



# 12/24 VOLT AUTOMATIC SOLAR CHARGE CONTROLLER



## **WARNING**

- Please read these instructions completely prior to installation.
- Lead acid batteries can be dangerous. Ensure no sparks or flames are present when working near batteries. Eye protection should be used. If mounting on a vehicle follow all manufacturers' instructions.
- Given sufficient light solar panels always generate energy even when they are disconnected. Accidental 'shorting' of the terminals or wiring can result in sparks causing personal injury or a fire hazard. It is recommended to cover the front face of the panel(s) with a soft cloth to block incoming light during installation.
- For use with 12V or 24V (nominal) solar panels.
- For indoor, out of weather use only.
- Do not exceed the total limit of the solar controller:  
P/No. SC320: 20A  
P/No. SC330: 30A

## **FEATURES**

### **3 STAGE CHARGING**

Ideal for deep cycle batteries, SC320 & SC330 deliver 3 stage charging, maximising battery life and performance. The in-built temperature sensor adjusts the output guaranteeing a thorough charge in all conditions.

- Maintains your battery ready for use
- Safe to leave permanently connected
- Prevents solar over-charge/discharge

## **PROTECTION**

### **Solar Array Short Circuit**

If solar array short circuit occurs, clear it to resume normal charge automatically.

### **Load Overload**

If the load current exceeds the rated current of controller  $\geq 1.05$  times rated discharge current, the controller will disconnect the load. The cause of the overload must be corrected, it can then be cleared by pressing the switch button.

### **Load Short Circuit**

Full protection against load wiring short-circuit  $\geq 2$  times rated discharge current. After one automatic load reconnect attempt, the fault must be cleared by restarting the controller or pressing the switch button.

### **Solar Reverse Polarity**

Full protection against solar reverse polarity, no damage to the controller will result. Correct the miswire to resume normal operation.

### **Battery Reverse Polarity**

Full protection against battery reverse polarity, no damage to the controller will result. Correct the miswire to resume normal operation.

## **Battery Working Voltage Error**

If battery voltage does not match controller working voltage, controller will stop working. After correcting the voltage, the failure can be eliminated through pushing the load button.

## **Damaged Temperature Sensor**

If the temperature sensor is short-circuited or damaged, the controller will be charging or discharging at the default temperature 25°C to prevent the battery damaged from overcharging or over discharge.

## **Overheating Protection**

If the temperature of the controller heat sink exceeds 85°C, the controller will automatically start the overheating protection and stop the charging and discharging. When the temperature is below 75°C, the controller will resume to work.

## **High Voltage Transients**

Solar is protected against smaller high voltage surge. In lightning prone areas, additional external suppression is recommended.

**Note:** The controller has daily automatic fault recovery function which will reduce the manual operation and can intelligently eliminate the fault caused by non-actual hardware failure.

## **LOW VOLTAGE DISCONNECT (LVD)**

LVD will disconnect the DC load before the battery voltage falls too low, preventing damage due to over-discharge. Once the battery is recharged, the DC load will be automatically reconnected.

## **LOAD CONTROL**

The SC320 & SC330 allow you to switch the DC load on/off from the controller without having to physically disconnect the load or appliance. When switched to 'off', the DC load is isolated from the battery ensuring maximum power conservation.

## **ELECTRICAL PROTECTION**

- Short circuit & over current protection
- Reverse polarity protection
- Conformal coated for protection against dust and moisture

## **INSTALLATION**

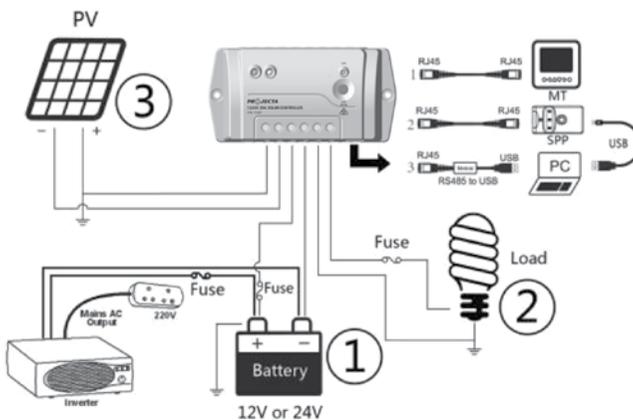
### **General Installation Notes**

- Be very careful when working with batteries. Wear eye protection. Have fresh water available to wash and clean any contact with battery acid.
- Never short circuit the battery positive and negative terminals, and wires which may cause explosion or fire.
- Install external fuses/breakers as required.
- Disconnect the solar module and fuse/breakers near the battery before installing or adjusting the controller.

- Confirm that power connections are tightened to avoid excessive heat caused from loose connection.
- Use insulated tools and avoid placing metal objects near the batteries.
- Explosive gases may be present during charging. Be certain there is sufficient ventilation to release the gases.
- Avoid direct sunlight and do not install in locations where water can enter the controller.
- Loose power connections and/or corroded wires may result in resistive connections that melt wire insulation, burn surrounding materials, or even cause fire. Ensure tight connections and use cable clamps to secure cables and prevent them from swaying in mobile applications.
- Only charge the batteries that comply with the parameters of controller.
- Battery connection may be wired to one battery or a bank of batteries. The following instructions refer to a singular battery, but it is implied that the battery connection can be made to either one battery or a group of batteries in a battery bank.
- Use the following cable & fuses for installation:  
 SC320: 4.5mm<sup>2</sup> cable, 30A Fuse  
 SC330: 4.5mm<sup>2</sup> cable, 50A Fuse

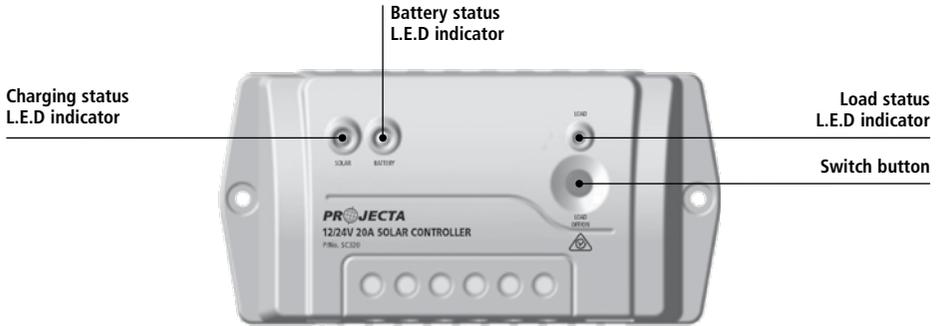
## WIRING DIAGRAM

1. Connect components to the charge controller in the sequence as shown in the picture below "+" Red and "-" Black. Always power the battery first.
2. After power from the battery, check the battery indicator on the controller, it will be green. If it's not green, please refer to the 'Protection' section of the manual.
3. The battery fuse should be installed as close to battery as possible. The suggested distance is within 150mm.



## OPERATION

### LED Indicators



### Indicator Status Description

	Green	On Solid	Normal
	Green	Slowly Flashing	In charging
	Green	OFF	No charge
	Green	On Solid	Normal
	Green	Slowly Flashing	Full
	Green	Fast Flashing	Over voltage
	Orange	On Solid	Under voltage
	Red	On Solid	Over discharged
	Red	Flashing	Battery over temperature
	Red	On Solid	Normal
	Red	Slowly Flashing	Overload
	Red	Fast Flashing	Short circuit
Charging, load and battery indicator (red) flashing simultaneously			System voltage error
Charging, load and battery indicator (orange) flashing simultaneously			Controller overheating

### Switch Button Function

1. Manual Control ON/OFF of the load.
2. Resume to normal work after the fault is cleared up.

## FAULT CODES

Faults	Possible reasons	Troubleshooting
Charging LED indicator off during daytime when sunshine falls on solar modules	Solar array disconnection	Check that solar and battery wire connections are correct and tight.
Green Battery LED indicator fast flashing	Battery voltage higher than over voltage disconnect voltage (OVD)	Check the battery voltage. If voltage levels are high, disconnect the solar module immediately and change to a new controller.
Battery LED indicators orange	Battery under voltage	Load output is normal. Charging LED indicator will return to green automatically when fully charged.
Battery LED indicators RED color and loads not working	Battery over discharged	The controller cut off the output automatically. LED indicator will return to green automatically when not working.
Load status indicator red and slow flashing	Over load	Remove or cut out the additional load and press the button, the controller will resume after 3 seconds.
Load status indicator red and fast flashing	Short circuit	Clear short circuit and press the button, the controller will resume to work after 3 seconds.
All LED indicators flashing (battery orange indicator flashing)	Temperature of controller too high	When heat sink of the controller exceeds 85°C, the controller will automatically cut input and output circuit. When the temperature reaches below 75°C, the controller will resume operation. Reduce the environment temperature, the power of solar module or the power of the load.
All LED indicators flashing (battery red indicator flashing)	System voltage error	Check whether the battery voltage matches the controller working voltage. Please change to a suitable battery or reset the working voltage. If there is nothing abnormal, please press load button to clear the malfunction.
SOC value incorrect	Wrong battery type selected using the reconfigured profile of the user defined battery type.	Correct the right battery type; Using the configuration of the charging voltage compensation if choosing the user defined battery type and ignore the SOC.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### Electrical Parameters

Nominal System Voltage	12/24VDC
Max. PV input voltage	50V
Max. Battery Terminal Voltage	34V
Rated Battery Current	SC320: 20A, SC330: 30A
Charge Circuit Voltage Drop	≤0.28V
Discharge Circuit Voltage Drop	≤0.20V
Self-consumption	≤8.4mA/12V; ≤7.8mA/24V
Temperature compensation coefficient	-3mV/°C /2V (Default)
Grounding	Positive grounding

## Battery Voltage Parameters (parameters is in 12V system at 25°C, please use X 2 in 24V system)

### Control Parameters

Battery charging setting	Gel	Sealed	Flooded	User
Over Voltage Disconnect Voltage	16.0V	16.0V	16.0V	9–17V
Charging Limit Voltage	15.0V	15.0V	15.0V	9–17V
Over Voltage Reconnect Voltage	15.0V	15.0V	15.0V	9–17V
Equalize Charging Voltage	–	14.6V	14.8V	9–17V
Boost Charging Voltage	14.2V	14.4V	14.6V	9–17V
Float Charging Voltage	13.8V	13.8V	13.8V	9–17V
Boost Reconnect Charging Voltage	13.2V	13.2V	13.2V	9–17V
Low Voltage Reconnect Voltage	12.6V	12.6V	12.6V	9–17V
Under Voltage Warning Reconnect Voltage	12.2V	12.2V	12.2V	9–17V
Under Voltage Warning Voltage	12.0V	12.0V	12.0V	9–17V
Low Voltage Disconnect Voltage	11.1V	11.1V	11.1V	9–17V
Discharging Limit Voltage	10.6V	10.6V	10.6V	9–17V
Equalize Duration	–	2 hrs.	2 hrs.	0–3 hrs.
Boost Duration	2 hrs.	2 hrs.	2 hrs.	0–3 hrs.

#### Note:

- The default battery type is Sealed (AGM). For Gel, Sealed, Flooded battery type, the voltage point is fixed, & can only be modified via the remote control SC300D if purchased separately.
  - User type is the user defined battery type. The default value is the same as sealed type. When modifying it, please follow the below logistic relation:
    - Over Voltage Disconnect Voltage Charging Limit Voltage  $\geq$  Equalize Charging Voltage  $\geq$  Boost Charging Voltage  $\geq$  Float Charging Voltage Boost Reconnect Charging Voltage;
    - Over Voltage Disconnect Voltage Over Voltage Reconnect Voltage ;
    - Low Voltage Reconnect Voltage Low Voltage Disconnect Voltage  $\geq$  Discharging Limit Voltage;
    - Under Voltage Warning Reconnect Voltage Under Voltage Warning Voltage  $\geq$  Discharging Limit Voltage;
    - Boost Reconnect Charging voltage Low Voltage Disconnect Voltage.
- \*Please carefully to select battery type. It will damage battery if the setting is incorrect.

### Environmental Specifications

Working temperature	-35°C to +50°C
Storage temperature	-35°C to +80°C
Humidity	$\leq$ 95% NC
Enclosure	IP30

### SC320 Mechanical Specifications

Overall dimension	159.6 (6.28) x 81.4 (3.2) x 47.8 (1.88) mm/inches
Mounting dimension	147 (5.79) x 50 (1.97) mm/inches
Mounting hole size	4.3
Terminal	10mm <sup>2</sup>
Net weight	0.3kg

### SC330 Mechanical Specifications

Overall dimension	200.6 (7.9) x 101.3 (3.99) x 57 (2.24) mm/inches
Mounting dimension	190 (7.48) x 70 (2.76) mm/inches
Mounting hole size	4.5
Terminal	10mm <sup>2</sup>
Net weight	0.5kg

## **WARRANTY STATEMENT**

### **Applicable only to product sold in Australia**

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