



## O P E R A T I N G I N S T R U C T I O N S

### Model **BDM6812** Battery Discharger

#### INTRODUCTION:

This discharge unit is designed to measure the remaining capacity or useful energy for which a 6, 8 or 12 volt battery is capable. The discharge rate, time, and shut off voltage are programmable. It is specifically designed for groups U1, 22NF, 24M, 27, 30, 31, 18-150AH.


#### Specifications:

- Operates from battery voltage, either 6, 8, or 12 volt battery. (no AC power required)
- Electronically controlled (uses microcontroller)
- Programmable voltage or time shutoff. 6 rates of discharge.
- LCD digital display for easy reading
- Built-in thermal protection
- 5 foot DC cords
- 50 amp clamps for battery connections

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) Before using discharge unit, read all instructions and cautionary markings on electric vehicle, battery, battery charger, and all accessories using battery.
- 2.) Position the discharger on a foundation of stone, brick, concrete or grounded metal.
- 3.) **To reduce the risk of fire, do not use the discharger near flammable materials or vapors.**
- 4.) Do not expose discharge unit to rain or snow.
- 5.) Use of an attachment not recommended or sold by the discharge unit manufacturer may result in a risk of fire, an electric shock, or injury to persons.
- 6.) Make sure DC cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over, or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
- 7.) Do not operate discharge unit with damaged cord or clamp; replace it immediately.
- 8.) **To permit free air flow for cooling, allow eighteen inches (18") minimum between the discharger and any wall or other equipment.**
- 9.) **NEVER disconnect the clamps from the batteries while the unit is operating under load. The resulting arcing could cause an explosion resulting in personal injury, and property damage.**
- 10.) Do not operate discharge unit if it has received sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged in anyway; take it to a qualified service center.
- 11.) Do not disassemble discharge unit; take it to a qualified service center when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire.
- 12.) Disconnect discharge unit from batteries before attempting any maintenance or cleaning.

## PROPER CARE AND USE OF BATTERIES:

 **CAUTION:** Always wear protective eye shields and clothing when working with batteries. Batteries contain acids which can cause bodily harm. Do not put wrenches or other metal objects across the battery terminal or battery top. Arcing or explosion of the battery can result. Do not wear jewelry when working around batteries. Arcing can cause severe burns.

New batteries will not deliver their full performance until after several cycles.


The tops of the batteries and battery hold downs must be kept clean and dry at all times to prevent excessive self discharge and flow of current between the battery post and frame.

Maintain the proper electrolyte level by adding water when necessary. Never allow the electrolyte level to fall below the top of the battery plates. Electrolyte levels fall during discharge and rise during charging. Therefore, to prevent the overflow of electrolyte when charging, add water **ONLY AFTER** the batteries have been fully charged **DO NOT OVERFILL**. Old batteries require more frequent additions of water than do new batteries.

Do not over discharge the batteries. Excessive discharge can cause polarity reversal of individual cells resulting in complete battery failure.

### USING THE DISCHARGER:

Testing should be done in a cool, clean, dry, and well ventilated environment. Position the discharger on stone, brick, concrete or grounded metal.

 **DANGER:** To reduce the risk of fire, do not use the discharger near flammable materials or vapors.

The purpose of using a discharge unit on battery sets is to determine battery capacity, and to find defective cells or batteries in the set.

Battery energy is measured in minutes obtained upon discharging a fully charged 6, 8 or 12 volt battery. This standard is used by all major battery manufactures. The discharger can place a 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 amp resistive load until a shut-off voltage of 1.75 volts per cell is reached, which is considered completely dead for a lead acid battery by industry standards. If the shut off voltage is not reached in the set time allowed, (maximum 400 minutes), the discharger will time out and shut off.


1. Before the test, fully charge the battery.

2. To start the test, observe polarity, red+, black – , and connect the clamps to the battery.

**IMPORTANT: Make sure the posts are clean, and the clamps are tight. Bad connections will cause the unit to fault, and the cycle to be interrupted with a “system failure” message.**

3. The relay will close, and the system voltage will be displayed, along with the rate of discharge. (*See reprogramming section to change*). Press the START/STOP/PAUSE button. The cycle will start, and the running time and battery volts will be displayed.

4. The cycle may be interrupted by pressing the button, and restarted by pressing it again. If it is not pressed again, the tester will shut off. The fan will continue to run for about 3 minutes after shut down.

 **DANGER:** Never move the clamps while the red LED is lit, and the tester is under load, the resulting arcing can cause injury and damage to personnel and equipment.

In case of an over temp, "OT" will be displayed, and the cycle will pause until the temperature comes down, then restart. To avoid intermittent starting and stopping, tests should be conducted at temperatures below 95 degrees Fahrenheit .

5. When complete, minimum voltage, actual voltage, and cycle time can be viewed by using the menu button. Cycle time refers to the time it took to reach 1.75 volts per cell. To figure capacity, you must know how many minutes the battery is rated for at the discharge rate selected, you then divide the actual time by the rated time to find the percent capacity.

*Example:*

A 6 cell battery is rated at 200 minutes @ a 25 amp discharge rate. The actual time it took to reach 1.75 volts per cell is 170 minutes, therefore capacity is 85%.

**Reprogramming the discharger:**

The time adjustment is from 5- 400 minutes; to change, press and hold the menu button until the time is displayed. Press the START/STOP/PAUSE button to initiate change, then press either button to increase or decrease time. Stop pressing, and time will be held in memory. **To change shut off voltage;** press the button a second time after MAX TIME is displayed. Raise or lower shut off voltage in the same fashion. **To change the discharge rate;** press the button four times, select 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 amps.

**History:**

The discharger holds 5 previous tests' in the history menu. To access, connect to battery. You must make a fresh connection. Results cannot be seen at the end of a cycle. Reset a clamp. Press the menu button 5 times. HISTORY will be displayed. Press the Start button. The last (5<sup>th</sup>) test result will be displayed. (time, start voltage, shut off voltage). Press the Down button to access the 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> results. Press the UP button to step through to the last, 5th test.

**ATTENTION:**

The cable length and size is critical to volt meter accuracy; Therefore, do not change. Clamp tightness is also critical. If the clamps become hot during discharging have them replaced.



**WARNING:** Failure to disconnect clamps from battery pack before moving or driving equipment will result in damage to cords, clamps, and equipment.

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**QUICK CHARGE BDM6812 Battery Discharger  
"LIMITED WARRANTY"**

Quick Charge Corporation warrants the BDM6812 discharger for two (2) years from the date of purchase. After the warranty period, dischargers returned to the factory for repair will be charged a minimum rate of \$35.00. discharger will be returned, freight and repair charges, C.O.D. unless other arrangements have been made This warranty covers all defects in manufacture and performance, provided the unit is operated in compliance with manufacture's operating instructions. For repairs to be made at the Quick Charge factory, a charger and/or component(s) should be sent, freight prepaid to Quick Charge at::

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Quick Charge, will at it's option, repair or replace the discharger or component in question. The repaired item will then be returned, freight prepaid by Quick Charge. This warranty is void if the charger or component have been altered, changed, or repaired by anyone not authorized by Quick Charge, or if the charger or component, have been subjected to misuse, negligence, or harsh environmental conditions. (Except those chargers designed for such conditions) If returning the discharger to the factory is not practical, replacement parts may be shipped to the customer for field repair at no charge. On parts such as circuit boards, the customer will be required to return the board suspected to be defective to Quick Charge, freight prepaid. If such defective parts are not returned, the customer will be invoiced for the repair parts. Field repairs are made at the user's own risk. "Authorization" by Quick Charge to repair refers to maintaining the warranty only. Quick Charge assumes no responsibility or liability for field servicing, and shall not be responsible for incurred travel or labor charges. Quick Charge corporation shall not in any event be liable for the cost of any special, indirect or consequential damages to anyone, product or thing. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. Quick Charge neither assumes nor authorizes any representative or other person to assume for us any liability in connection with the sale of this product.

