Polymer-Lithium-Ion Cell Charger

Features:
- 1000mA Fast Charge Capability
- Low Cost, Highly Reliable
- 5.5V to 20V DC Input Voltage
- Deep-Discharge Battery Preconditioning
- Intelligent Dual Mode Charging:
  - Constant Current
  - Constant Voltage
- LED Status Indicators
- Dedicated Polymer-Lithium-Ion design for maximum battery capacity charging
- Alligator clip output termination
- One and two cell configurations.

The Energy Density AC12050615A battery charger is designed exclusively for charging 4.2V polymer-lithium-ion battery technologies. The charger is available in a single cell (4.2V) or two cell (8.4V) configuration.

The use of specific polymer-lithium-ion charge algorithms enables the maximum possible capacity safe charging of these batteries.

The charger is available as a populated PCB for OEM integration or enclosed and labeled.

The charger is compatible with conventional automotive power (8-18VDC, 12V nominal) for convenient field usage.
Theory of Operation:

The AC12050615A charger is designed to be a full featured, highly reliable, low cost single cell, polymer-lithium-ion charger for cell capacities 1000 mAh and greater. The charger requires a 5.5V to 20V DC input voltage enabling it to be powered from automotive 12V power sources. Alternatively an off-the-shelf AC-DC transformer can power the charger.

The AC12050615A initiates charging in one of two ways: battery insertion or charger power-up.

Lithium polymer cells are best charged with a constant current for the first 90% of capacity, then using a constant voltage for the last 10%. The AC12050615A charger automatically follows this sequence.*

For deeply discharged cells, the charger has a battery preconditioning feature which enables battery preconditioning with 10% (100mA) of the programmed current at the beginning of a charge cycle, until the battery voltage is verified to be above the minimum fast charge voltage (2.8 volts, typically). This low-current preconditioning charge mode is named ‘trickle mode’. Once the minimum fast charge voltage is reached, the charger assumes the constant current, fast charge portion of the cycle. This preconditioning phase is important to prevent damage to cells that have been deep-discharged.

* Note: The constant current portion of the battery charge cycle is fixed at 1000mA or 350mA depending upon version. The charger must only be used with cells that can handle these charge rates. Typical Polymer-Lithium-Ion batteries are rated not to exceed 2C fast charge rates.

Precautions:

- The AC12050615A charger is designed specifically for charging Lithium Polymer (LiPoly) and Lithium Ion cells. Do not use the AC12050615A charger to charge NiCd, NiMH or any other type of battery.
- NEVER charge a Polymer Lithium-ion (LiPoly) or Lithium Ion cell with a charger designed for NiCd, NiMH, or any other type of battery chemistry.
- For best results, only use the 1000mA charger version with cells greater than 1000mAh capacity. Use of this charger with cells of less than 1000mAh capacity can reduce cell capacity.
(by charging at rates greater than 1C, where C = cell capacity). Extreme charge rates will damage cells. Similarly, only use the 350mA charger version with cells greater than 350mAh capacity.

Operating Instructions

- There are two LED indicators on the charger: Power and Status. Their functions are as follows:
  - Power – indicates the charger has power.
  - Status – see table below:

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<tr>
<th>Charge Cycle State</th>
<th>Status LED</th>
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<tr>
<td>Qualification</td>
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<tr>
<td>Preconditioning</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<tr>
<td>Constant-Current Fast Charge</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<tr>
<td>Constant Voltage</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charge Complete</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Safety Timer Fault</td>
<td>FLASHING</td>
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<td>Disabled – Sleep Mode</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Battery Disconnected</td>
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- The charger initiates charging in one of two ways: battery insertion or charger power-up.
- Connect the cell to the output wires, carefully matching the polarity of the cell and wires.
- Plug charger into power supply.
- Upon connecting a single cell polymer-lithium-ion cell, the charge cycle will begin as indicated by the Charging LED.
- The charger can charge multiple cells that are placed in parallel. However, if the combined capacity is too large the three-hour time limit may be exceeded. This will not affect the battery pack but the operator will have to reset the charger by cycling charger wall power or plugging and unplugging the battery pack.
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-XX Options:

-11 Single cell version for single batteries or batteries in parallel (4.2V max voltage). Maximum charge rate of 1000mA.

-12 Two cell version for series batteries or series / parallel configurations (8.4V max voltage). Maximum charge rate of 1000mA.

-31 Single cell version for single batteries or batteries in parallel (4.2V max voltage). Maximum charge rate of 350mA.

-01 Low Cost Single cell version. Requires regulated 6V DC input. Maximum charge rate of 1000mA.

Example power source for 1000mA charger versions:

1. CUI Inc. pn: DMS090170-P5P-SZ AC/DC 9VDC, 1.7A regulated
2. Phihong. pn: PSC15A-90S AC/DC 9VDC, 1.7A regulated

Example power source for 350mA charger versions:

1. CUI Inc. pn: TBD AC/DC 9VDC, 300mA
Voltage Input Specification:

5.5V to 20V DC, 1.5A
Power Jack – Center Positive, 5.5mm x 12.0mm

Power the AC12050615A charger with the following type of charge jack:
Figure 1. AC12050615A-11 shown with 9VDC, 1.7A voltage supply charging a 2000mAh Advantage Circuits polymer-lithium-ion battery.
Figure 2. AC12050615A-12 shown with 9VDC, 1.7A voltage supply charging two 2000mAh Advantage Circuits polymer-lithium-ion batteries in series.

**AC12050615A –01 Charger Version:**

This charger version is designed for bench-top use. As such they do not have a regulating circuit stage. They should be used with a regulated voltage input supply as demonstrated in Figure 3 below.

The AC12050615A-01 single cell charger should be supplied with a regulated 6VDC supply capable or 1A. A two cell version is available upon special request.

Figure 3. The AC12050615A-01 single cell charger operating from a bench-top power supply. This version of charger is supplied with wire inputs as shown.