



Mass Charger

MASS 24/15-2, 24/25-2, 24/25-2 DNV, 24/25-2 large cabinet

FULLY AUTOMATIC BATTERY CHARGER



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1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Use of this manual

This manual contains important safety and operating instructions for the safe and effective operation, maintenance and possible correction of minor malfunctions of the Mass Charger.

It is therefore obligatory that every person who works on or with the Mass Charger is completely familiar with the contents of this manual, and that he/she carefully follows the instructions and important safety instructions contained herein.

1.2 Validity of this manual

All of the specifications, provisions and instructions contained in this manual apply solely to standard versions of the Mass Charger delivered by Mastervolt. This manual is valid for the following models:

Part no	Model
40020156	Mass 24/15-2 230V/50-60Hz charger
40020256	Mass 24/25-2 230V/50-60Hz charger
40720266	Mass 24/25-2 230V/50-60Hz charger DNV Enl.Cab. CSI
42720266	Mass Charger 24/25-2 230V large cabinet

These models are further mentioned as “Mass Charger”
For other models see other manuals available on our website: www.mastervolt.com

1.3 Use of pictograms

Safety instructions and warnings are marked in this manual by the following pictograms:



WARNING!

A WARNING refers to possible injury to the user or significant material damage to the Mass Charger if the user does not (carefully) follow the procedures.



CAUTION!

Special data, restrictions and rules with regard to preventing damage.

1.4 Identification label

The following picture is only an example!



Part number Serial number PD05A2002 with device version “A”

Figure 1: Identification label

The identification label is located at the right-hand side of the Mass Charger (see figure 1). Important technical information required for service, maintenance & secondary delivery of parts can be derived from the identification label.



CAUTION!

Never remove the identification label.

1.5 Liability

Mastervolt can accept no liability for:

- consequential damage due to use of the Mass Charger;
- possible errors in the manuals and their results.

2 IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING!

This chapter describes important safety and operating instructions for use of a Mass Charger in residential, recreational vehicle (RV) and marine applications.

2.1 General

- 1 Before using the Mass Charger, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the Mass Charger, the batteries, and all appropriate sections of the manual.
- 2 To reduce the risk of electric shock – Do not expose Mass Charger to rain, snow, spray, moisture, excessive pollution and condensing circumstances. To reduce risk of fire hazard, do not cover or obstruct the ventilation openings. Do not install the Mass Charger in a non-ventilated room, overheating may result.
- 3 Use of an attachment or spare part not recommended or sold by Mastervolt may result in a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- 4 The Mass Charger is designed to be permanently connected to an AC and DC electrical system. Installation of, and work on the Mass Charger, may be carried out only by a qualified, authorised and trained technician or electrician, consistent with the locally applicable standards and regulations.
- 5 Make sure that all wiring is properly installed and in good electrical condition; and that wire size is large enough for AC ampere rating of the Mass Charger. Check the wiring on a regular base, at least once a year. Do not use the Mass Charger when the wiring is undersized or damaged.
- 6 Do not operate the Mass Charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged in any way; take it to a qualified serviceman.
- 7 Except for the connection compartment, see chapter 4, the Mass Charger may not be opened or disassembled. There are no serviceable parts inside the cabinet. Take it to a qualified, authorized and trained serviceman when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire. Only qualified, electrician installers are authorized to open the connection compartment.
- 8 To reduce risk of electric shock, disconnect the Mass Charger from both AC and DC electrical system before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off controls will not reduce this risk.
- 9 The Mass Charger must be provided with an equipment-grounding conductor to the AC-input ground terminal. Grounding and all other wiring must comply with local codes and ordinances.
- 10 Short circuiting or reversing polarity will lead to serious damage to batteries, Mass Charger, wiring as well as

accessories. Fuses can not prevent damage caused by reversed polarity and the warranty will be void.

- 11 In case of fire, you must use the fire extinguisher which is appropriate for electrical equipment.
- 12 If applied in a marine application in the United States, external connections to the Mass Charger shall comply with the United States Coast Guard Electrical Regulations (33CFR183, Sub part I).

2.2 Explosive gases

- 1 **WARNING – RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES. 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 USING THE MASS CHARGER, YOU READ THIS MANUAL AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY.**
- 2 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 the battery. Review cautionary marking on these products.
- 3 **DANGER:** To reduce the risk of explosion – Never use the Mass Charger in situations where there is danger of gas or dust explosion or an area in which ignition-protected equipment is required.

2.3 Warnings regarding the use of batteries

- 1 Someone should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.
- 2 Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, or eyes.
- 3 Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection. Avoid touching eyes while working near battery.
- 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.
- 5 NEVER smoke or allow a spark or flame in vicinity of a battery or engine.
- 6 Do not short circuit batteries, as this may result in explosion and fire hazard! Be extra cautious to reduce risk of dropping a metal tool onto a battery. It might spark or short-circuit battery or other electrical part and may cause explosion.
- 7 Remove personal metal items such as rings, bracelets, necklaces, and watches when working with a battery. A battery can produce a short-circuit current high

enough to weld a ring or the like to metal, causing a severe burn.

- 8 Only use the Mass Charger for charging Lead-acid, NiCad and Li-ion batteries and the supply of users attached to these batteries, in permanent systems. Do not use the Mass 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.
- 9 NEVER charge a frozen battery.
- 10 Excessive battery discharge and/or high charging voltages can cause serious damage to batteries. Do not exceed the recommended limits of discharge level of your batteries.
- 11 If it is necessary to remove a battery, always remove the grounded terminal from the battery first. Make sure all accessories are off, so as not to cause an arc.
- 12 Be sure that the area around the battery is well ventilated while the battery is being charged. Refer to the recommendations of the battery manufacturer.
- 13 Batteries are heavy! It may become a projectile if it is involved in an accident! Ensure adequate and secure mounting and always use suitable handling equipment for transportation.

2.4 Warning regarding life support applications

The Mass Charger is not sold for applications in any medical equipment intended for use as a component of any life support system unless a specific written agreement pertaining to such intended use is executed between the manufacturer and Mastervolt. Such agreement will require the equipment manufacturer either to contract additional reliability testing of the Mass Charger and/or to commit to undertake such testing as a part of the manufacturing process. In addition, the manufacturer must agree to indemnify and not hold Mastervolt responsible for any claims arising from the use of the Mass Charger in the life support equipment.

2.5 Guarantee specifications

Mastervolt guarantees that this unit has been built according to the legally applicable standards and specifications. Should work take place, which is not in accordance with the guidelines, instructions and specifications contained in this user manual, then damage may occur and/or the unit may not fulfil its specifications. All of these matters may mean that the guarantee becomes invalid.

The guarantee is limited to the costs of repair and/or replacement of the product. Costs for installation labor or shipping of the defective parts are not covered by this guarantee.

3 OPERATION

3.1 Introduction

The MASS battery charger is a full-automatic high efficiency battery charger/rectifier, developed and produced by Mastervolt. The MASS series features a family of advanced quality battery chargers. The Mass Charger not only charges batteries rapidly and safely, it supplies the connected consumers at the same time. In addition, the Mass Charger is secured against short circuit, overload and high temperatures in an industrial environment.

3.1.1 Switching on

The battery charger is switched on by the ON/OFF switch. One of the front LEDs will light up now and the charging starts immediately.

3.1.2 Switching off

The battery charger is switched off by the ON/OFF switch.



WARNING!

Switching off the Mass Charger does not cut off the connection to the batteries or the AC-source. This means that voltages are still available inside the apparatus.

3.2 Theory of operation

The battery charger is equipped with an intelligent 3-stage charge characteristic which takes care of an optimal charge of your batteries (see figure 2). When switched on, the Mass Charger always starts at Bulk phase.

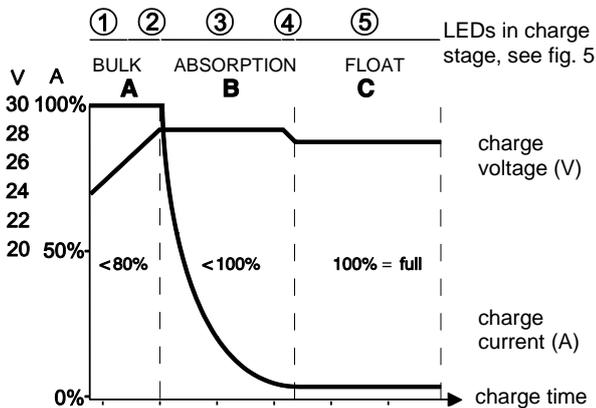


Figure 2: Example: charge characteristic

To prevent your batteries from overcharging a new cycle only starts when the battery voltage has been under the level of 12.8/25.6 or 51.2V for longer than 30 seconds or after a hard reset by switching the on/off switch back and forward.

3.3 Front panel

See figure 3. On the front of the Mass Charger LED 9 to 13 represent the charging current. The more LEDs are illuminated, the higher the charging current. LED 1-5 represent the charging state.

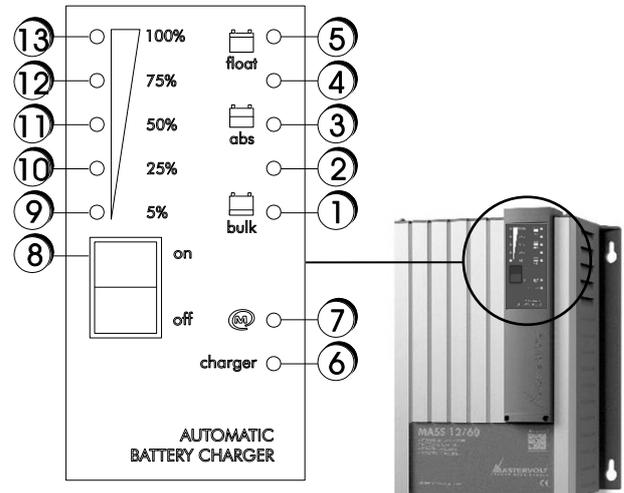


Fig 3: Front panel of the battery charger

illuminating LEDs	Meaning
	Normal operation, LED 6 illuminates green
1	Charger on, BULK stage
1+2	$U_{out} > 27.6V$
1+2+3	ABSORPTION, $U_{out} = abs. (28.5V)$
1+2+3+4	3 hrs after start max bulk timer, or $I < return$ amps
1+2+3+4+5	FLOAT, 6 hrs after start max bulk timer, or $I < return$ amps for 15 min or longer
9	Charge current 0-5% of full current
9+10	Charge current 5-25% of full current
9+10+11	Charge current 25-50% of full current
9+10+11+12	Charge current 50-75% of full current
9+10+11+12+13	Charge current 75-100% of full current
6	Green: normal operation, Red: fault condition, Off: standby or off
7	Green: MasterBus communication, Off: no MasterBus communication
	Fault condition, LED 6 illuminates red
6 red +1	Battery sense error
6 red +2	Charger temperature too high
6 red +3	Short circuit indication, charger will reduce the charge current to 25%
6 red +4	DC error, DC voltage too low or too high
6 red +5	Temperature sense error

3.3.1 Bulk (LED 1 illuminates)

The battery is empty when only the first LED Bulk/ON illuminates. In this stage the Mass Charger gives full current (see figure 2 stage A) and the battery voltage will slowly increase.

3.3.2 (LED 1 and 2 illuminate)

After reaching the level of 27.6V (24V charger) the battery is charged for about 25% and the second LED will also illuminate. The Mass Charger still gives the maximum output current and the voltage will increase till the absorption voltage level (see figure 2 stage A). The maximum time of stage A is 8 hours.

3.3.3 Absorption (LED 1, 2 and 3 illuminate)

The battery has been charged for 80% (figure 2 stage B). The Mass Charger limits the charge voltage to a safe level and the charge current will decrease slowly during charging.

3.3.4 (LED 1 to 4 illuminate)

The charge voltage is limited at the absorption level. As the battery is almost full, the charge current will further decrease.

3.3.5 Float (LED 1 to 5 illuminate)

When all LEDs are illuminated the battery is fully charged. The float charge stage provides a lower output voltage, sufficient enough to maintain the batteries at 100% charge but low enough to prevent your batteries from unnecessary stress. In this stage the Mass Charger is able to supply full current to the connected users/loads.

Note: The Mass Charger automatically resumes operation in Bulk stage after it was disconnected from an AC-source temporarily.

3.4 Temperature compensated charging

By installing the battery temperature sensor, the charge voltages are automatically adapted for deviating temperatures. This can increase the battery's lifetime substantially and save you a lot of money.

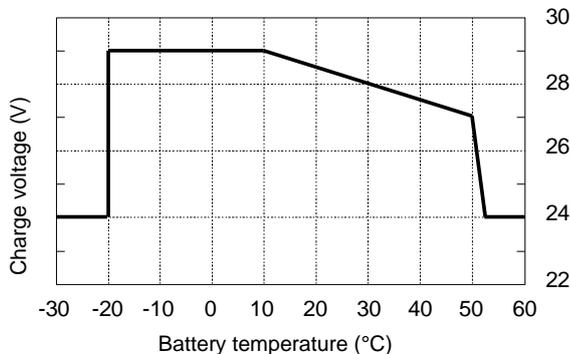


Figure 4: Temperature compensated charging

See figure 4. When the battery temperature is low, the charge voltage increases. On the other hand, when the

battery temperature is high, the charge voltage is decreased. Over charge and gassing are prevented this way. This will extend the life of your batteries.

3.5 Compensation of the cable losses

The Mass Charger can compensate the voltage drop occurring over the DC cables. For this purpose, the Mass Charger is provided with terminals for sense wires. The sense wires are connected closest possible to the batteries in order to charge them with the right voltage. When only the minus sense wire is connected only the losses of the minus DC cable will be compensated. Connecting both cables produces the best result, all losses will be compensated until a maximum of 3V in total.

3.6 Alarm function

The battery charger is equipped with an integrated alarm function. External equipment can be controlled by the potential free contacts of this alarm. The maximum switch current of the relay is 1A. Exceeding the setpoints (refer to section 7.7) will activate the alarm.

3.7 Charging a second battery

Some installations have a main battery set and besides this a smaller (cranking) battery with the same voltage. It is possible to maintain this second battery with the 3A output of the battery charger.

3.8 Equalize mode

An equalizing charge can be necessary after very deep discharges and/or inadequate charges. This has to be carried out according to the specifications of the battery manufacturer.



WARNING!

Equalization is ONLY applicable for wet type batteries and will damage gel/AGM/Spiral type batteries!

Incorrect use of the equalize mode may lead to hazardous situations. Do not smoke or use any naked flame or other sources of ignition due to risk of explosion. Always ventilate the battery room during equalizing to clear the air.

During equalizing the batteries are brought into the gas state and permitted load voltages may be exceeded. Refer to chapter 9 for characteristics. Therefore, appropriate measures must be taken, e.g. disconnect all loads from the battery and ventilate the room. For these reasons the equalizing mode should only be used by trained technical engineers.

The equalizing mode can only be started when the Mass Charger is in operation. To start the equalize mode, select Equalize in the MasterBus device settings (section 7.2).

4 INSTALLATION

During installation and commissioning of the Mass Charger, the important safety instructions are applicable at all times. See chapter 2 of this manual.

Please check the contents of the box before you start with the installation. The contents of the box need to be:

- The Mass battery charger;
- Battery temperature sensor (incl. 6 m cable);
- A MasterBus terminating device;
- This user's manual;

If one of these items is missing, please contact your supplier.

4.1 Installation environment

Choosing a location to install:

- Install the Mass charger in a well-ventilated room protected against rain, snow, spray, vapour, bilge, moisture and dust.
- Ambient temperature: 0 ... 60°C / 32°F ... 140°F; (power derating above 40°C / 104 °F to decrease the internal heat sink temperature).
- Humidity: 0-95% non-condensing.
- Never use the Mass charger at a location where there is danger of gas or dust explosions
- Mount the Mass Charger in such a way that obstruction of the airflow through the ventilation openings is prevented. No objects must be located within a distance of 10 cm / 4 inch around the Mass Charger.
- Mount the Mass Charger vertically, with the connecting cables downwards.
- Do not install the Mass Charger in the same compartment as the batteries. Do not mount the Mass Charger straight above the batteries because of possible corrosive sulphur fumes.

4.2 Connections

Before making the connection between the battery charger and the system be sure that the AC and DC system are switched off. Remove the fuses in order to protect yourself against unexpected start up.

4.3 Wiring



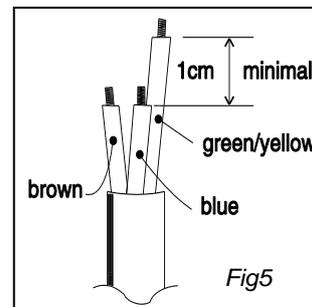
CAUTION!

The wire and fuse sizes stated in this manual are given as example only. Prescribed wire and fuse sizes may be different due to local applicable regulations and standards.

4.3.1 AC wiring

Check if the voltage of your mains source or generator corresponds with the AC input voltage of the battery charger as mentioned on the identification label, see section 1.4.

Strip the cable according to figure 5. It is important that the green/ yellow earth wire is ± 1 cm (0.4 inch) longer than the other wires. By accidentally pulling at the cable, the earth wire stays connected to the Mass Charger longer which offers additional safety. Connect the green/yellow wire to PE, brown to L1 and the blue wire to the N terminal.



Don't use a cross section that is smaller than indicated. See table below to select the appropriate cross section for the AC wiring (up to 6m / 20ft length):

AC Current	Minimum cross section:	
3-4 Amp	0.5 mm ²	AWG 19
4-6 Amp	0.75 mm ²	AWG 18

Connection of AC-wiring and recommended wire colours:

Wire color	Meaning	Must be connected to:
Brown or black	Phase	L1
Blue	Neutral	N
Green/Yellow	Earth	PE / GND

4.3.2 AC safety grounding



WARNING!

The ground wire offers protection only if the cabinet of the Mass Charger is connected to the safety ground. Connect the ground terminal (PE / GND) to the hull or the chassis.



CAUTION!

For safe installation it is necessary to insert a Residual Current Device (earth leakage switch) in the AC input circuit of the Mass Charger.

4.3.3 DC wiring

Keep the cable connection between charger and batteries shortest possible. If available, use coloured battery cables. If this is not possible, mark the plus and the minus cables with coloured insulating tape, e.g. red for plus and blue/black for minus. Use the following diameters:

Model Mass Charger	Length <3 m	Length 3-6 m
Mass 24/15-2	6 mm ²	10 mm ²
Mass 24/25-2	10 mm ²	16 mm ²
Mass 24/25-2 DNV	10 mm ²	16 mm ²

Connection of main batteries

- 1 Pull the cables through the cable glands of the Mass Charger.
- 2 Crimp on the ring M6 terminals to the cable.
- 3 Connect the cables to the terminals of the Mass Charger. Pay attention to the polarity, positive on positive / negative on negative.
- 4 Integrate a suitable fuse (charger fuse) in the positive cable. When using a DC distribution with fuses, no additional fuse is necessary.
- 5 Cut the cables at length and crimp on the ring terminals. Connect the cable to the DC distribution or batteries.



CAUTION

Reversing the positive and negative battery poles will severely damage the Mass Charger.



Too thin cables and/or loose connections can cause dangerous overheating of the cables and/or terminals.

Lay the positive and negative cables next to each other to limit the electromagnetic field around the cables. The negative cable should be connected directly to the negative post of the battery bank or the ground side of a current shunt. Do not use the hull or chassis frame as the negative conductor.

4.4 Battery capacity

Always follow the instructions published by battery manufacturer. The minimum required battery capacity for Mastervolt gel batteries is as follows:

Model Mass Charger	Minimum required battery capacity
Mass 24/15-2	50 Ah
Mass 24/25-2	60 Ah
Mass 24/25-2 DNV	60 Ah

4.5 Battery isolator

If one or more batteries or battery sets must be charged at the same time via one output, a battery isolator should be used. It isolates the different battery sets from one another, to prevent one discharging the other. A consequence of the battery isolator is a voltage drop of 0.6 Volt. This voltage drop can be compensated in two ways:

- 1 By changing DIP-switch 4 to On (Diode enabled);
- 2 By using the voltage sense function (see section 4.8).



CAUTION!

Never use both methods. Your batteries will be overcharged and severely damaged!

Mastervolt offers several Battery Isolators, refer to www.mastervolt.com.

For a proper installation, see also the connection diagram included with the battery isolator.

Steps:

- 1 Check if the Mass Charger, the main supply and the DC distribution are switched off.
- 2 Check if the Dc fuses have been removed.
- 3 Connect the battery isolator(s) using cables with the same diameter as the battery cables.
- 4 Compensate the voltage drop over the battery isolator by changing the setting of dip switch 4 (see figure 7).
- 5 Switch on the Mass Charger.

4.6 Connection of second battery (3A output)

The battery chargers are standard equipped with a second charge output of 3A in order to give a small second battery set like a starter battery a maintenance charge. The maximum charge current of the second output is 3A, which comes from the main output.

- Use 2.5 to 4 mm² cable for connection.
- Connect the minus of the second battery to the minus of the main battery.
- Connect the plus of the second battery to the +3A terminal of the Mass Charger (see figure 7 and 8).
- Integrate a 10A slow blow fuse in the plus cable.

4.7 Temperature sensor

The standard temperature sensor is provided with 6 m cable and a double-sided tape for easy installation. Determine the warmest place on the battery set and make it clean and grease free. Remove the piece of paper from the tape and stick the sensor on the battery. Plug the modular cable into a terminal at the right of the Mass Charger (see figure 7). It

is not necessary to shorten the cable. When you want to shorten it anyway, please notice the polarity of the plug and use the old connector as an example.

4.8 Voltage sense

To shorten the charge time substantially, the battery cable losses can be compensated by using the sense function. Use 0,75 mm², preferably red and black wire and secure these with fuses of 2A slow blow. Connect the wires with the two upper terminals of the green connector at the right side of the cabinet (see figure 7). Pay good attention to the polarity of the wires, red on +S and black on -S. Now connect the other side of the wires: black on the minus of the battery and red on the battery side of the Mass Charger fuse.

4.9 Alarm function

The battery charger is equipped with a potential free contacts alarm relay, see figure 7. The alarm function has two modes: standard (factory setting) and DC alarm mode (continuous mode).

4.9.1 Standard alarm mode

In this mode the relay responds to all fault conditions that the Mass Charger can detect such as: no AC input voltage,

too low DC voltage, voltage sense failure, temperature sense failure.

4.9.2 DC alarm mode

To enable this mode a DIP switch setting needs to be changed (switch 1 and 2 at ON). The alarm now works as a DC alarm and responds to the battery voltage only.

Note: In the DC alarm mode the electronics stay active permanently and drain a very small current of ± 25mA, also when the Mass Charger is switched off.

4.10 DNV version

The Mass Charger 24/25-2 is equipped with a larger connection compartment that offers more room for the cabling. Refer to section 9.2 Dimensions for more information on the larger DNV housing.

4.11 Connection of accessories

The battery charger is equipped with several terminals for accessories. Cable to connect the accessories is not delivered as a standard. Accessories can be plugged in at all times. Contact your Mastervolt dealer for an overview of available accessories.

4.12 Overview connection compartment

Figure 7 shows the Mass Charger connections.

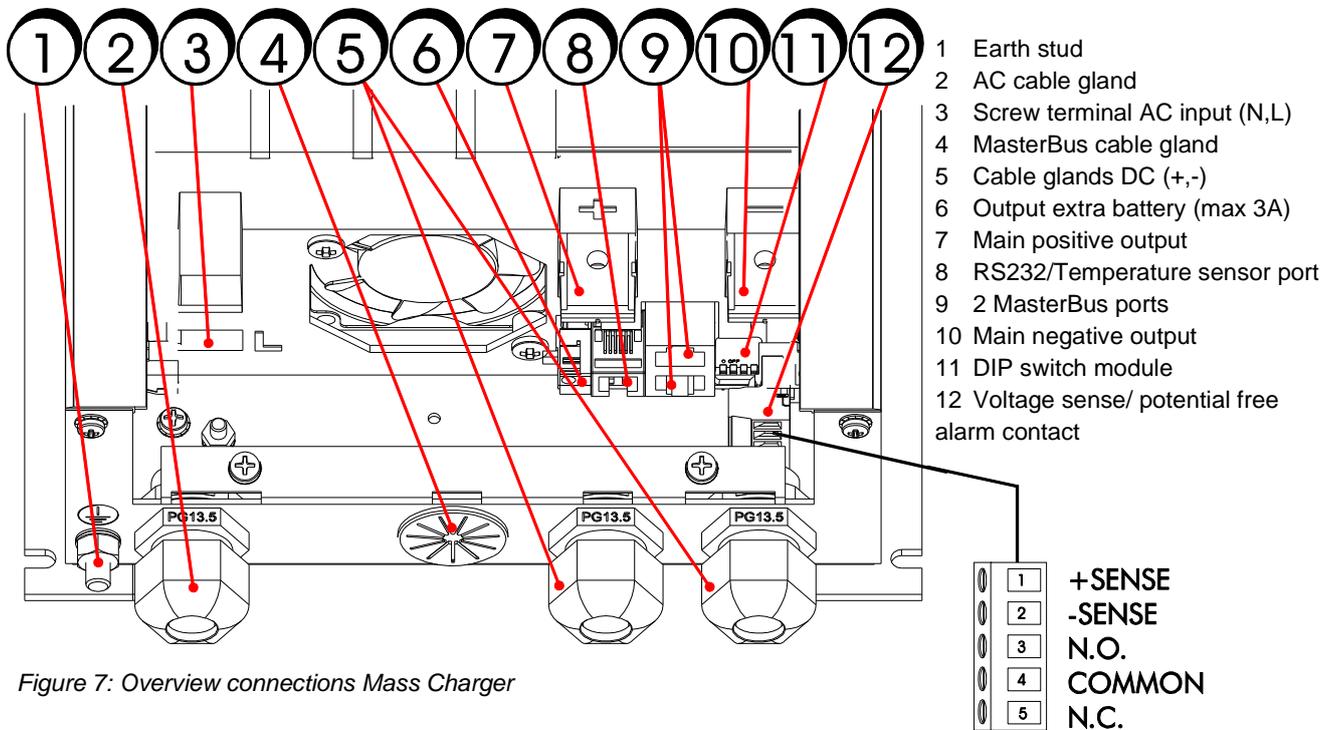


Figure 7: Overview connections Mass Charger

4.13 Materials

Make sure you have all the parts you need to install the Mass Charger:

Product	Quantity
Mass Charger (included)	1
Battery temperature sensor with cable and plug (included).	1
DC-cable to connect the positive DC connection (+) of the Mass Charger to the positive pole of the DC-distribution; for specifications see section 4.3.3.	1
DC-cable to connect the negative DC connection (-) of the Mass Charger to the negative pole of the DC-distribution; for specifications see section 4.3.3.	1
DC-fuse holder with a DC-fuse, to be integrated in the positive DC-cable.	1
Screws / bolts (Ø 6mm) (with plugs) to mount the cabinet to a surface. Use mounting materials which are suitable to carry the weight of the Mass Charger	4
AC cable* to connect the AC input to an external power source (e.g. a shore connection or a generator set);	1
Batteries. See section 4.4 for recommended capacity	X
Appropriate and reliable cable terminals, cable lugs, battery terminals and cord end terminals	X

* Double insulated three wire cable with wire colours according to the locally applicable regulations. The applicable length and wire diameter depend on the electrical installation (see section 4.3.1).

We recommend as a minimum tool kit:

- Socket wrench 13mm to fix the DC-input (battery) cables
- Flat blade screwdriver 1.0 x 4.0 mm to fix the screw terminals
- Tools to fix the screws / bolts (Ø 6mm) with plugs to mount the cabinets to a surface
- Philips screwdriver to open the connection area of the Mass Charger
- 2 mm flat blade screwdriver for the sense terminal (figure 7 point 12).

4.14 Connection



WARNING!

Let installation work be done by a licensed electrician. Before beginning with the connection of the wiring, make the AC distribution as well as the DC distribution voltage free.



CAUTION!

Short circuiting or reversing polarity may lead to serious damage to the batteries, the Mass Charger, the cabling and/or the terminal connections. Fuses between the batteries and the Mass Charger can not prevent damage caused by reversed polarity. The damage as a result of reverse polarity is detectable by the service department and is not covered by the warranty.



CAUTION!

Too-thin cables and/or loose connections can cause dangerous overheating of the cables and/or terminals. Therefore, tighten all connections well, to limit transition resistance as far as possible. Use cables of the correct size.

Notes:

- If the battery temperature remains within 15-25°C, connection of the battery temperature sensor is optional.
- The Mass Charger is feasible for the connection of MasterBus and RS 232 compatible remote control panels.

This schematic is to illustrate the general placement of the Mass Charger in a circuit. It is not meant to provide detailed wiring instructions for any particular electrical installation.

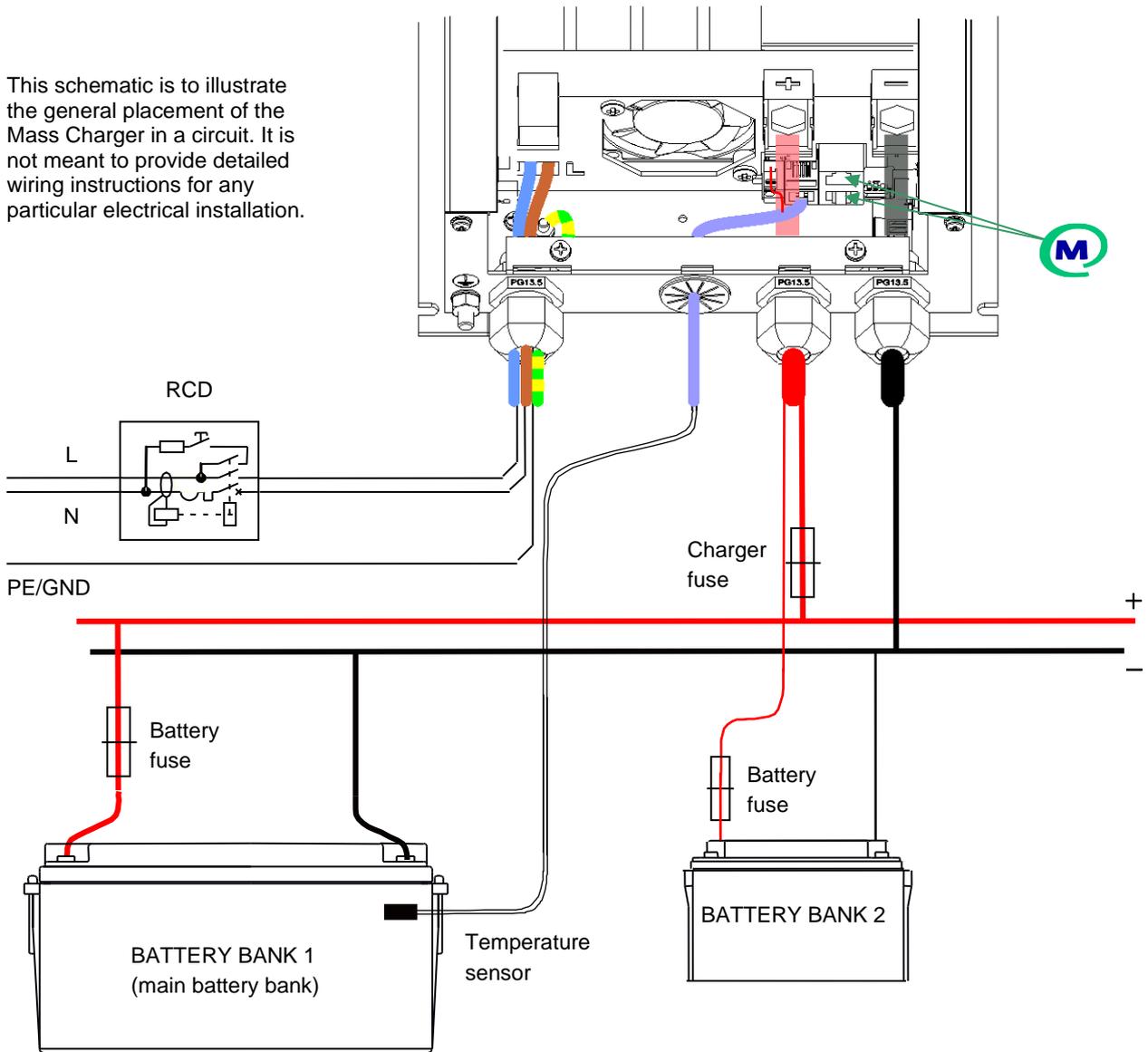
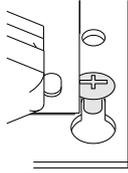


Figure 8: Installation drawing of the Mass Charger

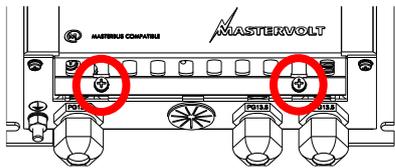
4.15 Installation step-by-step

- 1 Mark the position of the mounting spots using the drilling dimensions.

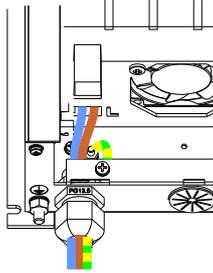
- 2 Place the four screws first and hang the Mass Charger over them. Then fix the Mass to the wall by securing the screws.



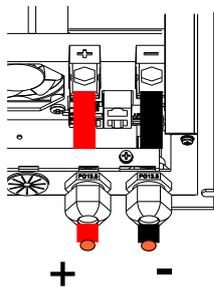
- 3 Open the connection compartment by loosening the two screws.



- 4 Feed the AC wiring through cable gland and connect the wiring to the screw terminals. Tighten the cable gland firmly.

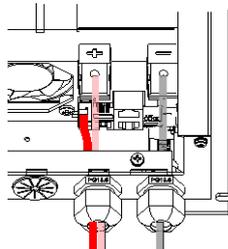


- 5 Connect the DC-cabling of the house bank, positive to +, negative to –.

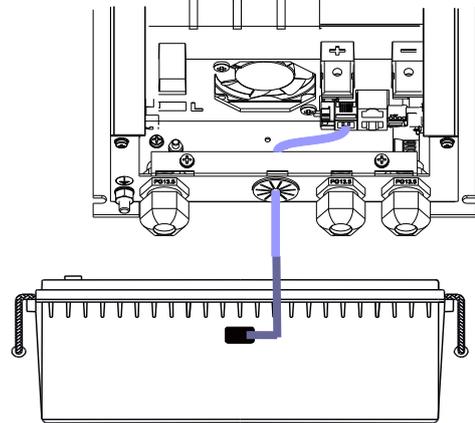


- 6 Connect second battery bank:

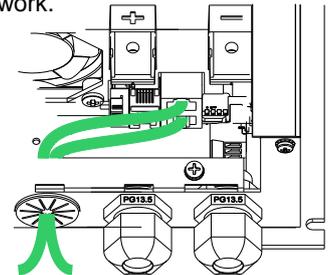
Connect the DC-wiring of the second battery bank (max. 3A). This bank has a common negative with the main battery.



- 7 Attach the battery temperature sensor to the casing of the main battery bank. Plug the temperature sensor cable into the “temp.sensor” jack.

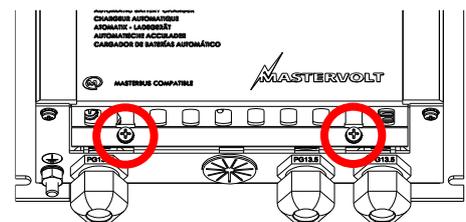


- 7 Option: Connect the Mass Charger to the MasterBus network.



- 8 The factory setting of the Mass Charger is optimal for most installations. Sometimes however, it is desirable to change these settings. See ch. 5 DIP switch adjustment and chapter 7 for MasterBus settings.

- 9 Check all wiring; see also figure 8 for wiring details. If everything is all right, close the connection compartment by fixing the two screws.



- 10 Continue with section 4.16 for commissioning of the Mass Charger.

4.16 Commissioning after installation

Note: When your Mass Charger is not new, you have to take into account that former users may have changed the settings. Reset the Mass Charger to factory settings when there is any doubt (see section 6.3).

4.16.1 General

The factory settings of the Mass Charger are optimal for most installations. With some applications however, it is desirable to change these settings. Therefore, several adjustments can be made. See chapters 5 and 7.

Note: The DIP-switches must be adjusted *prior* to commissioning; all other settings can only be made *after* commissioning.



CAUTION!

Check the polarity of all wiring before commissioning: positive connected to positive (red cables), negative connected to negative (black cables).

If all wiring is OK, place the DC-fuse(s) of the DC-distribution to connect the batteries to the Mass Charger.



WARNING!

When placing this fuse, a spark can occur, caused by the capacitors used in the Mass Charger. This is particularly dangerous in places with insufficient ventilation, due to the gassing of the batteries an explosion can occur. Avoid having flammable materials close by.

Now the Mass Charger is ready for operation. After switching on the AC power supply the Mass Charger will initiate the charging process.

4.16.2 MasterBus (optional)

During first commissioning the Mass Charger will be recognized by the MasterBus network automatically. The remote control panel of the MasterBus network will indicate that a new device was found.

Some settings can only be changed via the MasterBus interface. See chapter 7 for an overview of all available MasterBus settings. Refer to the user manual of the remote control panel to change these settings.

4.17 Decommissioning

If it is necessary to put the Mass Charger out of operation, follow the instructions in order of succession as described below:

- 1 Switch OFF the Mass Charger (see section 3.1.2).
- 2 Remove the DC-fuse(s) of the DC-distribution and/or disconnect the batteries.
- 3 Remove the AC-fuse(s) of the AC-input and/or disconnect the AC-mains.
- 4 Open the connection compartment of the Mass Charger.
- 5 Check with a suitable voltage meter whether the inputs and the outputs of the Mass Charger are voltage free.
- 6 Disconnect all the wiring.

Now the Mass Charger can be demounted in a safe way.

4.18 Storage and transportation

When not installed, store the Mass Charger in the original packing, in a dry and dust free environment.

Always use the original packing for transportation. Contact your local Mastervolt Service Centre for further details if you want to return the apparatus for repair.

4.19 Re-installation

To reinstall the Mass Charger, follow the instructions as described in this chapter (chapter 4).

5 DIP SWITCH SETTINGS

The Mass Charger settings can be adjusted in two ways:

- By means of DIP switches;
- Via the MasterBus network (using a remote control panel or the Mastervolt USB interface connected to a PC with MasterAdjust software); see chapter 6. Some settings, e.g. Lithium-ion, can only be changed this way.

Note: Once a DIP switch has been set to On, MasterBus settings are disabled.



CAUTION!

Invalid settings of the Mass Charger can cause serious damage to your batteries and/or the connected load! Adjustments of settings may be undertaken by authorised personnel only!

5.1 DIP switch operation

The Mass Charger has four DIP switches. These switches are operated by flipping the levers to the other position, using a small screwdriver.

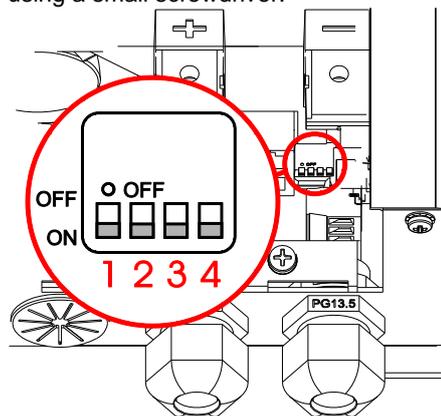


Figure 9: DIP-switches

DIP switch	4	3	2	1
Standard (Flooded)	0	0	0	0
ForceFloat	0	0	0	1
ContMon	0	0	1	1
Diode	1	0	0	0
ForceFloat + Diode	1	0	0	1
ContMon + Diode	1	0	1	1
Gel/AGM	0	1	0	0
ForceFloat + Gel/AGM	0	1	0	1
ContMon + Gel/AGM	0	1	1	1
Diode + Gel/AGM	1	1	0	0
ForceFloat + Diode + Gel/AGM	1	1	0	1
ContMon + Diode + Gel/AGM	1	1	1	1
Traction	0	0	1	0
ContMon + Traction	0	1	1	0
Diode + Traction	1	0	1	0
ContMon + Diode + Traction	1	1	1	0

1 = ON; 0 = OFF

5.2 DIP switch functions

See the table for the functional overview of the four DIP switches

• Force Float (DIP switch 1)

For special applications a fixed charge voltage can be required. The battery charger allows you to change the three-stage charge program to a single stage program by activating the function "Force Float", switching DIP switch 1 to "ON".

The charge voltage will be fixed at 26.5V (24V charger)

• Traction setting (DIP switch 2)

Setting for traction charging: +0.7 V during bulk and +0.4 V in absorption for 24 V batteries.

• Gel/AGM batteries (DIP switch 3)

Some gel/AGM batteries need a higher float voltage for optimal charge. Changing the float voltage can be done by setting DIP switch 3 to "ON". The float voltage will increase to 27.6V (24V charger).

• Diode setting (DIP switch 4)

Setting for +0.6 V voltage compensation in case a battery isolator is used.

See page 19 for an overview of charging specifications.

Force float: One step charge program with fixed float voltage.

ContMon: Continuous monitor mode. MasterBus, RS232 and DC-alarm stay functioning at mains failure. Remote stays functioning if it has its own power source.

Diode: Diode compensation on (+0.6V)

6 MASTERBUS

6.1 What is MasterBus?



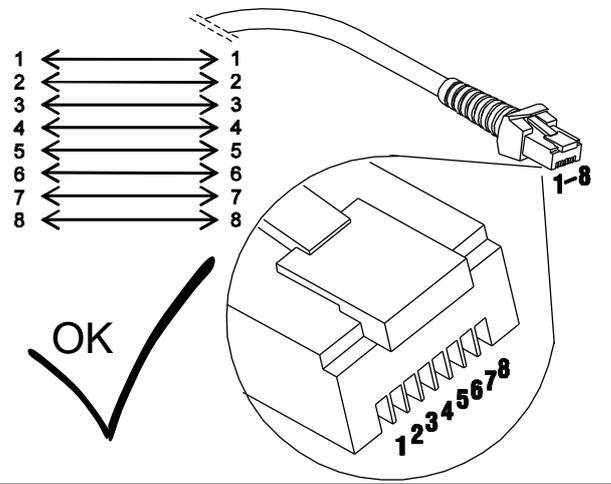
All devices that are suitable for MasterBus are marked by the MasterBus symbol.

MasterBus is a fully decentralized data network for communication between the different Mastervolt system devices. It is CAN-bus based which has proven itself as a reliable bus-system in automotive applications. MasterBus is used as power management system for all connected devices, such as the inverter, battery charger, generator and many more. This enables communication between the connected devices, for instance to start the generator when the batteries are low.

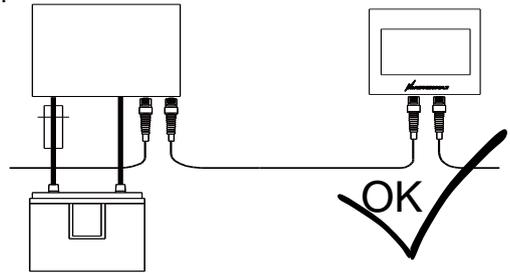
MasterBus reduces complexity of electrical systems by using UTP patch cables. All system components are simply chained together. Therefore, each device is equipped with two MasterBus data ports. As only a few MasterBus cables are needed, installation and material costs are reduced importantly. New devices can be added to the existing network easily. Consequently, the MasterBus network is highly flexible for extended system configuration. Mastervolt also offers several interfaces like the Modbus and NMEA interface, making even non-MasterBus devices suitable to operate in the MasterBus network.

For central monitoring and control of the connected devices Mastervolt offers different remote control panels. All monitoring panels can be used for monitoring, control and configuration of all connected MasterBus equipment.

Connections between the devices are made by standard straight UTP patch cables.



At least one device in the network must be MasterBus powering (see specifications). As all powering devices are galvanic isolated, multiple powering devices are allowed.



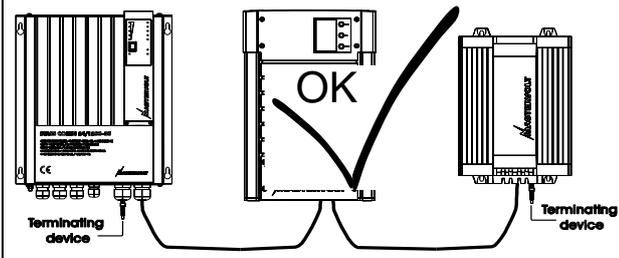
CAUTION!

Never connect a non-MasterBus device to the MasterBus network directly! This will void warranty of all MasterBus devices connected.

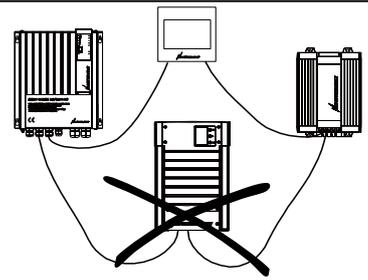
6.2 How to set up a MasterBus network

Every MasterBus device is equipped with two data ports. When two or more devices are connected via these ports, a local data network called the MasterBus is formed. Keep the following rules in mind:

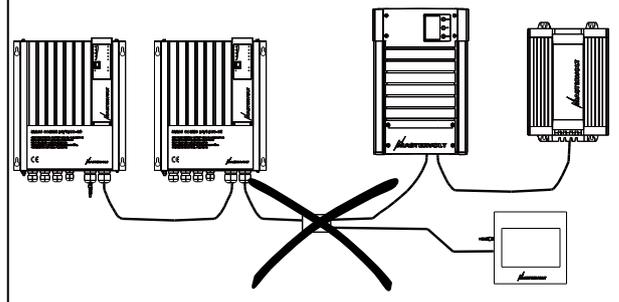
Place a terminating device on both network ends.



Do not make ring networks.



Do not make T-connections in the network.



6.3 MasterBus settings

Below parameters can be changed via the MasterBus network by means of a remote control panel or by means of an interface connected to a PC with MasterAdjust software. See applicable user manuals for details.

	Meaning	Factory setting	Adjustable range
Device			
Language	Language that is displayed on a monitoring device connected to the MasterBus.	English	EN, NL, DE, FR, ES, IT, NO, SV, FI, DA
Name	Name for the Mass Charger.	CHG Mass+type*	0-12 characters
Device	Device name recognized by MasterBus.	Mass Charger	-
Battery name	Name for the main battery bank.	House Bank	0-16 characters
Factory settings	Option to reset the Mass Charger to default settings.		
Presets			
Diode compensate	Option for charger diode +0.6 V voltage compensation. If it is enabled, the compensation value is adjustable.	Disabled	Disabled, Enabled: 0-2.50 V
Forced float	Option for Forced Float or constant voltage charging. If it is enabled, Forced Float voltage is adjustable.	Disabled	Disabled, Enabled
Continuous mode	Option to keep MasterBus powered by the battery when the Mass Charger is disabled.	Disabled	Disabled, Enabled
Battery	The battery type settings are based on Mastervolt batteries. If connecting batteries of a different manufacturer, make sure the manufacturer's recommendations are met. Should this not be the case, then "User defined" must be selected to change the settings.	Flooded	User defined, Gel/AGM, Flooded, Traction, NiCad, Lithium-ion
Equalize	Option to enable Equalizing. Shown only when no other battery type has been selected.		
	 WARNING! Equalize is ONLY applicable for flooded batteries! Do not use Equalize for other battery types!		
General			
Max. current	Maximum charge current, adjustable model dependent.	Model dependent	0-100% * I _{max}
Temp. compensate	Charge voltage compensation for temperature (V/°C).	-0.060 V/°C	-1.000 .. 1.000 V/°C
Output reduction	Output reduction that can be used as target event to adjust the maximum current.	0%	0-90%
Relay Alarm setpoints			
DC Alrm high on	Alarm DC High on	32.00 V	16.00-32.00 V
DC Alrm high off	Alarm DC High off	31.00V	16.00-32.00 V
DC Alrm low on	Alarm DC low on	20.00V	16.00-32.00 V
DC Alrm low off	Alarm DC low off	22.00V	16.00-32.00 V
DC Alrm delay	Alarm delay time	30 sec	0-255 sec
Bulk			
Bulk voltage	Bulk voltage	28.50 V	16.00-32.00 V
Max bulk time	Maximum bulk timer	480 min	0-600 min
Min bulk time	Minimum bulk timer	2 min	0-600 min
Start bulk time	Voltage at which to start the bulk timer.	26.50 V	16.00-32.00 V
Bulk ret. volt.	Return to Bulk voltage	25.60 V	16.00-32.00 V
Bulk ret. time	Adjustable Return to Bulk time after the Return to Bulk voltage has been reached.	30 sec	0-255 sec
Absorption			
Abs. voltage	Absorption voltage	28.50 V	16.00-32.00 V
Max absorption	Maximum absorption timer	240 min	0-600 min
Min absorp. time	Minimum absorption timer	15 min	0-180 min
Return amps	Return to Bulk current (in A)	6.0 %*I _{max}	0-25 A

	Meaning	Factory setting	Adjustable range
Float			
Float voltage	Float voltage	26.50 V	16.00-32.00 V
Equalize voltage	Equalize voltage	31.00 V	16.00-32.00 V
Equalize time	Equalize time	360 min	0-600 min

* Depending on model

Note: the following charge specifications are based on Mastervolt batteries. Specifications for a given chemistry of a different manufacturer may vary.

Charging specifications	Battery type				
	Flooded	GEL/AGM	Lithium-ion	Traction	NiCad
Bulk voltage	28.50V	28.50V	28.50V	29.10V	29.00V
Max bulk time	480 min	480 min	480 min	480 min	480 min
Min bulk time	2 min	2 min	2 min	2 min	2 min
Start bulk time at	26.50V	26.50V	26.50V	26.50V	26.50V
Return to bulk voltage	25.60V	25.60V	26.30V	25.60V	27.00V
Bulk return time	30 sec	30 sec	240 sec	30 sec	30 sec
Absorption voltage	28.50V	28.50V	28.50V	29.10V	29.00V
Max abs. time	240 min	240 min	240 min	240 min	240 min
Min abs. time	15 min	15 min	15 min	15 min	240 min
Return amps	6.0 %*I max	6.0 %*I max	6.0 %*I max	6.0%* I _{max}	6.0%* I _{max}
Float voltage	26.50V	27.60V	27.00V	26.50V	29.00V

* Depending on model

6.4 Event based commands

With MasterBus a device can be programmed to initiate an action at another connected device. This is done by means of event-based commands.

Events

Field	Meaning	Factory setting	Adjustable range
Event x source	Event-based command. Mass Charger event that should result in an action by another device on the <i>MasterBus</i> network.	Disabled	See <i>Event source</i> list.
Event x target	Select a connected MasterBus device that should take action due to a Mass Charger event.	Select...	Selectable targets are system dependent.
Event x command	Action to be taken by the target device.	Select...	See command list in selected device manual
Event x data	Data is linked to the command. See also figure 10.	Off	Off, On, Copy, Copy Invert, Toggle.
Event x+1	The next event appears after enabling Event x.	Disabled	See Event x.

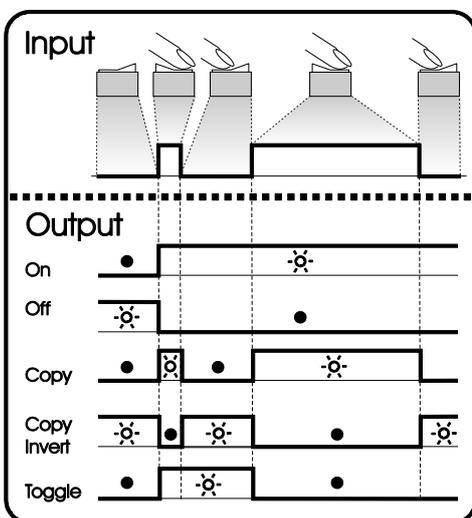


Figure 10: Event data

Input (pulses)

The input is represented by an on/off switch.

Output (data)

On changes the status to On at the first signal.

Off changes the status to Off at the first signal.

Copy lets the status follow the input.

Copy Invert lets the status follow the opposite of the input

Copy is used for dimming too by holding the pulse switch pressed for a longer time.

Toggle changes the status at the first signal and back at the second signal. It is used in combination with a pulse switch.

Mass Charger event source list (Mass Charger as event source)

Event source	Meaning
Charging	Mass Charger state is On
Bulk	Charge stage is Bulk
Absorption	Charge stage is Absorption
Float	Charge stage is Float
Failure	Charger failure MasterBus alarm
CSI	Charger Status Interface MasterBus alarm to generate an audible alarm at charger failure
Equalize	Mass Charger is in Equalize mode
TC Error	Battery temperature sensor error
Fan	MasterBus signal for an external fan to start (at 50% load / 50°C)
LED Bulk	LED Bulk illuminates
LED 20-40	LED 2 illuminates (see figure 3)
LED Abs	LED Abs illuminates
LED 60-80	LED 4 illuminates (see figure 3)
LED Float	LED Float illuminates
LED Failure	LED Failure illuminates

Mass Charger event target list (Mass Charger as event target)

Event target	Meaning
Mpc reduce	Command to reduce AC current at a 5%/sec rate
Mpc off	Command to reduce AC current fast
Bulk	Command to start the Bulk stage of charge
Absorption	Command to start the Absorption stage of charge
Float	Command to start the Float stage of charge
On/ Standby	Command to switch on the Mass Charger
Output reduction	Command to reduce the output of the Mass Charger e.g. when set to 90%, max. current will be 10% when event is received

7 TROUBLE SHOOTING

In case of a failure, the Mass Charger display shows an error code to help you find its source. See section 3.3 for error codes. If you cannot solve a problem with the aid of the fault-finding table, contact your local Mastervolt Service Centre. See www.mastervolt.com. Make sure you have the article and serial number present if you have to contact your local Mastervolt Service Center to solve a problem (See section 1.4)

Malfunction	Possible cause	What to do
No output voltage and/or current	No AC-input.	Check AC wiring, check remote control panel.
	AC-input voltage too low (< 180VAC).	Check input voltage, check generator.
	AC input frequency out of range.	Check input voltage, check generator.
Output voltage too low, charger supplies maximum current	Load that is connected to the batteries is larger than charger can supply.	Reduce load taken from the batteries.
	Batteries not 100% charged.	Measure battery voltage. After some time this will be higher.
Charge current too low	Batteries almost fully charged.	Nothing, this is normal when the battery is almost fully charged.
	High ambient temperature.	Nothing; if ambient temperature is more than 40°C the charge current is automatically reduced.
	Low AC input voltage. At lower AC-input voltages the charge current is reduced. See figure 12.	Check AC-input voltage.
Batteries not fully charged	Charge current too low.	See "Charge current too low".
	Current to load is too high.	Reduce load taken from the batteries.
	Charge time too short.	Use a battery charger with higher capacity.
	Battery temperature too low.	Use the battery temperature sensor.
Batteries are discharged too fast	Defective or old battery.	Check battery and replace if necessary.
	Battery capacity reduced due to wastage or sulphation, stagnation.	Charge and recharge a few times, this might help. Check battery and replace if necessary.
Batteries are too warm, gassing	Defective battery (short circuit in cell).	Check battery and replace if necessary.
	Battery temperature too high.	Use the battery temperature sensor.
	Charge voltage too high.	Check settings (see chapter 7).

8 TECHNICAL DATA

8.1 Specifications

Model	Mass 24/15-2	Mass 24/25-2	Mass 24/25-2 DNV / large cabinet
Product code	40020156	40020256	40720266 / 42720266
INPUT			
Mains voltage	230V, -10% + 15%	230V, -10% + 15%	230V, -10% + 15%
Frequency	50/60 Hz ± 5 Hz	50/60 Hz ± 5 Hz	50/60 Hz ± 5 Hz
Inrush current	None, the battery charger is equipped with a soft start in accordance with IEC 1003-3		
Input current	2.5 A	3.6 A	3.6 A
Power factor (Cos phi)	1	1	1
Maximum efficiency	89%	89%	89%
Input power	550W	800W	800W
OUTPUT			
Nominal voltage	24V DC	24V DC	24V DC
Max charge current (I_{max})*	15 A	25 A	25 A
Outputs	1x15 A and 1x3 A	1 x 25 A and 1x3 A	1 x 25 A and 1x3 A
Charge characteristic*	3-step, fully automatic	3-step, fully automatic	3-step, fully automatic
Battery types*:	Flooded lead acid, gel/AGM lead acid, NiCd, Mastervolt Lithium-ion (Mastervolt MLI) (see section 6.3 for settings)		
Default charge voltages at 25°C:			
absorption	28.5V	28.5V	28.5V
float	26.5V	26.5V	26.5V
Voltage ripple	max. 100mV RMS with resistive load @ full power		
Short circuit current (1/4 of I_{max})	3.75 A	6.25 A	6.25 A
Cable size (within 3 m)	6.0 mm ²	10 mm ²	10 mm ²
Charger fuse (external)	20A	32A	32A
ENVIRONMENTAL			
Ambient temperature	20 to 40°C @ 100% output power, derated with 2,5% / °C above 40°C		
Cooling	Forced air, by means of a ventilator with variable speed		
Humidity	Maximum 95%RV, non-condensing		
MASTERBUS			
MasterBus powering capability	Yes	Yes	Yes
MasterBus menu languages	English, Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Italian		
ENCLOSURE TYPE			
	C1	C1	C1
Dimensions (hxwx d) mm	See figure 11	See figure 11	See figure 11
Protection degree	IP23	IP23	IP23
Weight	3.3 kg	3.3 kg	3.5 kg
COMPLIANCE			
Standards, approvals & listings	CE, ABYC A-31, RRR, RMRS	CE, ABYC A-31, RRR, RMRS	CE, ABYC A-31, RRR, RMRS, DNV GL (40720266 only)

* Adjustable, see chapter 5.

Specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

8.2 Dimensions

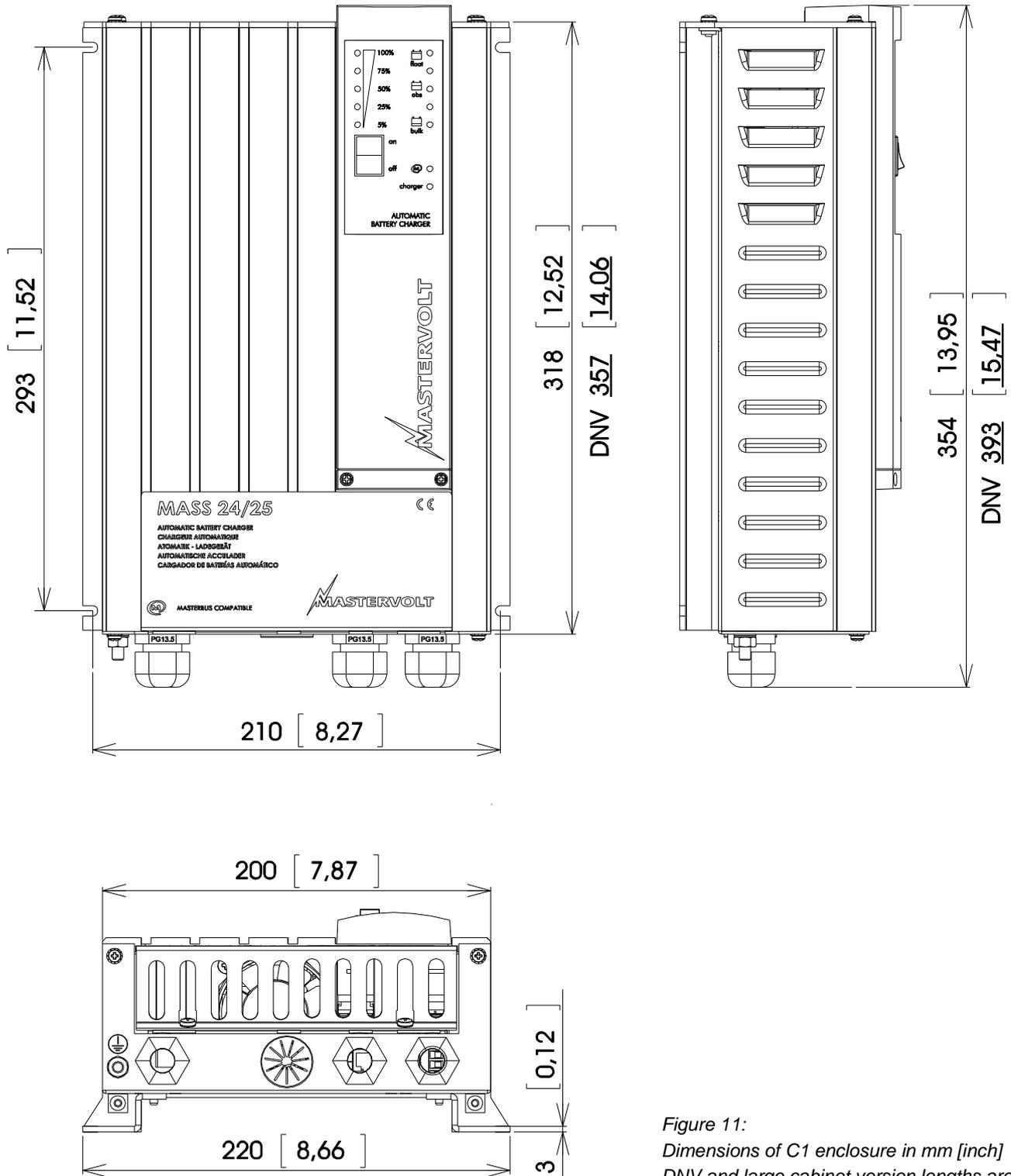


Figure 11:
 Dimensions of C1 enclosure in mm [inch]
 DNV and large cabinet version lengths are underlined

8.3 Characteristics (230 V AC)

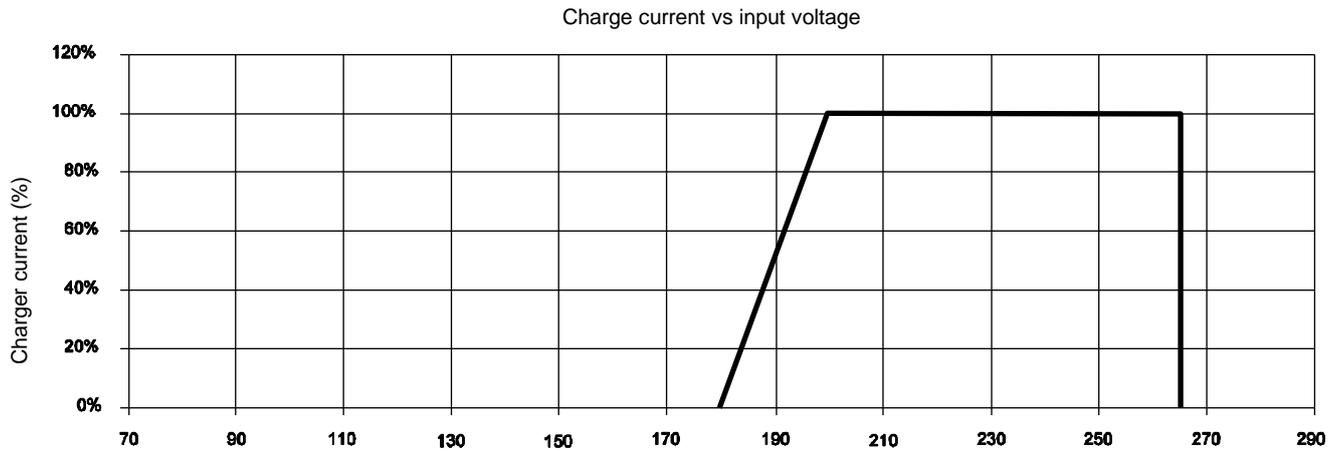


Figure 12: Charge current versus input voltage

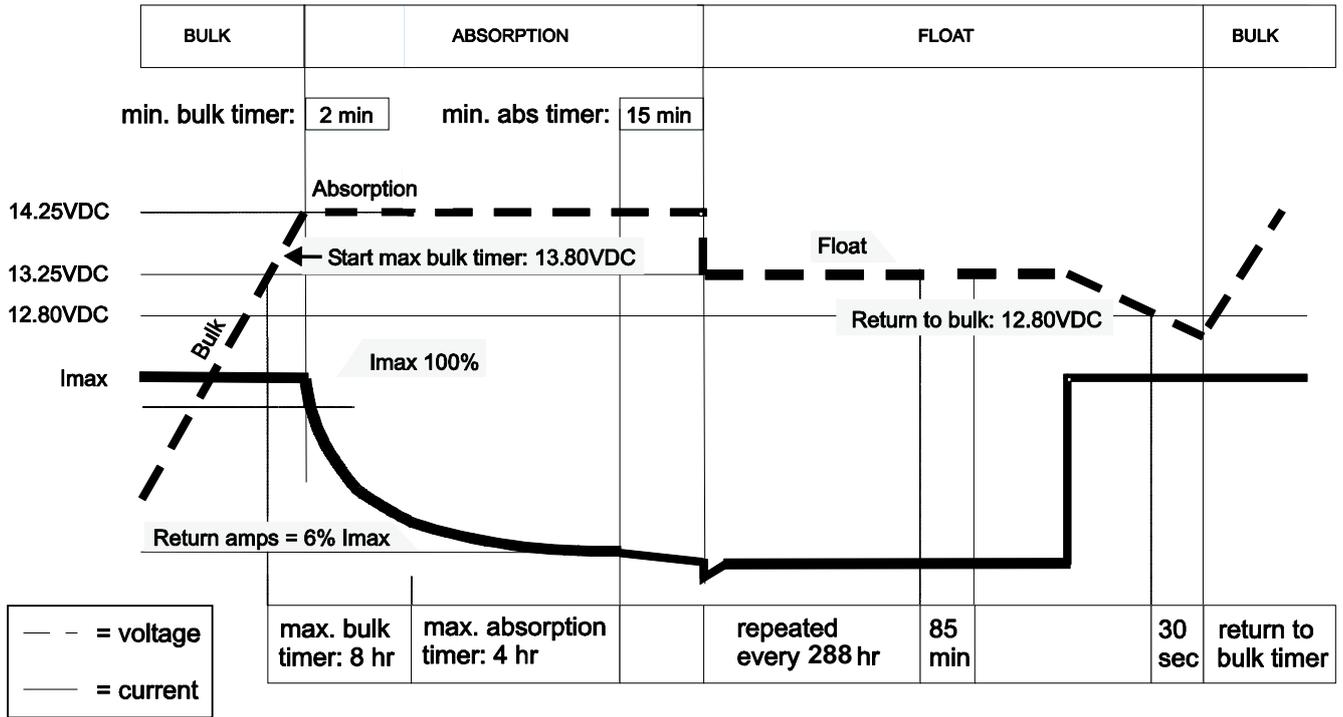


Figure 13: Charge characteristic of the three-step Plus charging method (at 25°C / 77°F) For a 24V charger, multiply the voltages by two.

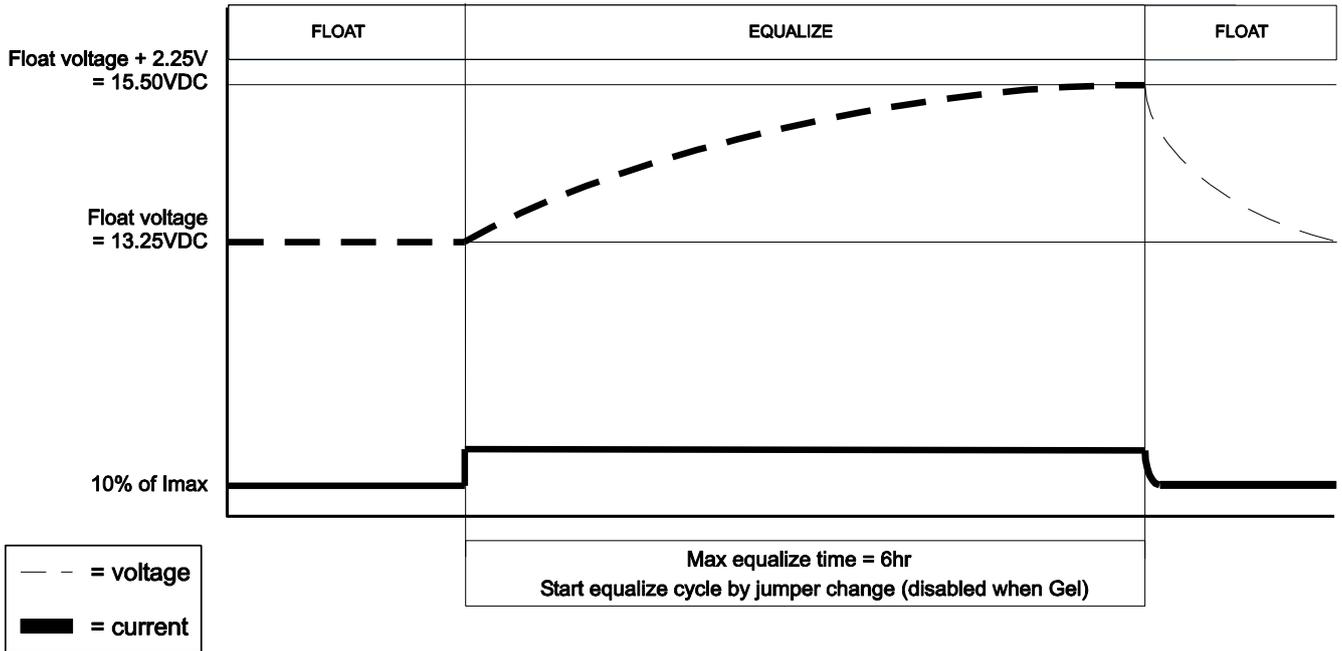


Figure 14: Charge characteristic of the equalize charge cycle (at 25°C / 77°F)

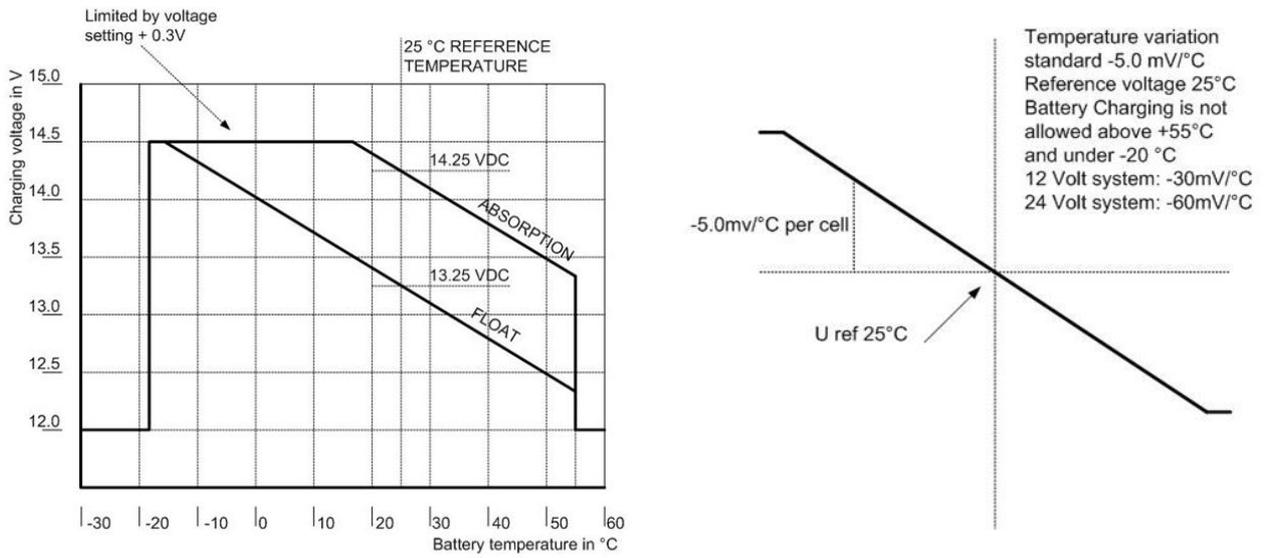


Figure 15: Temperature compensation characteristic (charge voltage versus temperature)



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