

# **ANALYTIC SYSTEMS**

Power Conversion Solutions

## **INSTALLATION & OPERATION MANUAL**

### **BCD615 SERIES DC Battery Charger**



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## **IMPORTANT & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

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1. **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** — This manual contains important safety and operating instructions for battery charger
2. Do not expose battery charger to rain or snow.
3. 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.
4. Do not disassemble battery 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.
5. To reduce risk of electric shock, unplug battery charger from outlet before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off controls will not reduce this risk.
6. Never place battery charger directly above battery; gases from battery will corrode and damage battery charger.
7. Never allow battery acid to drip on battery charger when reading gravity or filling battery.
8. **O/P CONNECTION PRECAUTIONS**  
Connect and disconnect DC output connections only after setting the I/P power switch to the off position.

### **ALL BATTERY CHARGERS**

1. **WARNING — RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES.**
  - i. **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 EACH TIME BEFORE SERVICING EQUIPMENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE BATTERY, YOU READ THIS MANUAL AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY.**
  - ii. 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 marking on these products and on engine.
2. **PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS**
  - i. Someone should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.
  - ii. Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, or eyes.
  - iii. Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection. Avoid touching eyes while working near battery.
  - iv. 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.



- v. NEVER smoke or allow a spark or flame in vicinity of battery or engine.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. NEVER charge a frozen battery.
- ix. If necessary to remove battery from service, always remove grounded terminal from battery first. Make sure all accessories in the vessels are off, so as not to cause an arc.
- x. Be sure area around battery is well ventilated.
- xi. Clean battery terminals. Be careful to keep corrosion from coming in contact with eyes.
- xii. Study all battery manufacturer's specific precautions such as removing or not removing cell caps while charging and recommended rates of charge.
- xiii. Add distilled water in each cell until battery acid reaches level specified by battery manufacturer. This helps purge excessive gas from cells. Do not overfill. For a battery without cell caps, carefully follow manufacturer's recharging instructions.

Analytic Systems does not recommend the use of the BCA615 Series Battery Chargers in life support applications where failure or malfunction of this product can be reasonably expected to cause failure of the life support device or to significantly affect its safety or effectiveness.

Analytic Systems does not recommend the use of any of its products in direct patient care. Examples of devices considered to be life support devices are neonatal oxygen analyzers, nerve stimulators (whether used for anesthesia, pain relief, or other purposes), autotransfusion devices, blood pumps, defibrillators, arrhythmia detectors and alarms, pacemakers, hemodialysis systems, peritoneal dialysis systems, neonatal ventilator incubators, ventilators for both adults and infants, anesthesia ventilators, and infusion pumps as well as any other devices designated as "critical" by the U.S. FDA.



# Introduction

All new Current Mode switching design offers increased power and reliability in a compact package. Extra input and output filtering reduce EMI to extremely low levels. Reliability features include an input fuse, thermal shutdown, current limiting, reverse battery hookup protection and output short circuit shutdown with automatic recovery. The output voltage is easily adjusted 1.0 volts above or below the standard output voltage to accommodate special charging requirements. High quality digital meters can be added (factory option) to allow monitoring of output current and output voltage.

# Specifications

Input Voltages			
Nominal (ip)	24	48	72
Actual	** 20 – 35	** 40 – 60	** 65 – 90
Input Amps (max)	37.9	19.4	12.1
Input Fuse	3 x ATC15	1 x ATC25	1 x ATC20

Output Voltages					
Output Nominal (op)	12	24	32	48	72 (rail)
Output Volts (DC)	13.6 ± 0.05	27.2 ± 0.05	36.3 ± 0.05	54.4 ± 0.05	72.6 ± 0.05
Absorption Voltage (Vdc)	14.4	28.8	38.4	57.6	86.4
Charging Amps	40	20	15	10	6.7
Absorption to Float (15%)	6.0 Amps	3.0 Amps	2.25 Amps	1.5 Amps	1.0 Amps
Output Adjustment	± 1.0 V	± 1.0 V	± 1.0 V	± 1.0 V	± 1.0 V
Output Fuses (ATC)	ATC 40 x 2	ATC 30 x 2	ATC 20 x 2	ATC 15 x 2	ATC 15 x 2
Battery Banks	1, 2 or 3 Banks				
Battery Size (Amp Hrs)	160-240	80-120	60-90	40-60	27-40
Output Crowbar	16.0 ± 0.5V	32.0 ± 1.0V	42.7 ± 1.3V	64.9 ± 2.0V	85.4 ± 4V
Output Ripple & Noise	< 100 mV				
Regulation (Line & Load)	< +/- 0.5%				
Temperature Comp.	-30 mV/°C	-60 mV/°C	-80 mV/°C	-120 mV/°C	-180 mV/°C
Duty Cycle	Continuous 100% for 24 hours per day				
Efficiency	> 75% @ Maximum Output				
Stages	2 or 3 (user selectable)				



General	
Battery Banks	1 or 2
Stages	2 or 3
Switching Frequency	60 ± 2 KHz
Idle Power	< 10 Watts
Noise on Input	< 50 milli-Volts
Noise on Output	< 50 milli-Volts
Transient Response	< 2V for 50% Surge (Output Amps/2)
Efficiency	> 75 % @ maximum output
Temp. Range	-25 to 40 deg. C @ maximum output
Isolation	Input-Output & Input-Case 1500 Vdc (500 Vdc @ 24 V In), Output-Case 500 VDC (1500Vdc @ 48 V Out)
Dimensions	14.5 x 10 x 4 in / 37 x 25 x 10 cm
Clearance	1 Inch (2.5 cm) all around
Material	Marine Grade Aluminum
Finish	Black Powder Epoxy
Fastenings	18-8 Stainless
Weight	7.2 lb / 3.3 kg

\*\* Actual startup is at 22, 42, or 67Vdc Input, depending on model

\* This is Analytic Systems' suggested range. Please consult your battery manufacturer for their recommendations.

\* Specifications subjects to change without notice.

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## Installation

### MOUNTING

Mount the unit in a DRY location. Allow at least 4 inches of clearance around the heat sink fins for adequate cooling.

### POWER CONNECTION

The unit is supplied with power leads about 3 feet long. This should normally be adequate to connect to a source of power. If you must extend the power leads, be sure to use at least a good quality (typeTEW) AWG 8 gauge wire. The wire colours are:

Red - Positive

Black- Negative



All connections should be made inside an appropriate junction box. Refer to the specifications table for the correct sizing of the circuit breaker in the distribution panel.

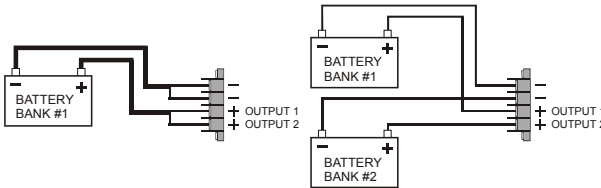
A ground stud is provided to bond the chassis to local ground to reduce or eliminate EMI.

## OUTPUT CONNECTIONS

Two Positive output terminals and two Negative output terminals are provided. Connect only one wire to each terminal. Ensure that the total average load connected does not exceed the continuous current rating of the unit.

To ensure spark free connections the power switch must be in the OFF position prior to making the connections to the battery bank(s).

The unit may be hooked to 1 or 2 battery banks depending on the model. Hook up the battery bank(s) as shown below. If you are hooking up 2 battery banks keep in mind that they **MUST** share a common ground!



## Operation

Prior to turning on the unit, you must decide on which charging profile, 2 or 3 stage charging, to use. To help you decide, please see the following section entitled 2 or 3 Stage Charging to determine the charging profile.

Once you have decided on the charging profile you must set the switch to the correct position. To access the switch, remove the cover plate (secured by 2 screws). Set the switch to the correct position as shown on the label. When you are done, replace the cover plate and securely tighten the screws.

To turn the unit on, simply move the power switch to the ON position. The alarm buzzer will sound and the Low Output LED will come on briefly, and then the green OUTPUT ON LED will illuminate.

When the unit is first turned on, it will charge the batteries at maximum current and the charging light will be on. After a period of time, which may be minutes to hours, the batteries will reach the absorption voltage (3-stage) or float voltage (2-stage), and the charging current will reduce as necessary to maintain the batteries at that voltage. Once the charging current has dropped to a low level (about 15% of the charging current rating), the



charging light will go off, and if set to 3-stage charging the voltage will drop to the float level. You may check this voltage at the output terminals of the unit with a good digital voltmeter. As shipped from the factory, the unit is preset for a float voltage of 13.6, 27.2 or 54.4 VDC, which is generally recommended for lead-acid batteries. If you wish to adjust this voltage, remove the cover plate (secured by 2 screws) to expose the Output Adjust potentiometer. Reach in with a very small flat blade screwdriver to rotate the potentiometer. Please note that this adjusts both the float and absorption voltages at the same time. Clockwise increases the output voltage and counter clockwise decreases it. When you are done, replace the cover plate and securely tighten the screws. It is advisable to check with the battery manufacturer before changing the float voltage.

## Meters

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A high quality digital meter can be added to the voltage converter (factory installed only). The meter shows simultaneous voltage and current on either of the two output terminals. A toggle switch permits selection between the output terminals. The meter features bright red LED readouts to permit easy monitoring from many feet or meters away.

## BATTERY TEMPERATURE SENSORS

Up to 2 battery temperature sensors can be connected to the charger to allow temperature compensation of the battery charging voltage (1 is supplied with the unit). If only the 1 sensor is used, it **MUST** be plugged into the 'BATT 1' connection on the side of the unit. If no sensor is used, the charger will default to standard output voltage.

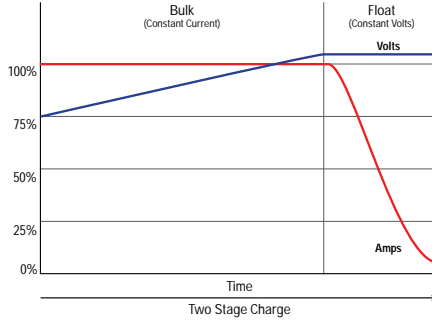
For installation instructions of the temperature sensor, please see the section entitled Remote Battery Temperature Sensor Installation



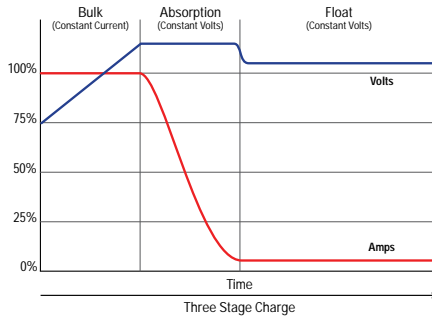


## 2 or 3 Stage Charging

This charger features user selectable 2 or 3 stage charging. The charging profile is selected by moving the slide switch on the front panel up to 3 stage or down for 2 stage charging.



A two-stage charger provides a constant current until the battery reaches its rated capacity and then switches to a “float” voltage. The current then reduces as necessary to maintain the battery at the float voltage. The charger can be connected to the battery indefinitely and will provide the appropriate profile. A two-stage charger is recommended in most instances since it is the most versatile and can be permanently connected to attenuate the characteristic discharge of unused batteries. A load can be put on the battery or batteries without altering its ability to keep the battery at optimal charge.



A three-stage charger is the fastest charger. It charges the battery at a constant current until the battery voltage reaches a slightly elevated level. The battery is maintained at this voltage while the charging current diminishes to a low value, and then the battery is switched to the float voltage where it can be maintained indefinitely. However, the charger cannot differentiate between a current going to a load on the battery, or being absorbed by the battery, so it can overcharge a battery supplying current to a load. A two-stage charger is preferred for “loaded” batteries and a three-stage for idle or unloaded batteries during recharging.

All of Analytic Systems’ chargers include adjustable output voltage for charging standard or deep cycle lead-acid, VRLA or gel type batteries.



## Troubleshooting

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This unit provides LED indicators and a buzzer to help diagnose any problems. The unit should sound the buzzer to alert you prior to shutting itself down. You should immediately check the indicators to determine the cause of the shutdown.

<b>CHARGING</b>	Indicates that the battery charger is charging the batteries:  If the LED is not on, the batteries may be fully charged and the charger is supplying a float voltage to the batteries to keep them fully charged.
<b>LOW OUTPUT</b>	Indicates that the output voltage is below normal because:  The current demanded by the devices connected to the unit exceeds the maximum output current rating, causing the output voltage to drop to maintain the current at the maximum level,  The input voltage is not high enough for unit to operate,
<b>LOW INPUT</b>	Indicates that the input voltage is below normal because:  The input voltage is not in the correct range for proper operation of the unit.
<b>OVERTEMP</b>	Indicates that the Battery Charger is running too hot because:  Too much power is being drawn, turn off or unplug some devices.  The Battery Charger is located in a poorly ventilated area.

If the load exceeds the continuous rating for too long a period, the temperature sensor inside the unit will turn off the outputs. After the unit cools sufficiently, it will automatically come back on. If this happens frequently, remount the unit for increased airflow so it cools better.



## Dry Contact Relay

To use your dry contact output fail relay you must connect a 9-pin D connector to the unit. You must use pins one and six as is indicated on page 6 in the remote connector diagram.

The relay is factory preset to fail in the closed position when the low output LED and buzzer come on. If you wish to have the relay fail in the open position when the low output LED and buzzer come on, you must take the cover off the unit and move the jumper to the other position on J10. J10 is located next to the relay K1.



To change the position of the jumper, first turn the unit off and disconnect the unit from both the power and load(s). Next, turn the unit on for 30 seconds to discharge the capacitors, then turn it off again. Remove the eight screws holding on the cover. Turn the unit upside down, remove the cover and locate J10. It will be next to the relay K1 as is shown in the above diagram. Simply move the jumper to the desired position as is shown in the above diagram. Replace the cover and re-install the eight cover screws. Reconnect the unit to the power and load(s).

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For installation instructions of the temperature sensor, please see the section entitled Remote Battery Temperature Sensor Installation.

## Remote Control Option

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**IMPORTANT: This remote is to be used only on Battery Chargers manufactured by Analytic Systems.**

A remote control panel may be connected to the battery charger using a 9-pin D-connector that attaches to the side of the battery charger. The remote control panel and D connector are part of the remote control option. The remote control panel allows the unit to be operated remotely as well as duplicating all the diagnostic indicators and audible alarm.

### REMOTE CONNECTOR

This connector is located on the side of the unit. Important: To prevent the possibility of High Voltage Electrical Shock, do not power up the battery charger unless all wiring from the unit to the remote is securely connected. Do not remove the dust cover from the DB-9 connector if the remote is not being used.

## Equalize Option

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The purpose of the Equalize Option is to deliberately overcharge the battery at a low rate of current to ensure that all cells are fully charged and to reduce the chance of sulfation of the battery. During the Equalize cycle, the cells, which are fully charged, will produce Hydrogen gas, and the cells, which are undercharged, will be brought up to full charge. An Equalize cycle should be done once every 2-3 months, or whenever battery capacity appears to be diminished. The Equalize Option also includes a battery temperature sensor to compensate the charging voltage for battery temperature, as well as to shut the charger down if the battery should become overheated. A 2nd temperature sensor can be added to allow monitoring of both batteries if the charger is connected to 2 banks of batteries.

An Equalize cycle can be initiated at any time by simply pressing the equalize start button located next to the ON/OFF switch. This button is deliberately recessed to prevent accidental operation. It is most easily pressed by using a ballpoint pen. If the charger is in the middle of charging the battery (the Charging LED is on), the Equalize LED will flash. Once the main charging cycle is complete, the Equalize cycle will begin and the Equalize LED will stay on all the time. If the Charging LED is off when the button is pressed, the Equalize cycle will begin immediately.



The charger will charge the battery at approximately 10% of its normal rate (i.e. 4 amps for a 40 amp charger) until the battery reaches equalize voltage and then the current reduces as necessary to maintain the battery at that voltage. Three hours after the Equalize cycle begins, the charger will return to the float mode where the battery can be maintained indefinitely. If the battery temperature reaches 120 degrees F (50 degrees C) the equalize cycle will end and the charger output reduced to a very low voltage until the battery cools, and then the charger will return to the float mode.

## **Remote Battery Temperature Sensor Installation**

The remote battery temperature sensor allows the monitoring of the battery bank so that the charging profile can be adjusted to optimally charge the battery bank depending on the temperature of the battery bank. NOTE: The temperature sensor must be used during an equalize cycle or damage to the battery may occur.

The battery temperature sensor may be installed in many different ways, so long as the sensor stays in contact with the battery. The preferred method is as follows:

The batteries to be charged will be placed on a platform made of wood. Prior to placing the batteries on the wooden platform a cavity is hollowed out such that the sensor will fit inside the cavity and be flush with the battery. Place the sensor inside the cavity facing the proper way (this is shown on the sensor). Next connect the sensor wiring to the telephone jack marked "Batt 1" on the side of the unit. Note: If there is only one temperature sensor, it gets plugged into "Batt 1". If there is a second temperature sensor, it should be plugged into to the phone jack labeled "Batt 2".

## **Battery Charger Temperature Compensation**

The charger is calibrated with the sensor input preset to 77 degrees (25 degrees C). For example, for a 12V battery, this voltage is 13.6 volts, and 27.2 volts for a 24V battery. See the specifications for the temperature compensation coefficient.



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## Limited Warranty

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1. The equipment manufactured by Analytic Systems Ware (1993) Ltd. (the "Warrantor") is warranted to be free from defects in workmanship and materials under normal use and service.
2. This warranty is in effect for:
  - a. 3 Years from date of purchase by the end user for standard products offered in our catalog.
  - b. 2 Years from date of manufacture for non-standard or OEM products
  - c. 1 Year from date of manufacture for encapsulated products.
3. Analytic Systems will determine eligibility for warranty from the date of purchase shown on the warranty card when returned within 30 days, or
  - a. The date of shipment by Analytic Systems, or
  - b. The date of manufacture coded in the serial number, or
  - c. From a copy of the original purchase receipt showing the date of purchase by the user.
4. In case any part of the equipment proves to be defective, the Purchaser should do the following:
  - a. Prepare a written statement of the nature of the defect to the best of the Purchasers knowledge, and include the date of purchase, the place of purchase, and the Purchasers name, address and telephone number.
  - b. Call Analytic Systems at 800-668-3884 or 604-946-9981 and request a return material authorization number (RMA).
  - c. Return the defective part or unit along with the statement at the Purchasers expense to the Warrantor; Analytic Systems Ware (1993) Ltd., 8128 River Way, Delta, B.C., V4G 1K5, Canada.
5. If upon the Warrantor's examination the defect proves to be the result of defective material or workmanship, the equipment will be repaired or replaced at the Warrantor's option without charge, and returned to the Purchaser at the Warrantor's expense by the most economical means. Requests for a different method of return or special handling will incur additional charges and are the responsibility of the Purchaser.
6. Analytic Systems reserves the right to void the warranty if:
  - a. Labels, identification marks or serial numbers are removed or altered in any way.
  - b. Our invoice is unpaid.
  - c. The defect is the result of misuse, neglect, improper installation, environmental conditions, non-authorized repair, alteration or accident.
7. No refund of the purchase price will be granted to the Purchaser, unless the Warrantor is unable to remedy the defect after having a reasonable number of opportunities to do so.
8. Only the Warrantor shall perform warranty service. Any attempt to remedy the defect by anyone else shall render this warranty void.
9. There shall be no warranty for defects or damages caused by faulty installation or hook-up, abuse or misuse of the equipment including exposure to excessive heat, salt or fresh water spray, or water immersion except for equipment specifically stated to be waterproof.
10. No other express warranty is hereby given and there are no warranties that extend beyond those described herein. This warranty is expressly in lieu of any other expressed or implied warranties, including any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for the ordinary purposes for which such goods are used, or fitness for a particular purpose, or any other obligations on the part of the Warrantor or its employees and representatives.
11. There shall be no responsibility or liability whatsoever on the part of the Warrantor or its employees and representatives for injury to any person or persons, or damage to property, or loss of income or profit, or any other consequential or resulting damage which may be claimed to have been incurred through the use or sale of the equipment, including any possible failure of malfunction of the equipment, or part thereof.
12. The Warrantor assumes no liability for incidental or consequential damages of any kind



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