

Gel Battery Charging

STAGE	END CONDITIONS	ERROR
Bulk Stage I ₁ Maintain Current <= 30 A per 100 Ah C ₂₀ Typically, Constant Current, but Constant Power, or Taper Charge Permitted	End when voltage = 2.30 to 2.35 V/cell (20°C) Max time (h) = 1.2 * DoD (Ah) / Avg. Current (A)	If Max time is exceeded: STOP
Absorption Stage V ₁ Maintain Constant Terminal Voltage (Adjusting only for changing battery temperature) Voltage = 2.30 to 2.35 V/cell (20°C)	Without the optional accelerated finishing stage, maintain charge until current acceptance drops by less than 0.10 ampere over a 1 hour period Max Time: 12h With optional accelerated finishing stage end when current = I_2 Max Time: 6h	If Max time is exceeded: Goto next stage If Current exceeds 8 A after dropping below 6 A: STOP
Optional Accelerated Finishing Stage I ₂ Maintain Constant Current: 1 to 1.5 A per 100 Ah C ₂₀	Charge for 1 to 4 hours based on Ah accumulated in first two stages: $ <25\% \text{ of } C_{20}-1 \text{ hour} $ $25\% \text{ to } 50\% \text{ of } C_{20}-2 \text{ hours} $ $>50\% \text{ of } C_{20}-4 \text{ hours} $	If Voltage exceeds 2.80 V/cell: Goto next stage
Optional Float Stage V ₂ Maintain Constant Terminal Voltage (Adjusting only for changing battery temperature) Voltage = 2.25 V / cell (20°C)	No time limit This step is generally unneeded if (1) zero load is present when device is not in operation, and (2) device duty cycle does not include periods of non-use exceeding 3 months.	20%C 11

To compensate for battery temperature not at 20°C, subtract 0.005 V/cell for each 1°C above 20°C; add 0.005 V/cell for each 1°C under 20°C.

Applies to East Penn's 8G product line.