



Guide to charging OPTIMA Deep Cycle batteries in 24 V applications



Table 1. Charging OPTIMA Deep Cycle batteries 2,7; 3,7 and 4,2 only.

Application / System	Type of Charging	Current, Voltage and Time limits		
Vehicle charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27,3 to 29 Volts	
Mains charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27,6 to 29 Volts	
(Automotive use)		Current:	10 Ampere maximum	
		Time:	Depends on depth of discharge – 6 to 12 hours	
Mains charger	Current and	Phase 1:	no current limit as long as battery temperature is <51 °C	
(Deep cycle use)	Voltage Regulated	Phase 2:	Continue charge at 29.4 V until current < 1 Ampere	
		Phase 3:	Float charge of 27.6 V with max. current of 1 amp.	
Float charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27.2 V to 27.6 V	
(Standby use)		Current:	1 Ampere maximum	
		Time:	Indefinite at lower voltages	

Note: When using external chargers float charge can always be applied after finishing the main charging process





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YT 5,5	BT 5,5	BT 5,0

Table 2. Charging OPTIMA Deep Cycle batteries 5,0 and 5,5 only.

Application / System	Type of Charging	Current, Voltage and Time limits		
Vehicle charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27,3 to 29 Volts	
Mains charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27,6 to 29 Volts	
(Automotive use)		Current:	10 Ampere maximum	
		Time:	Depends on depth of discharge – 6 to 12 hours	
Mains charger	Current and	Phase 1:	No current limit as long as battery temperature is <51	
(Deep cycle use)	Voltage Regulated	Phase 2:	Continue charge at 29.4 V until current < 1 Ampere	
		Phase 3:	Float charge of 27.6 V with max. current of 1 amp.	
Float charger	Voltage Regulated	Voltage:	27.2 V to 27.6 V	
(Standby use)		Current:	1 Ampere maximum	
		Time:	Indefinite at lower voltages	

Note: When using external chargers, float charge can always be applied after finishing the main charging process