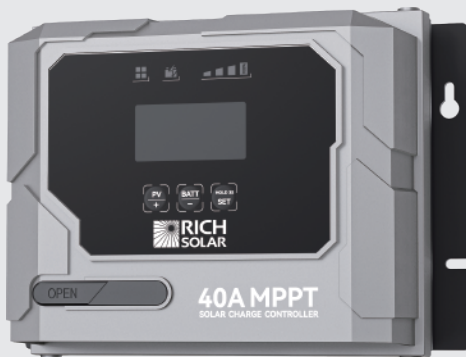




User Manual

40A MPPT

SOLAR CHARGE CONTROLLER



MODEL: RS-MPPT40P

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT SAFETY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLAR CHARGE CONTROLLER. PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY.

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Warning: Important, Please Read

Risk of explosive gases working in vicinity of a lead-acid battery is dangerous. Explosive gases develop during normal battery operation.

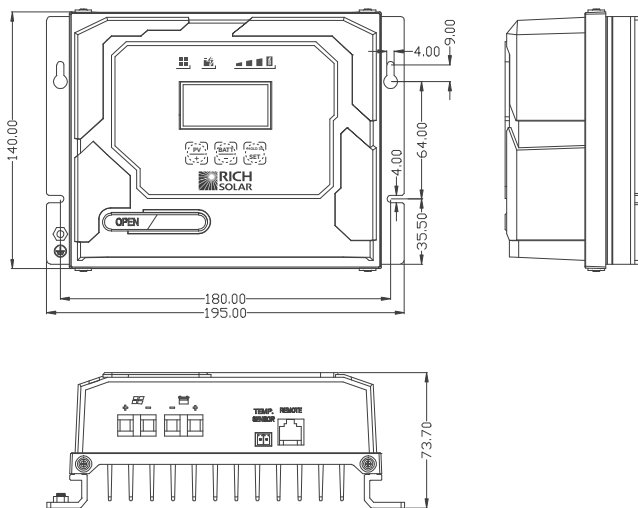
It is important that each time before using or connecting your solar controller:

- This charger is designed for indoor use only and should never be exposed to rain.
- Do not disassemble the controller. Take to a qualified person if the unit requires repairing.
- Lead acid, LCO, LiFePO₄, LTO batteries can be dangerous. Ensure no sparks or flames are present when working near batteries.
- Eye protection should always be used. Never short circuit the battery.
- 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. We recommend that you cover up the panel(s) with some sort of soft cloth so you can block all incoming light during the installation. This will ensure that no damage is caused to the Solar Panel or Battery if the wires are accidentally short circuited.
- Always install a battery fuse on each circuit including the solar controller.
- Do not reverse connect the wires to the solar panel or battery.

Mounting and Installation

This solar controller is designed to be mounted against a wall, especially for caravan use, out of the way but easily visible, please note, mounted on a vertical surface to optimize cable placement and cooling of the unit, indoor use, protected from the weather.

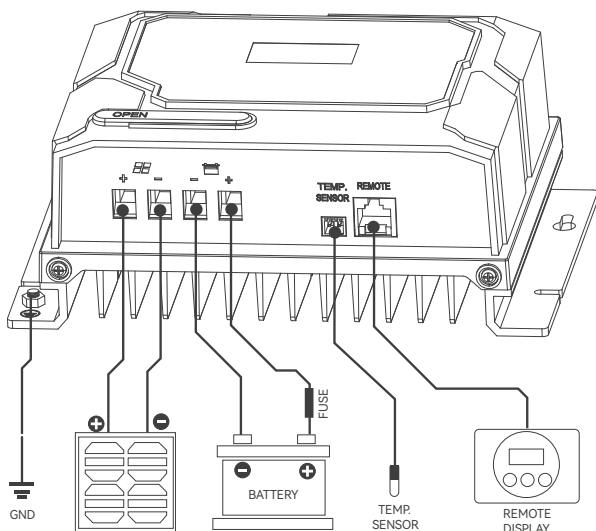
The mounting dimensions



Wiring Connections

To protect the battery and the solar panel, we strongly recommend that you place an inline fuse on the positive wire on both the “solar” and “battery” circuits.

Refer to the below drawing, please cover the solar panel before connecting cables.



Correct Wire Size (stranded copper wire)

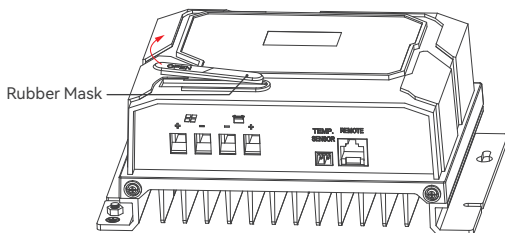
Please refer to the wire size chart below to determine the minimum size wire needed for each connection. This will also ensure you get the best performance out of your solar controller.

| Rated current | The cable total length One-way distance | Solar panel -> Controller -> Battery | | |
|---------------|--|--|------|------|
| | | < 3M | 3-6M | 6-9M |
| Rated current | The cable total length One-way distance | Solar panel -> Controller -> Battery (meter) | | |
| | | < 3M | 3-6M | 6-9M |
| 40Amp | The cable size (AWG) | 10AWG | 8AWG | 6AWG |

| Rated current | The cable total length One-way distance | Solar panel -> Controller -> Battery | | |
|---------------|--|---|---------|---------|
| | | < 10ft | 10-20ft | 20-30ft |
| Rated current | The cable total length One-way distance | Solar panel -> Controller -> Battery (feet) | | |
| | | < 10ft | 10-20ft | 20-30ft |
| 40Amp | The cable size (AWG) | 10AWG | 8AWG | 6AWG |

The solar controller is installed to close to the battery as near as possible. Please do not reverse the connections with the solar panel and battery when installed the cables.

1. Take off the rubber mask plate at OPEN end on the top face, you will see the four screws, loosen the screws.
2. Insert the input and output cables and firmly secure the cables to the solar controller via the screws.
3. Reinstall the rubber mask plate back to the solar controller like shown in below.



Please do not reverse the connections with the solar panel and battery when installed the cables.

Once the connections are completed, the solar controller will start working automatically.

Operating – LCD Display

When the controller powers on, the unit will run self-qualify mode and automatically show below items on LCD before going into charging process.

8888

Self-test starts, digital meter segments test

6002

Software version test

12V 40A

System battery voltage and current test

System battery voltage setting

Press and hold the **SET UP button** for 3 seconds to go into the system battery voltage setting mode, press **PV / +** or **BATT / - button** to select your desired system battery voltage 12V, 24V or AUTO, press the **SET UP button** again to confirm the battery voltage setting.

The display in sequence,



The controller will automatically memorize your previous battery voltage setting, If AUTO mode selected, the controller will automatically detect 12V or 24V battery connected.

System Battery type setting

Please check your battery manufacturer's specifications to select correct battery type. The unit provides 8+1 battery types for selections: LCO, LTO, LFP, Crystal (Lead crystal), Gel, AGM, WET (Conventional lead acid) and Calcium (Calcium contented) battery plus Custom setting.

Follow up the Battery voltage setting, Press the **SET UP button** to go into your battery type setting mode, the battery type you select will be flashed on the LCD meter, the default setting is AGM Battery; the controller will automatically memorize your battery type setting.

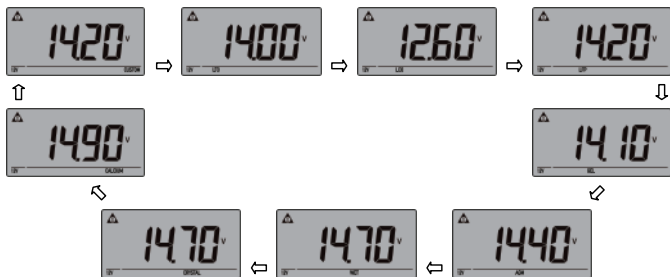
Remarks: LCO battery type setting is only recommended working with **3-SERIES** Lithium Cobalt Oxide LiCoO_2 battery

LFP battery shown in LCD indicates Lithium Iron Phosphate battery, LiFePO_4 battery.

LTO battery shown in LCD indicates Lithium titanate oxidized, $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ battery.

Caution: Incorrect battery type setting may damage your battery.

Press **PV / +** or **BATT / -** button to navigate your desired battery type as below:

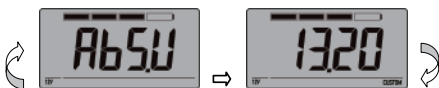


Press the **SET UP** button again, the selected battery type will be solidly On and confirmed.

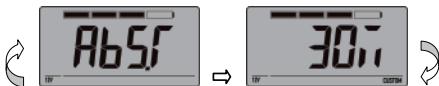
Custom setting

This solar controller provides a CUSTOM mode to meet your special battery charging demand, the users can preset the Absorption voltage level and duration, Equalization voltage level, duration and periodical cycle, Float voltage level and Reset voltage level for your targeted battery charging parameters.

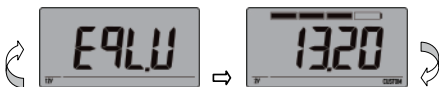
Alternatively display Absorption Voltage character **AbS.U** and voltage data when going into CUSTOM mode



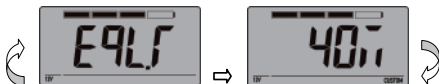
Absorption voltage setting range from 13.20V ~ 15.50V, press **PV / +** or **BATT / - button** for once +/- 0.05V variation, press the **SET UP button** again to confirm the absorption voltage level you preset, then move to next Absorption duration setting.



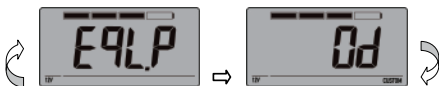
Alternatively display Absorption Time character **AbS.T** and duration data; Absorption duration setting lasted from 5 – 500 minutes, press **PV / +** or **BATT / - button** for once +/- 5 minutes variation, press the **SET UP button** again to confirm the absorption duration setting, then move to next Equalization voltage setting.



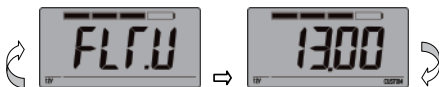
Alternatively display Equalization voltage character **EqL.U** and voltage data; Equalization voltage setting range from 13.20V ~ 16.2V, press **PV / +** or **BATT / - button** for once +/- 0.05V variation, press the **SET UP button** again to confirm the Equalization voltage and then move to next Equalization duration setting.



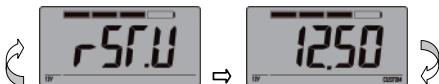
Alternatively display Equalization Time character **EQL.T** and duration data; Equalization duration setting lasted from 5 – 500 minutes, press **PV / +** or **BATT / -** button for once +/- 5 minutes variation, press the **SET UP** button again to confirm the Equalization duration setting and then move to next Equalization periodical cycle setting.



Alternatively display Equalization periodical cycle character **EQL.P** and cycle day; Equalization periodical cycle day setting from 0 – 100 days, press **PV / +** or **BATT / -** button for once +/- 1 day variation, 0 indicates no Equalization setting; press the **SET UP** button again to confirm the Equalization periodical cycle setting and move to next Float voltage setting.



Alternatively display Float voltage character **FLT.U** and voltage data; Float voltage setting range from 13.00V ~ 14.00V, press **PV / +** or **BATT / -** button for once +/- 0.05V variation, press the **SET UP** button again to confirm the Float voltage and then move to next Reset/Restart setting.

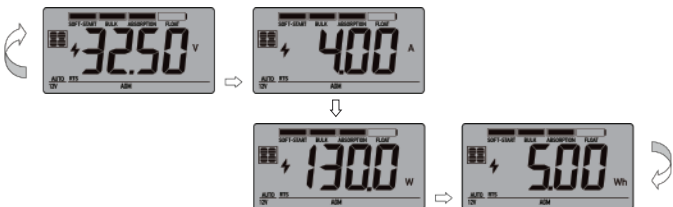


Alternatively display Reset/ Restart voltage character **rST.U** and voltage data; Reset voltage setting range from 12.50V ~ 13.50V, press **PV / +** or **BATT / - button** for once +/- 0.05V variation, press the SET UP button again to confirm the Reset / Restart voltage and all settings will be automatically stored.

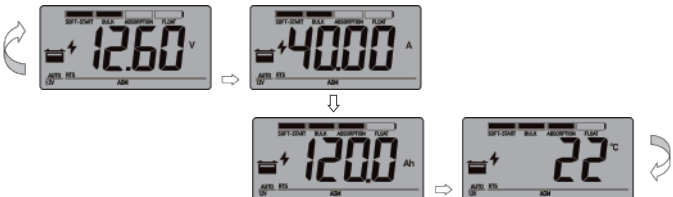
Solar input parameter display

Once the settings are completed, the solar controller will automatically go into charging process, the LCD displays the parameters of solar input as below:

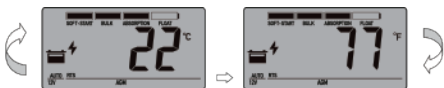
Press **PV / + button** in sequence, the LCD will display in turn with solar input voltage, current, power and kWh.



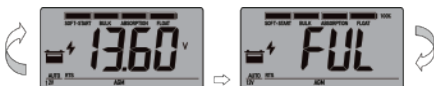
Press **BATT / - button** in sequence, the LCD will display in turn with battery voltage, charging current, charged capacity (Amp-hour) and battery temperature (if external temperature sensor connected)



The users also can read the battery voltage as degree centigrade or Fahrenheit degree by pressing **SET UP** button for converting.



Alternatively display voltage and FUL when battery is fully charged.



You also can visually monitor your battery charging condition for each battery; there is an LCD bar to show the percentage of charge, you can easily see the battery is charged to 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%, and also roughly match each charging stage of Soft-start, Bulk, Absorption and Float.



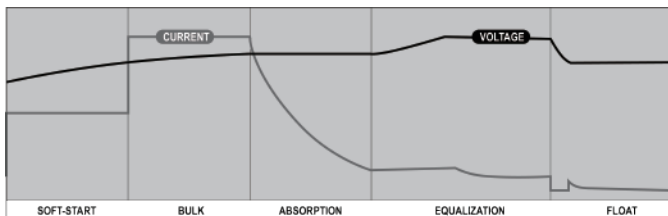
The LCD also can be treated as an independent voltage meter or thermometer at night.

Charging Stages

This solar controller provides multiple charging stages with smart charging algorithm.

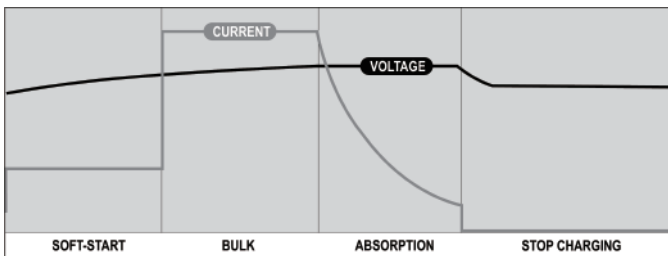
For Lead acid battery (Crystal, Gel, AGM, WET and Calcium battery):

Soft Charge – Bulk Charge – Absorption charge – Equalizing Charge* – Float charge



For Lithium battery (LCO, LFP, LTO battery)

Soft Charge – Bulk Charge – Absorption charge – Stop and Restart charge*



Soft start –

When batteries suffer an over-discharge, the controller will softly ramp the battery voltage up to 10V.

Bulk Charge -

Maximum current charging until batteries rise to Absorption level.

For Lead crystal battery type, the charge controller will deliver two step level of Bulk charge, when the first level rises the battery voltage up to 14.4V, then switch into the second level of the 10% of the first bulk charge rate, until the Lead crystal battery voltage up to 14.7V.

Absorption -

Constant voltage charging and battery is over 85% for lead acid battery; the Lithium battery (LCO, LFP and LTO battery) will close fully charged after absorption stage.

Equalization* -

Only for WET or Calcium battery type, when the battery is deeply drained below 10V or every 28 days cycle, it will automatically run this stage to bring the internal cells as an equal state and fully complement the loss of capacity. (Lead crystal, Gel, AGM battery or Lithium batteries do not run Equalization charge)

Float Charge or Re-Start charge* -

Battery is fully charged and maintained at a safe level.

A fully charged Lead acid battery (Crystal, GEL, AGM, WET or Calcium battery) has a voltage of more than 13.6 Volts; if the lead acid battery voltage drops to 12.7V at float mode, it will return to Bulk charge, Lithium battery will stop charge after Absorption stage, it will restart to bulk charge if the voltage discharge less than 12.0V for LCO battery, 13.0V for LTO battery, 13.3V for LFP battery.

Remarks:




The solar controller checks the lithium battery initial voltage to determine whether it should go to Soft-start or Bulk charge; if the Lithium battery is protected by BMS due to over-discharged, the solar controller will automatically send a signal periodically to the battery terminals to activate the BMS against protection. In case the battery is hooked to a load and

BMS is not able to be successfully activated, the solar controller is also provided a BMS activation method by manual: Press **BATT / - button** for 3 seconds to wake it up. During the period of the BMS activation by manual, the LED bar will rotate to move in LCD display.















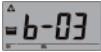

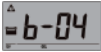



LED Indications

Normal charge

| LED indications |  |  |  | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-------|-------|-------|
| LED Color | GREEN | BLUE | WHITE | WHITE | WHITE | WHITE |
| Soft-Start | ON | FLASH | FLASH | OFF | OFF | OFF |
| Bulk charge | ON | ON | ON | FLASH | OFF | OFF |
| Absorption / Equalization | ON | ON | ON | ON | ON | FLASH |
| Float charge | ON | OFF | ON | ON | ON | ON |

Abnormal charge

| Solar panel abnormal mode | LCD display | LED indication | LCD backlight |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| Solar panel weak <15V | / |  Flash  ON | ON |
| Solar panel reverse connection |  |  Flash  Flash | Flash |
| Solar panel over voltage (> 95V) |  |  Flash  Flash | Flash |

| Battery abnormal mode | LCD display | LED indication | LCD backlight |
|--|---|--|---------------|
| Solar panel is connected, battery disconnected |  |  Flash | Flash |
| Battery reverse connection |  |  Flash | Flash |
| Battery over voltage than > 17V |  |  Flash Flash Flash Flash | Flash |
| Battery temperature over 65°C |  |  Flash Flash Flash Flash | Flash |
| The controller over-temperature protection is abnormal |  |  ON | Flash |

Safety Protections

- Reverse polarity solar and battery connection.
- Against reverse current from battery to solar panel at night.
- Over temperature protection with charging current de-rate.
- Transient overvoltage protection, a variety of transient voltage suppressor (TVS) at the solar input and battery output against surge voltage.

Maintenance

Occasionally, clean the case using a damp cloth and mild cleaning agent. Check with terminals without loose, rusty; If connecting cable is damaged, replace the cable by qualified person.

Specifications

Electrical parameters

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| Maximum PV open circuit voltage at -20°C | 100 VDC |
| Maximum normal input PV voltage at 25°C | 92 VDC |
| Maximum PV input current | 40 AMP |
| Maximum PV short circuit current | 45 AMP |
| Maximum rated charging current | 40 AMP |
| Maximum conversion efficiency | 98 % |
| Minimum tracking efficiency | 99.5 % |
| Maximum Recommended PV Input Power | 600 Watt (12V) / 1200 Watt (24V) |
| Self-consumption from battery when PV is disconnected | 10±0.5 mA |
| Maximum output open circuit voltage when battery is disconnected | 0.5 VDC |
| Maximum MPP voltage range | 15-72±0.5 VDC |

Charging characteristics

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| Minimum battery start charging voltage | 5 VDC |
| Soft start charging voltage | 5-10±0.2 VDC |
| Soft start charging current | 20 AMP |
| Maximum bulk charge | 40 AMP |
| Absorption charging voltage at 25°C | |
| --LCO battery | 12.6±0.2 VDC |
| --LTO battery | 14.0±0.2 VDC |
| --LFP battery | 14.2±0.2 VDC |
| --Gel type battery | 14.1±0.2 VDC |
| --AGM type battery (default setting) | 14.4±0.2 VDC |
| --WET type battery | 14.7±0.2 VDC |
| --Lead Crystal battery | 14.7±0.2 VDC |
| --Calcium battery | 14.9±0.2 VDC |
| --Custom setting range | 13.2-15.5±0.2 VDC |

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| Absorption transits to Equalizing or Float /Stop condition | |
| --Charging current drops to | 2.0±0.1 AMP |
| -- or Absorption charging timer timed out for Lead acid battery | 4 Hour |
| -- or Absorption charging timer timed out for Lithium battery | 0.5 Hour |
| Equalization charging activation | |
| --Only for WET or Calcium battery | |
| --Battery voltage discharged less than | 10±0.2 VDC |
| --Automatic equalizing charging periodical | 28 Day |
| Equalization charging voltage at 25°C | 15.5±0.2 VDC |
| Equalization charging timer timed out | 2 Hour |
| Equalization charging voltage for CUSTOM setting | 13.2-16.2±0.2 VDC |
| Float voltage (for Crystal, GEL, WET, AGM and Calcium battery) at 25°C | 13.6±0.2 VDC |
| Restart voltage | |
| -- for Crystal, GEL, WET, AGM and Calcium battery) | 12.7±0.2 VDC |
| -- for LCO battery | 12.0±0.2 VDC |
| -- LTO battery | 13.0±0.2 VDC |
| -- LFP battery | 13.3±0.2 VDC |
| -- for CUSTOM setting range | 12.5-13.5±0.2 VDC |
| Voltage control accuracy | ± 1% |
| Battery temperature compensation coefficient | -24 mV/°C |
| Temperature compensation range | -10~+50 °C / 14 ~ 122 °F |
| Electrical parts | |
| Input output terminal | Rated 50A connector |
| Physical parameters | |
| Controller material | Plastic, PC |
| Mounting | Surface mounting |

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|------------|-----------------|
| IP grade | IP43 |
| Net weight | 1.17kg / 2.58lb |


Environmental characteristics

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating temperature | -25 ~ 50°C / -13 ~ 122 °F |
| Storage temperature | -40 ~ 85°C / -40 ~ 185 °F |
| Operating Humidity range | 0-85% RH |

Remarks: Battery Voltage settings for 12V mode, x2 for 24V mode.

Features and Advantage

- PV open circuit voltage up to 100V.
- The latest Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) algorithm.
- Unique multiple peaks detected technology for maximum power point tracking.
- MPPT tracking efficiency above 99.5%.
- Wider MPP operating voltage range.
- Common negative grounding connection.
- Suit for most rechargeable batteries, up to 8 battery types preset plus custom setting.
- Extensive internal electronics in-circuit protection.
- Reliable operating safety protection: overcharging or under charging protection, short circuit protection, reverse polarity protection, thermal protection.
- Automatically detect 12V or 24V DC system voltages.
- Unique and concise LED bar to indicate the solar status and battery charging condition.
- Large and informative display interface to show Solar parameter, battery charging parameter, battery type, battery temperature, custom presetting and faulty codes, etc.
- Provides external battery temperature sensor (Optional).
- Splash proof IP43.
- Rubber mask for connecting terminals protection.
- Conformal coating for internal boards.

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