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# 12V INTELLIGENT **BATTERY CHARGER**

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These are the original product instructions. This document is part of the product; retain it for the life of the product, passing it on to subsequent holders. Read this manual in full before attempting to assemble, operate or maintain this product.

This Draper Tools manual describes the purpose of the product and contains all the necessary information to ensure its correct and safe use. Following all the instructions and guidance in this manual will ensure the safety of both the product and the operator and increase the lifespan of the product.

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## 1.1 Product Reference

**User Manual for:** 12V Intelligent Battery Charger

**Stock No:** 53488

**Part No:** BCI2

## 1.2 Revisions

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## 1.3 Understanding the Safety Content of This Manual



**WARNING!** – Situations or actions that may result in personal injury or death.



**CAUTION!** – Situations or actions that may result in damage to the product or surroundings.

**Important:** – Information or instructions of particular importance.

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## 3. Product Introduction

### 3.1 Intended Use

This product is a microprocessor controlled automatic charger designed to charge both maintenance and non-maintenance free batteries. It is also suitable for long term charging and maintenance of batteries which are not in constant use – for example batteries for classic cars, recreational vehicles, lawn tractors and similar vehicles.

Any other application beyond the conditions established for use will be considered misuse. Draper Tools accepts no responsibility for improper use of this product.

### 3.2 Specification

Stock No.	53488
Part No.	BCI2
Rated Voltage	230V/50Hz
Rated Output Current	2A @ 12V
Rated Battery Capacities	
Maintain (max.1A)	3 – 32Ah
12V Winter Mode (max.2A)	3 – 60Ah
Protection Class	II
Protection Type	IP65
Operating Temperature	-20 to 40°C
Suitable Battery Types	Lead Acid WET, MF, Ca/Ca, EFB, AGM, GEL
Weight	400g

**Important:** Read all the Health and Safety instructions before attempting to operate, maintain or repair this product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the user, the product or the battery.

### 4.1 Vehicle Battery Health and Safety Precautions



#### **WARNING!**

**Risk of explosive gases**

- Working in the vicinity of lead-acid batteries is dangerous as they generate explosive gases during normal operation. Follow these instructions and those published by the battery manufacturer and the manufacturer of any other equipment to be used in the vicinity of the battery.
- Review warning markings on all these products and on the engine.
- When working near a lead-acid battery, ensure someone is within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid.
- Never smoke or allow a spark or flame near the battery or engine.
- Take extra care not to drop a metal tool onto the battery. It could spark or short circuit the battery.



#### **WARNING!**

**NEVER** charge frozen batteries.

- Wear suitable eye and face protection.
- Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts eyes, skin or clothing. If acid enters eyes, wash eye under cold clean running water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention immediately.
- Remove any metallic items such as rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches. A lead-acid battery can produce a short circuit current high enough to weld a metallic item, which may cause a severe burn.

### 4.2 Charger Specific Health and Safety Precautions

- The battery charger is for indoor use only. **DO NOT** expose to rain or wet conditions.



**CAUTION!** To reduce the risk of injury, only use the charger for charging Lead Acid, GEL, Calcium, AGM and EFB automotive type rechargeable batteries.

- It is not intended to supply power to a low voltage electrical system other than in a starter motor application.
- **DO NOT** use for charging dry-cell batteries, these batteries may burst and cause injury to persons or damage to property.
- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- Before plugging the charger into the power supply, check that the plug, cord and casing are in good condition. If they are damaged or any defective part/s evident, get them replaced immediately by a suitably qualified person.
- **ONLY** use the clamps and accessories recommended and supplied by Draper Tools.
- **DO NOT** use this unit if the clamp leads are damaged or worn.



**WARNING!** Explosive gases, Prevent flames and sparks. During charging provide adequate ventilation. The battery must be placed in a well-ventilated area (for chargers for lead-acid batteries).

- Set up the charger and cord in a safe place where it will not be knocked, tripped over or stepped on and where it is well ventilated.
- The battery terminal not connected to the chassis must be connected first. The other connection is to be made to the chassis, remote from the battery and fuel line. The battery charger is then to be connected to the mains supply.
- After charging, disconnect the battery charger from the mains supply. Then remove the chassis connection and then the battery connection.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the charger from the power supply after charging and before carrying out any cleaning or maintenance.


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### 4.3 Connection To The Power Supply

This appliance is supplied with an approved plug and cord for your safety.

If the power supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by Draper Tools, an authorised service agent or similarly qualified personnel in order to avoid a hazard.

The damaged or incomplete plug, when cut from the cord, shall be disabled to prevent connection to a live electrical outlet.

This charger is a Class II  appliance and is designed for connection to a power supply matching that detailed on the rating label and compatible with the plug fitted. The value of the fuse fitted is marked on the pin face of the plug. Should the fuse need replacing, use a small plain-slot screwdriver to remove the fuse cover. Ensure the substitute is of the correct rating, approved to BS 1362 and and ASTA or BS Kite marked. This should only be performed by suitably qualified personnel.

Use of an extension lead is not recommended with this charger.

If an extension lead is required, use an approved and compatible lead rated for this product.

Follow all the instructions supplied with the extension lead.

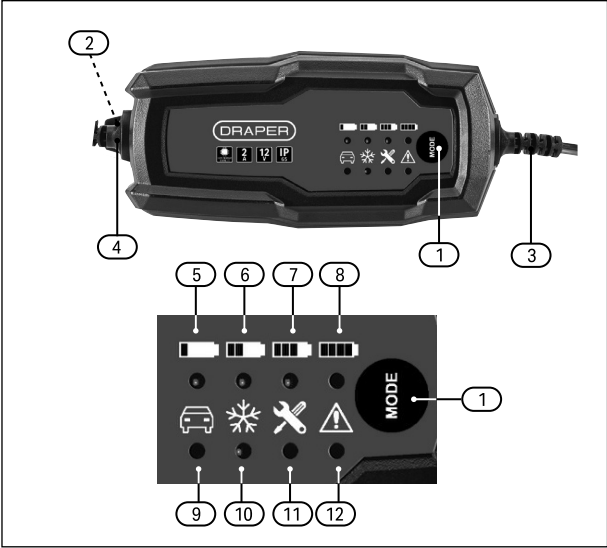
†**Double insulated:** This product is double insulated and does not require an earth connection to protect against electric shock from accessible conductive parts in the event of failure of the basic insulation.

### 4.4 Residual Risk

The safety instructions in this manual cannot account for all possible conditions and situations that may occur. Exercise common sense and caution when using this product and protect against any additional conceivable risks.

5.1 Product Overview

- 1. Mode button
- 2. Hang hole
- 3. Cord and plug
- 4. Connector to charger
- 5. Battery charging status: 25%
- 6. Battery charging status: 50%
- 7. Battery charging status: 75%
- 8. Battery charging status: 100%
- 9. Charge 12V
- 10. Winter mode 12V
- 11. Maintenance mode
- 12. Reverse polarity warning

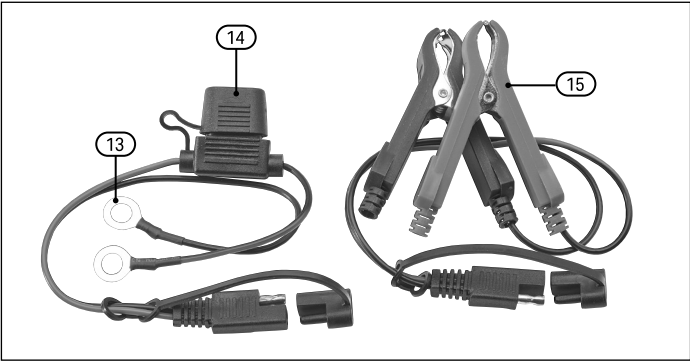


5.2 What's in the Box?

Carefully remove the product from the packaging and examine it for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipment. If any part is damaged or

missing, do not attempt to use the product. Please contact the Draper Helpline; contact details can be found at the back of this manual.

- 13. Permanent installation O-ring leads with connector
- 14. Fuse unit (15A)
- 15. Crocodile clamp leads with connector



5.3 Packaging

Keep the product packaging for the duration of the warranty period for reference should the product need to be returned for repair.

**WARNING!** Keep packaging materials out of reach of children. Dispose of packaging correctly and responsibly and in accordance with local regulations.

Please visit [drapertools.com](http://drapertools.com) for our full range of accessories and consumables.

## 6. Preparing the Battery Charger 7. Operating Instructions

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**Important:** Before charging the battery:

- It is recommended that the battery is disconnected from the vehicle to avoid damage to the alternator.
- Check that the voltage of the battery matches that of the charger.

**Note:** To avoid loss of audio or security codes before disconnecting the battery connect a 12V memory saver or an EOBD 16 pin diagnostic socket type.

### 7.1 Connection

- Before connecting the charger to the power supply ensure that the information on the rating label matches the supply voltage.
- Refer to the instructions in the manufacturer's manual for the car, radio and navigation systems etc.
- **Notes for automatic charging**
  - Charging is carried out in six steps; the final maintenance charging step maintains the battery capacity at 95 – 100%.
  - The charging operation does not need to be monitored; however, it is recommended not to leave the battery unattended if charging over an extended period of time.







### 7.2 Permanent Installation Of 'O' Rings to Battery



Fig. 1

- Use the 'O' ring leads (13) to connect the battery to the charger without having to obtain access to the battery, where access is difficult. Ideal for motorbikes, classic cars and jet skis etc.

7.3 Selecting the Charging Mode/Mode Button (1)

Mode	Function
 	12V Charging
 	12V winter mode
 	Maintenance mode with reduced maximum charge current

7.4 Charging the Battery

**IMPORTANT:** read all the Health & Safety warnings and refer to your vehicle and battery instruction manual before charging a battery.

1. Release or remove the battery stopper (if fitted) from the battery.
2. Check the acid level in the battery and top up with distilled water if necessary.
  - **Important; Battery acid is aggressive**, wear protective gloves and safety glasses. Rinse off any acid splashes thoroughly with plenty of water and seek medical advice if necessary.
3. Connect the crocodile clamp leads (15) to the battery.

With Battery Removed from Vehicle

1. Connect the **RED** positive charger lead to the positive (+) terminal of the battery.
2. Then connect the **BLACK** negative lead to the negative (-) terminal of the battery.
3. Connect the charger to a power socket to switch on and all the indicator lights will flash.
4. Press the '**MODE**' button (1) to select the correct charging mode and the light for that mode will come on.
  - The battery status lights (5) to (8) will flash in succession until the battery is fully charged.
5. All the status lights will remain on when charging is complete.

With Battery Connected to Vehicle

**NOTE:** All loads in the vehicle must be switched off during charging.

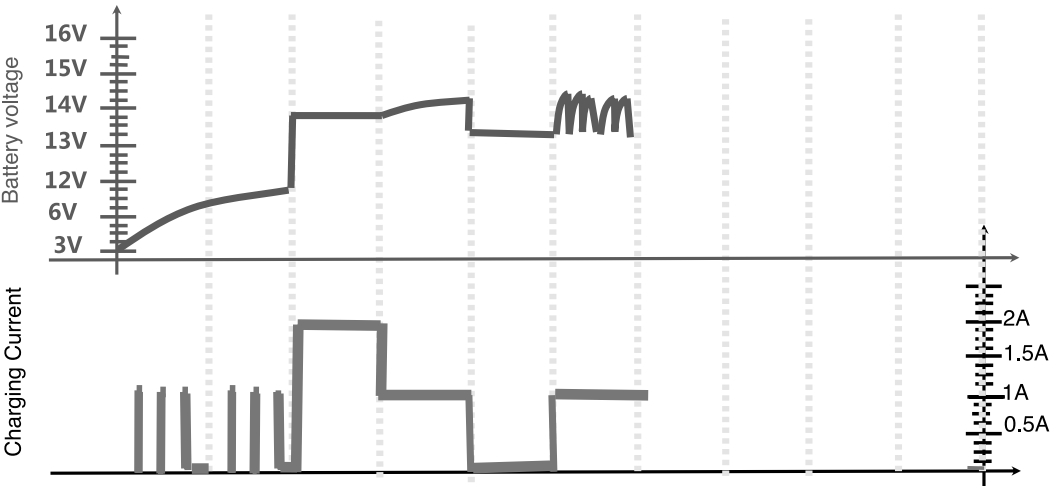
1. Connect the **RED** positive charger lead to the positive (+) terminal of the battery.
2. Then connect the **BLACK** negative lead to the vehicle ground connection on either the engine or chassis, away from any fuel lines or battery vents.
3. Connect the charger to a power socket to switch on and all the indicator lights will flash.
4. Press the '**MODE**' button (1) to select the correct charging mode and the light for that mode will come on.
  - The battery status lights (5) to (8) will flash in succession until the battery is fully charged
5. All the status lights will remain on when charging is complete.

7.5 Finishing Battery Charging

1. Unplug the charger from the power supply.
2. Disconnect the **black** charging lead first, then disconnect the red charging lead from the positive terminal.
3. Refit the battery stoppers back into position (if removed or released).



7.6 Six Steps of Charging




STEPS			STEP 1 Devulcanization	STEP 2 Repair	STEP 3 CV	STEP 4 CC	STEP 5 Analysis Battery	STEP 6 Compensation Charge
MODE	12V FAST	V	8.1V	10.9V	13.8V	14.2V	14.2V	<13.6V
		I	1A 1Hz	1A 1Hz	2A	1A	Detection	1A 1Hz
	12V WINTER	V	8.0V	11.3V	14.5V	14.8V	14.8V	<13.6V
		I	1A 1Hz	1A 1Hz	2A	1A	Detection	2A 1Hz
	12V SLOW	V	8.1V	10.9V	13.8V	14.2V	14.2V	<13.6V
		I	1A	1A	1A	1A	Detection	1A 1Hz

Step	Steps After Charging Mode Selected
1 Battery devulcanisation	For batteries with vulcanisation on the plate. Repeated charging with small current pulses will occur to eliminate the vulcanisation and to increase the battery capacity.
2 Battery repair	For old batteries or batteries that have not been used for a long time, charging with pulse current will occur to expand the battery capacity again.
3 Constant voltage charging	Charging with steady charging voltage to maximise up to 100% battery capacity.
4 Constant current charging	Charging with maximum current until approx.80% battery capacity.
5 Analysis battery	Stop for 1 minute. Analysis the charging voltage to determine whether fully charged.
6 Compensation charge	Battery capacity monitored and kept at 95 – 100%. If required the charger will give an impulse to the battery to retain the charge.



8.1 General Maintenance and Storage

**Important:** Always disconnect the charger from the power supply before carrying out any maintenance or cleaning.

- Wipe over the case and cord with a slightly damp cloth and dry.
- When not in use store in a safe, dry, childproof location.

 **WARNING!** Servicing should only be carried out by qualified personnel.

8.2 Troubleshooting

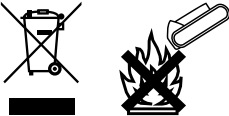
Error Code	Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Flashing 	Fault indicator	Battery voltage below 3.5V or above 15V.	Battery is either defective or unsuitable for charging.
		Short circuit between the clamps.	<b>DO NOT</b> connect the clamps to each other or to the same metal surface.
		Battery clamps polarity reversed. Warning will also sound.	Disconnect and reconnect correctly.
Flashing 	Connection issue	Charger not connected to battery correctly.	Connect the charger correctly.

**Note:** If the battery voltage is below 3V the battery cannot be recharged with this charger

## 9. Disposal

At the end of its working life, dispose of the product responsibly and in line with local regulations. Recycle where possible.

- **DO NOT** dispose of this product with domestic waste; most local authorities provide appropriate recycling facilities.
- **DO NOT** burn or mutilate batteries; this may release toxic or corrosive substances.



## 10. Warranty

The warranty period is 12 months from date of purchase  
- Visit [drapertools.com/warranty](https://www.drapertools.com/warranty) for full details.

## 10. Explanation of Symbols



Read the instruction manual



**Warning!**



**Caution!**



Do not incinerate or throw onto fire



Wear face mask and safety glasses



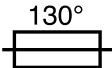
For indoor use only;  
do not expose to rain



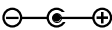
**Class II construction**  
(Double insulated)



Short-circuit-proof safety  
isolating transformer



Fuse protective device



Polarity indication



Rated voltage



WEEE –

Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

Do not dispose of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment  
in with domestic rubbish



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