explosion / explosive gas.
- Do not operate the charger if any of the cables or plugs are damaged.
- Do not disassemble the charger. Take it to a qualified and authorised person if any repair is required.
- Keep the charger away from infants, children and pets.
- Ensure the correct Battery Type is selected before the first use or any battery replacement.
- Do not charge using an incorrect Battery Type setting. (EG: do not charge a Gel battery with Calcium battery selection setting or vice-versa as this may damage your battery)
- If you are in doubt as to what battery type you have, refer to the battery Supplier or Manufacturer. Do not guess or assume as this may damage your battery.
- Incorrect Battery Type selection may result in you battery being under charged or over charged and any damage will not be covered by warranty.
- Check the Battery Manufacture's specific precautions. EG: such as removing or not removing cell caps whilst charging.
- As a general precaution, someone should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid while working with any battery.
- Wear protective goggles and turn your face away when connecting or disconnecting a battery.
- If battery acid contacts your skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water. If acid enters your eye, immediately flush the eye with running cold water for at least 10 minutes and seek medical attention.
- To reduce risk of damaging the battery, avoid dropping any metal tools onto the battery. Wrap spanners with electrical insulation tape to minimise the risk of a short circuit.
- Never rest the battery being charged on top of your Kincrome battery charger or place the charger on top of the battery.
- The battery charger should be installed and kept as far away from the battery as the output cables permit.

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MAIN FEATURES

- **High frequency Switching Mode with pulse charge output.**
- **Microprocessor controlled.**
- **NO fan! NO noise to keep you awake at night and no moving parts to wear out and fail.**
- **Quick connect output plugs.**
- **Automatic Power-Supply mode.**
- **Suits all Lead Acid battery types (user selectable):** Conventional wet flooded, Calcium, Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) & Gel.
- **Battery rejuvenation (De-Sulphation) function (user selectable).**
- **Heavy-duty cables & fittings.**
- **Designed for Australian & New Zealand conditions and applications.**

INSTALLATION:

This product is designed to be installed in a **HARDWIRED SITUATION ONLY**.

Because this Charger has NO fan it is important to **MOUNT IT AN AREA OF GOOD VENTILATION**. Nothing should located be within 100mm (4 inches) of the charger unit to ensure natural convection cooling takes place.

Choose a suitable location that meets these requirements. In camper-trailers and caravans especially make sure the location is not used for storage of things that may limit the airflow like tents/swags/canvas awnings that may wrap around the unit during travel and not be unfolded or used at the next destination.

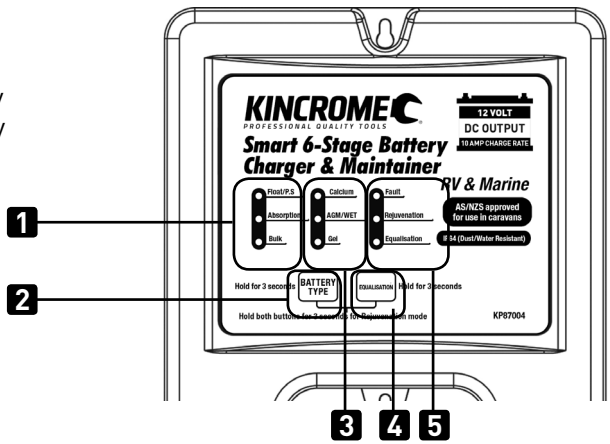
CAUTION: If this charger does get too hot, it is not a danger as the unit will automatically "foldback" and reduce the output the current and continue to work at a lower power level to prevent overheating. The battery recharge time however will be longer. Only in extreme ambient heat environments the unit may shutdown.

CONTROL & INDICATORS:

1. Charge stage indicator LED's
Shows what the stage of charge mode is.

The Float/PS LED will automatically come on when used with no battery as a Power Supply (PS).

2. Battery Type button
Allows the user to program the charger for the battery type connected. Hold for 3 seconds to change.



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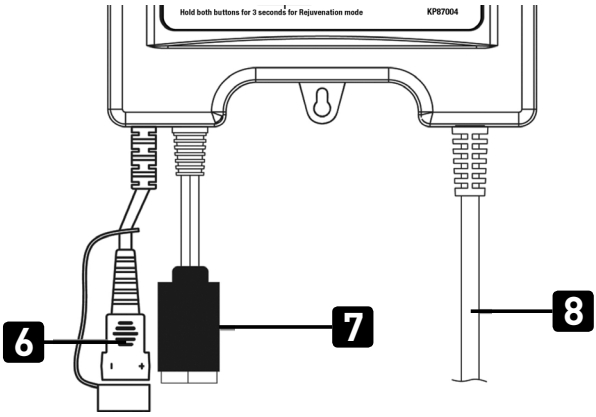
3. Battery Type selection.
Shows what battery type is programmed. Use Battery Type button to change.

4. Equalisation button.
Allows the user to start an Equalisation charge cycle. Hold for 3 seconds to begin.

5. Fault, Rejuvenation and Equalisation mode LED's
Refer to the following pages for more information.

CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS:



6. Temperature Compensation sensor socket.
Before any use, connect only the provided sensor. Do not modify the cable in any way. Connect the sensor to one of the battery terminals (preferably the Negative).

7. DC output socket.
Anderson 30Amp Power-Pole (PP30) connector. Use the matching cable provided to connect to the battery (preferably via the battery master fuse). This cable can be shortened. Extra care should be taken before making this cable longer to make sure any Voltage drop is considered (a larger cable will probably be required depending on the distance).

8. AC mains input plug.
For use with 230-240Vac only.

PROGRAMMING:

Before any use, make sure the correct battery type is set! This is a list of common batteries from the lead-acid chemistry family;

- Conventional wet flooded cell. Also simply known as "Lead Acid". This type will have screw-out vents for maintenance and topping up with distilled water. For this type use the AGM/Wet setting.
- Sealed Maintenance Free (SMF). This type still has a liquid acid inside (if you rock it from side to side you will hear it 'slosh' and move) but is not able to be opened for topping up. This type commonly has a "Magic Eye" for telling the state of charge too. Use the Calcium setting for this battery type.
- Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM). A common type of fully sealed and maintenance free battery used in a lot of camper-vans, caravans, motorhomes & boats as they emit no toxic fumes during

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normal use. Use the AGM/Wet setting for this type of battery.

- Gel. The original sealed battery type uses silica-dioxide to fix the acid in place. They can be difficult to identify and can be easily mistaken for an AGM battery. Use the GEL setting for this type.

IMPORTANT! If you are unsure of your battery type, check with your battery supplier or the battery manufacturer. Using the wrong setting can damage your battery and will not be covered under warranty.

AUTOMATIC POWER-SUPPLY MODE:

This charger will automatically become a power supply in the event there is no battery connected or there has been a total battery failure. This allows you to use critical loads such as a water-pump in a remote area where no replacement may be available.

If there has never been a battery installed in your camper-trailer, caravan, etc you must have this unit plugged into AC mains to be able to operate the lights, TV, etc.

If you decide to install a battery at a later stage, you do not need to purchase another charger. Simply have a suitable battery installed by a professional automotive-electrician and check the Battery Type is set correctly.

If you have a battery installed and suspect there has been a battery failure of any kind, this feature will allow you to still be able to operate your DC loads such as lights and TV because the charger will still turn on when the battery has been disconnected and/or removed.

If this happens, disconnect the AC mains and have an automotive-electrician to disconnect the battery Negative terminal and then secure and insulate the cable so it cannot short-circuit or make contact with anything.

When AC mains is re-applied with no battery connected, the charger will automatically restart as a Power Supply. This is shown by the Float/PS LED coming on.

When the problem is fixed or faulty battery is replaced, it will automatically restart as a Battery Charger.

USE WITH OTHER CHARGING SOURCES:

It is quite common in installations where this charger will be used to have other methods of charging the batteries also connected (and possibly in use) at the same time. Because this charger has been designed as a Voltage regulated product, there is little chance of this being a problem. Most alternators, solar controllers, DC-DC chargers, etc will not cause any ill-effect if used at the same time. However, we recommend that you check with the other equipment suppliers if you are not sure.

STORAGE

This charger has been designed to be left permanently connected.

We therefore recommend that you plug the charger into AC mains when your camper-trailer, caravan, boat, etc is in storage so that the battery is always maintained at 100% state of charge and always ready for use.

If you don't have access to permanent AC mains power, consider solar panels and a suitable regulator to keep the battery fully charged.

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Keep in mind that all batteries have a certain rate of "self discharge" and will eventually go flat by themselves,so we recommend the charger be left connected to AC mains when not in use.

USE WITH GENERATORS

This product is designed for safe use with generators. Test your generator with the charger before you leave home!

We recommend only using "inverter" type generators (ie: Honda EU or Yamaha EF-iS) or generators with an Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) on the alternator.

If you are using a 2-stroke or open frame "tradesman" type generator without an AVR, we highly recommend using an additional surge protector at the generator outlet.

Remember that powered sites in remote areas are often powered from a large generator too.

The charger requires approx 200Watts to run at its full output. Therefore we recommend the smallest generator used to run this charger is 1kVA (1000VA).

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This Kincrome battery charger has been designed to be easy to operate and very simple to use.

Please refer to the operating instructions below.

1. Pre-Charge Check

(a) Check the Battery Electrolyte level (non-sealed batteries). If necessary, remove the vent caps and add distilled water so the levels are halfway between the upper and lower fill lines.

(b) Location – Ensure the Battery is in a well ventilated area. Never charge a conventional wet cell battery inside a campervan or caravan without adequate ventilation. This includes "Calcium" maintenance-free types. Refer to Australian / New Zealand Standards 2676 and 3011 for indoor battery installations.

(c) If your charger came as Original Equipment (OE) with your caravan, ignore this step. Keep the charger as far away from battery as the cables permit. Never place the charger directly above the battery being charged as gasses from the battery may corrode and damage the charger.

CAUTION: Always keep the charger away from high corrosion / wet and moist areas.

2. Connecting the charger to your battery

Because this product is designed to be hardwired, this step will normally be done as part of the original installation.

(a) Connect the RED (+) lead from the charger directly to the positive (+) battery terminal.

(b) Connect the BLACK (-) lead from the charger directly to the negative (-) battery terminal. Do not connect to the chassis, fuel rails, brake lines, etc.

(c) When multiple batteries are installed in parallel, always use a fuse or DC circuit breaker as close to each battery as possible.

(d) If connecting the charger to batteries in parallel, connect the charger output lead to each of the opposite ends of the battery bank to minimise any Voltage drop in each battery interconnect.

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3. Connect the battery charger to the mains power (230-240Vac)

(a) This could be from a generator, powered site, marina, or your home.

(b) The charger will automatically start when AC power is connected.
Note: If the Fault Indicator LED illuminates RED, please check your connections as the most common problem is that the Positive (RED (+)) and Negative (BLACK (-)) Leads are reversed, refer to Trouble Shooting Page for further information.

(c) Ensure the Battery Type indicator LED matches your battery installed!
Note: The charger will automatically memorise your charging rate setting and battery type setting. The next time you use the charger it will default to the last setting.

THE CHARGING PROCESS:

The charging LED's indicate all of the Charging Stages. The charging stages are in this order as follows:

- **Soft Start. Indicated by the GREEN Bulk LED flashing.**
  A Soft Start will only occur if the initial battery Voltage is between 3V DC and 10.5V DC due to a deep discharge. During a Soft Start the unit will charge the battery using 2.5Amps until the battery Voltage is over 10.5V DC.
  If the GREEN Bulk LED is blinking, turn OFF all the loads possible (lights, TV, etc) until the Bulk LED turns solid and stops blinking.

- **Bulk charge. Indicated by the GREEN Bulk LED on solid.**
  Charges the battery using a constant maximum current (10Amps maximum) until the battery Voltage rises to the Absorption level. This stage is generally the first 60%.

- **Absorption. Indicated by the GREEN Absorption LED on solid.**
  This stage charges the battery using a constant Voltage (determined by the Battery Type setting). This stage is generally the second 30%.

- **Float. Indicated by GREEN Float/PS (Power Supply) LED.**
  During the first hour of float charge (>90%) the green Float/PS LED will blink.
  When the battery is 100% and fully charged the green Float/PS LED will turn solid. It will now be trickle charged and maintained at a safe constant Voltage (determined by the Battery Type selection).

- **Equalising.** Indicated by the GREEN Absorption LED flashing and the Equalisation LED on.

Equalisation mode (not possible in GEL mode).

This mode is a well proven way of extending the life of your battery, especially when used in a deep-cycle application such as a camper-trailer or with an electric outboard on a boat. Activating this mode will force the battery Voltage higher than normal, at a limited output current to perform a controlled overcharge, reactivating all of the chemicals maximising all of the available capacity. Every battery manufacturer has different guidelines for Equalisation so check with them before activating this mode. A s a general rule though, use this mode once a month if you are using the battery heavily to once every few months if you use it lightly.

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Rejuvenation mode (Patented).

Your Kincrome battery charger provides a unique battery "Rejuvenation" function.

What does this feature do? The Rejuvenation mode uses high frequency and high Voltage pulses that has been proven to break down the crystalline form of lead sulphate (commonly called "Sulphation" pronounced "Sul-Fay-Shon") within the battery cells which helps extend your battery life. Sulphation can occur when batteries are regularly discharged, have insufficient recharge time and/or they are left in a discharged state.

We recommend that you periodically use this rejuvenation (de-Sulphate) feature to ensure you get the maximum life out of your battery, only when connected to mains power (not on a generator due to the time and fuel that would be required).

While there are no true rules to follow, we suggest that if you use the battery on a daily basis, Rejuvenation every few months is adequate. If you only use the battery a few times a year, every 6-12 months or so is enough.

To activate the Rejuvenation feature, press and hold the Battery Type and the Equalisation buttons for 3 seconds until the YELLOW Rejuvenation LED begins flashing.

Once the charger has entered the rejuvenation (de-sulphate) charging stage, the process will automatically stop after 24 hours.

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TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	INDICATION	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTIONS
Charger does not work?	NO Indicator lights ON	- NO AC power	- Check AC connections and make sure the AC Power Point is switched ON. - Try a different AC Power Point which you know is working.
Charger has NO DC output?	Fault RED LED is ON OR GREEN power LED ON or flashing	- Output is short circuited - Reverse polarity protection - Loose / bad connection to the battery	- Check DC connection between charger and battery and make sure they are not short circuited. (Touching each other) - Check that the crocodile clips have not fallen off or come loose. - Check that the crocodile clips/ ring terminals are connected to the correct polarity. **Note:** The charger output is only present when connected to a battery.
NO charging current?	Fault RED LED is Flashing	- Battery is severely sulphated - Battery has a damaged cell - Over temperature protection mode	- Check the battery condition, age etc. - Battery may need replacement. - Move battery & charger to a cooler environment.
The full / float light won't come ON.	Fault RED LED is Flashing	- Battery Ah capacity too large for the battery charger and it has timed out - Battery is defective - Battery is severely sulphated	- Check the charger specifications match the battery capacity. Eg. make sure battery capacity is not too big for the charger. - Battery may need replacement.

In the event you believe your Battery Charger is not functioning correctly, please contact Kincrome Customer Service, (1300 657 528) before returning the item to your place of purchase. Our technical team may be able to rectify your issue over the phone.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

For the full range of replacement parts and accessories, please visit our website **www.kincrome.com.au**

Technical support is provided by Kincrome Tools or charger partner, OzCharge Corporation. Call Kincrome Customer Service on 1800 657 528 if assistance is required.

24 MONTH WARRANTY

Warranty given by Kincrome Australia Pty Ltd of 3 Lakeview Drive, Caribbean Park, Scoresby, Victoria (Tel 1300 657 528). The applicable warranty period (24 months) commences on the date that the product is purchased. If this product has materials or workmanship defects (other than defects caused by abnormal or non warranted use) you can, at your cost, send the product to place of purchase, an authorised Kincrome service agent or one of Kincromes addresses for repair or replacement. Your rights under this warranty are in addition to any other rights you have under the Australian Consumer Law or other applicable laws. 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. For further details please visit www.kincrome.com.au or call us. Due to minor changes in design or manufacture, the product you purchase may sometimes differ from the one shown on the packaging.

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