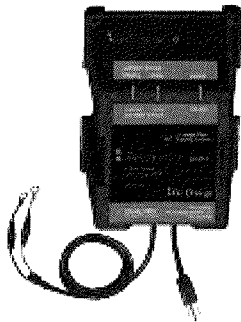


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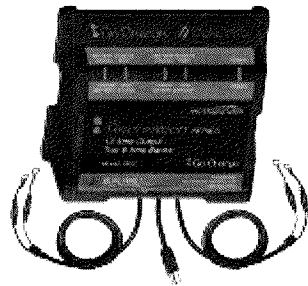
# PRO Charging Systems

*Installation and Operating Instructions*  
(for chargers shown below)

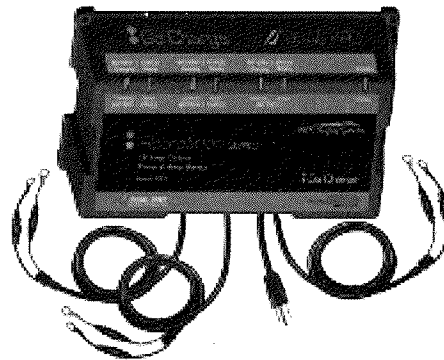
## Recreation SERIES



Model RS1  
6 Amp Output  
One 6 Amp Bank



Model RS2  
12 Amp Output  
Two 6 Amp Banks



Model RS3  
18 Amp Output  
Three 6 Amp Banks

*For additional information please call our  
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## INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEMS:

Model #	Description	Total Output	Independently charge 12V batteries in the following systems:
Recreation Series			
RS1	One 6 Amp Bank	6 Amps	12V
RS2	Two 6 Amp Banks	12 Amps	12V, 24V
RS3	Three 6 Amp Banks	18 Amps	12V, 24V or 36V

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*Please save and read all safety, operating and installation instructions before installing or applying AC power to your PCS on-board battery charging system. Please contact PCS with any product, installation, or service questions at technical support (800.742.2740).*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Pro Charging Systems (PCS) has been manufacturing waterproof, on-board battery charging systems since 1989. Our charging systems are designed and built tough to withstand intense vibration, extreme temperature variations and submersion without damaging the unit. Our systems use temperature compensation in order to fully charge a battery in hot or cold environments and are controlled by microprocessors in order to assure precise control over each totally independent charging bank. All of our chargers have true reverse polarity protection and incorporated a float maintenance mode upon completion of each charge cycle.

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### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

Use of attachments not recommended or sold by PCS may result in a risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons.

To reduce risk of damage to the electrical plug and power cord, always pull by the plug rather than by the power cord when disconnecting charger.

When using an extension cord, make sure:

1. That pins on the extension cord plug are the same number, size and shape as those of the charger's plug;
2. That extension cord meets UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.) acceptance and is in proper operating condition;
3. That wire size is large enough for the ac ampere rating of charger.

Do not operate charger with a damaged cord or plug—replace the cord or plug immediately.

Do not operate charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way; contact our technical support group for assistance (800.742.2740).

Do not disassemble charger; contact technical support when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in risk of electrical shock or fire.

To reduce risk of electrical shock, unplug charger from outlet before attempting any maintenance or cleaning.

### **WARNING: RISK OF EXPLOSIVE GASES**

1. **WORKING IN THE 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 your charger, you read this manual and follow the instructions exactly.
2. To reduce risk of battery explosion, follow these instructions and those published by the battery manufacturer and by the manufacturer of any equipment you intend to use in the vicinity of battery. Review all cautionary markings on any product being utilized in or around the charging device.

### **PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS**

Someone should be within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid when you work near a lead-acid battery.

Have plenty of fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing, eyes, or other surfaces.

Wear complete eye protection and clothing protection. Avoid touching eyes while working near battery.

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 seek medical attention.

NEVER smoke or allow a spark or flame in the vicinity of a battery or engine.

Be extra cautious to reduce risk of dropping a metal tool onto battery. This might cause a spark or short-circuit a battery, possibly resulting in an explosion.

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.

Use charger for charging a LEAD-ACID (lead acid, sealed lead acid, gel cell, and AGM) battery only. It is not intended to supply power to a low voltage electrical system other than in a starter-motor application. Do not use battery charger for charging dry-cell batteries that are commonly used with home appliances. These dry cell batteries may explode, causing personal injury and damage to property.

NEVER charge a frozen battery.

### **PREPARING TO CHARGE**

If it is necessary to remove the battery or batteries to charge, always remove grounded terminal from battery first. Make sure all accessories are off, so as not to cause battery arcing.

Be sure the area around any battery is well ventilated while batteries are being charged. On occasion, "gas fumes" may be present during charging and can be forcefully blown away by using a piece of cardboard or other nonmetallic material as a fan. Proper ventilation is always recommended in the charging area.

Clean all of the battery terminals. Be careful to keep corrosion from coming into contact with eyes.

Add distilled water in each cell (wet cell batteries) 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.

Study all battery manufacturers' specific precautions such as removing or not removing cell caps while charging and recommended rates of charge.

Extension cords should be industrial grade/heavy duty UL approved and grounded. Check extension cord before use for damage, bent prongs and cuts. Replace if damaged.

Always make your extension cord connection on the charger side first. After connecting the extension cord to the charger, proceed to plug the extension cord into a 120VAC GFCI protected (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt) A/C outlet. The unit will operate with a VAC input range of 90VAC-264VAC.

Always remove the extension cord from the A/C outlet first when charging is completed followed by unplugging the charger.

### **PRODUCT SUMMARY**

#### **General Operation:**

Use the following guidelines in this manual to install your fully automatic PCS battery charging system.

Assure that the area around your charger and batteries is properly ventilated. Connect your extension cord with no A/C power present to the battery charger and proceed to plug your extension cord in at a nearby A/C outlet.

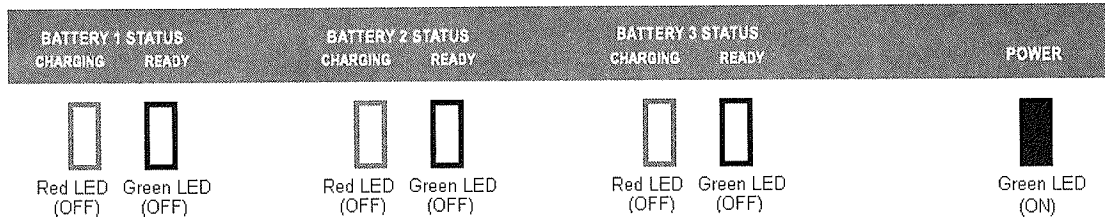
Once you plug in your PCS battery charging system, your batteries will be simultaneously and independently charged to 100%. Unlike systems that utilize one large charger to attempt to charge multiple batteries, your system utilizes a totally independent battery charger for each battery. Each charging bank will remain in a "float" stage once the battery is charged and then monitor and/or maintain the battery indefinitely.

We recommend that you leave your system plugged in. This will reduce sulfation on the lead plates of the batteries and allow your PCS charging system to keep your batteries fully maintained and ready to perform at their best.

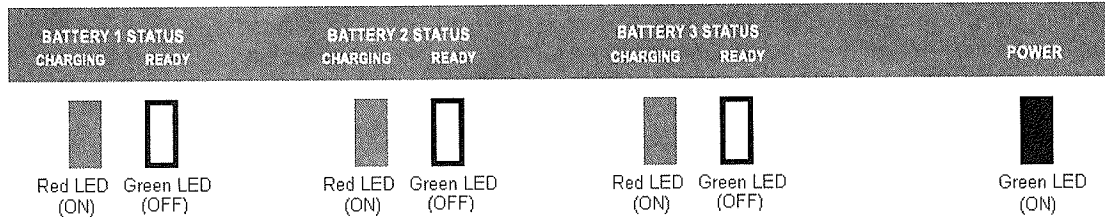
#### **Independent Charging Bank Indications**

When your battery charging system is activated, each bank provides charging information utilizing 1 red Light Emitting Diode (LED) indicator and one green Light Emitting Diode (LED) indicator. The Red (CHARGING) LED indicates d/c current is flowing to the battery and the Green (READY) LED indicates that the charger has finished its bulk and absorption stage and has entered the float maintenance mode. There is also a Green (POWER) LED that illuminates to indicate that power is supplied to the charger when it is plugged in properly to a functioning A/C outlet.

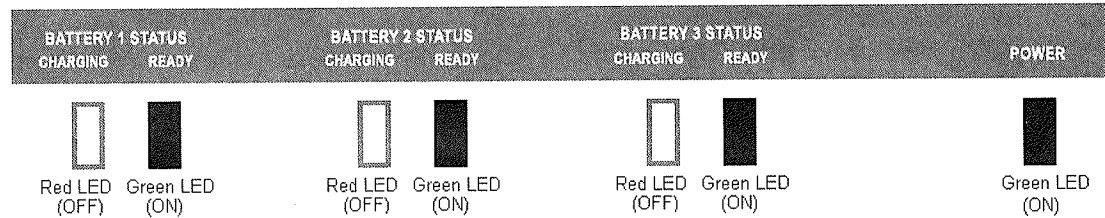
Below is an example of the display on a Three output Recreation Series Charger (RS3):



The above display indicates that power is on but there is no connection to a battery. The charger must see approximately 5 volts on a battery in order to deliver d/c current.



The above display indicates that power is on and that all three outputs are delivering d/c current to the batteries.



The above display indicates that power is on and that all three outputs are finished charging and are in a float maintenance mode.

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

All PCS battery charging systems are designed to be permanently installed in a well-ventilated area and have no mounting restrictions.

Do not make any electrical connections to the power supply (AC) or to a battery (DC) until the installation process has been completed.

If mounting the charger in a boat, please choose a flat surface as high above the water level as possible. If a compartment wall is chosen, make certain its strength is adequate to support the weight of the charger.

Use the mounting flanges of the charger to mark locations for starter holes. Drill a 1/16 inch hole at each marked location. Then, utilize all stainless steel screws that have been provided and install the charger securely, being cautious not to over tighten the screws. Silicon sealer should be used to secure and waterproof the screw holes.

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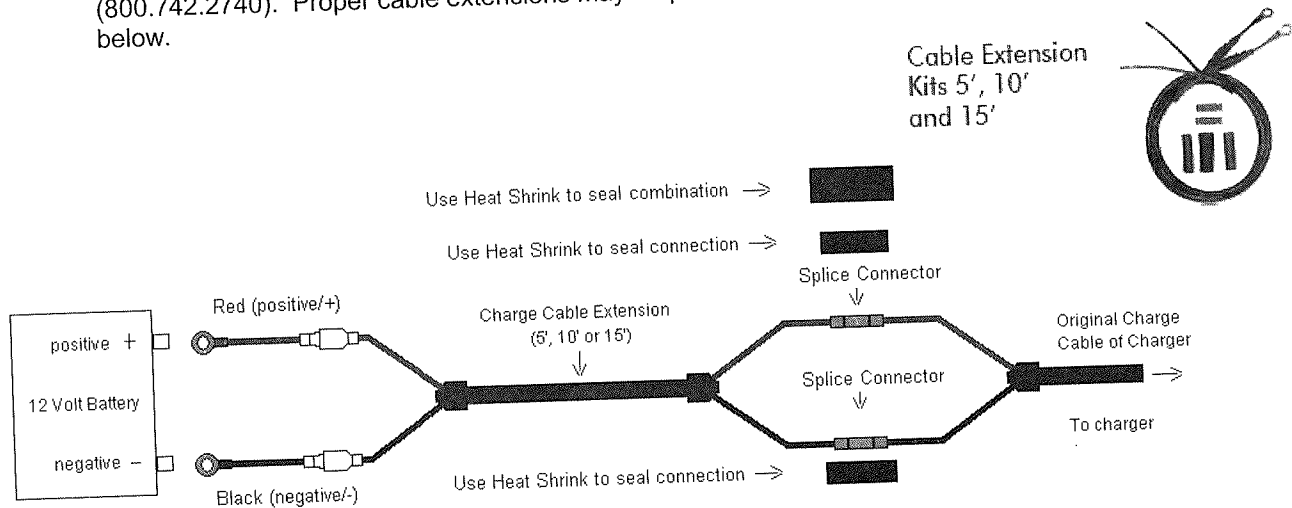
The mounting brackets of the system may contain keyholes that are designed so that screws can be started before putting the charger into place. If applicable, the keyhole locations vary depending on which model you own.

Before making any connections, prepare batteries as follows:

- (a) With caps securely in place, thoroughly clean the case and posts with a solution of baking soda and water. Be careful not to allow any baking soda to get inside the case.

- (b) All posts, terminals, and connectors should be cleaned to a shiny bright finish, using a wire brush or sand paper. This should be done periodically to assure maximum conductivity between the battery and the charger.

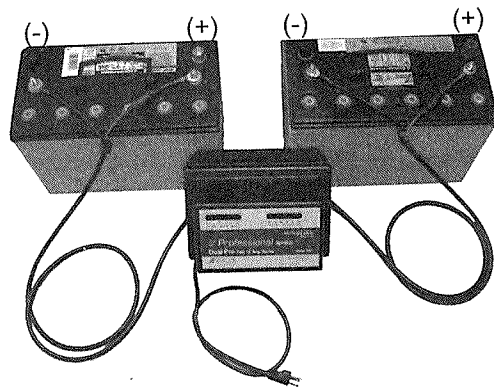
Each charge cable assembly is equipped with a temperature sensor located at the junction of each set of ring terminals. Attempts to shorten the cables could partially disable the charger. Therefore, we recommend that you do not make any adjustments without first consulting our technical support group (800.742.2740). Proper cable extensions may be purchased in 5', 10', and 15' lengths. See picture below.



To connect the charger to the battery (batteries), route your charge cables from the charger to the batteries, being cautious to avoid sharp objects, and use the supplied wire ties to hold them securely and neatly in place.

Securely attach each charge cable independently to one 12V battery by connecting the red (positive/+) lead ring terminal to the positive (+) battery post and the black (negative/-) lead ring terminal to the negative (-) battery post. See picture below:

*The charger pictured is a **Professional Series Dual Pro**, which has two independent 15 amp outputs.*



Connect a heavy duty UL approved extension cord to the power cord of your charger and then plug the extension cord into a nearby 120VAC GFI protected (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt) outlet. You should now observe a red LED indication on each bank of the charger representing each individual battery being charged. The voltage of each battery will reflect the number of LED indicators illuminated.

When charging is complete, remove the extension cord from the 120VAC outlet first and then unplug the charger.

## **TROUBLE SHOOTING**

**PROBLEM: No LED indicators illuminate on the charger.**

Solution Sequence: Check the AC power supply from its source through all connecting points up to the charger by using a meter or test light to confirm that current is being delivered to the charger.

**PROBLEM: The Green (POWER) LED is illuminated, but the Red (CHARGING) LED and the Green (READY) LED are off.**

Solution Sequence: This indicates that the charger does not recognize that it is connected properly to a battery that has at least 5Volts. With the AC power supply cord unplugged, check the ring terminals for correct polarity (Red to positive or +) and (Black to negative or - ). Also check for corrosion free secure connections to the batteries. Check in-line fuses in charge cable for any signs of opening or corroded connections. Call the technical support group for further assistance (800.742.2420).

**PROBLEM: The RED (CHARGING) LED remains illuminated for more than 16 hours and the Green (READY) LED does not come on.**

Solution Sequence: This indicates that the battery is not reaching a sufficient voltage to indicate that the battery is fully charged. Disconnect AC power to the charging system. On multi bank chargers, remove the charge cable assembly of the affected bank from the battery and attach it to another battery in the boat. Take the original charge cable assembly from this battery and attach it to the battery from which you removed the first cable. Plug the charger in and observe the LED indications. If the rapid LED sequence (red to green repeatedly) occurs on a different bank of the charger, this confirms the existence of a battery problem.

On single bank systems, simply try the charger on another battery. If the charger now operates normally (steady red LEDs or changes to green and holds), this indicates a possible problem with the original battery.

If the same bank continues to malfunction, please call our technical support group (800.742.2740).

**PROBLEM: The green (READY) LED was illuminated before disconnecting the power from the charger, but upon reconnection, the red (CHARGING) LED appears and remains on.**

Solution Sequence: This is normal operating procedure for the system and simply indicates that a re-analysis of the battery status has been initiated and after a series of steps, the green LED will illuminate.