



# Blue Smart IP65 Charger

6V/12V - 1.1A | 100-240VAC

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# 1. Safety instructions



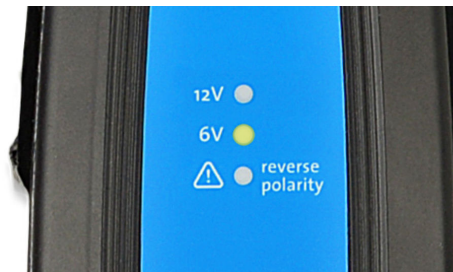
## WARNING: CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Carefully read the manual **before** the charger is installed and operated; retain the manual in a safe place for future reference.
- The charger must **not** be installed or operated by any of the following persons, unless they are under strict instruction and supervision:
  - a. Anyone who lacks the appropriate knowledge, experience or competence, required for safe installation and/or usage.
  - b. Anyone with compromised/reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, which may effect safe installation and/or usage (including children).
- **Charger installation and operation**
  - a. Install the charger in a location with good natural airflow/ventilation and sufficient unobstructed space around it; refer to the the 'Installation' section for more detail.
  - b. Install the charger on a non-flammable substrate and ensure there are no heat-sensitive items in the immediate vicinity; it is normal for the charger to become hot during operation.
  - c. Install the charger in a location where it is protected from environmental conditions such as direct sunlight, water, high moisture and dust, and also located well away from any flammable liquids or gasses.
  - d. Do not install or place/operate the charger on top of the battery, directly above the battery, or in a sealed compartment with the battery; batteries can emit explosive gasses.
  - e. Do not cover or place any other items on top of the charger.
- **Battery installation and charging**
  - a. Install and charge the battery in a location with good natural airflow/ventilation.
  - b. Ensure that there are no ignition sources near the battery; batteries can emit explosive gasses.
  - c. Battery acid is corrosive; if battery acid comes into contact with skin immediately rinse with water.
  - d. Do not charge non-rechargeable batteries or Li-ion batteries if the battery temperature is below 0°C.
- **Battery DC connections**
  - a. Ensure that the DC system is fully shut down/isolated prior to disconnection of any existing cabling and/or new connections are made to the battery/DC system.
  - b. If charging a battery in a vehicle, the charger must be connected in the following order:
    - i. Connect the DC cable to the battery terminal that is not connected to the chassis
    - ii. Connect the remaining DC cable to the chassis, away from the battery and any fuel lines/sources
    - iii. Connect the AC power cable to a mains power outlet
    - iv. After charging, the charger must the disconnected in reverse of the connection order
- **Mains supply AC connection**
  - a. AC connection to the mains supply must be in accordance with local electrical regulations.
  - b. Do not operate the charger if the AC power cable is damaged, contact a service agent.
- **Charger setup**
  - a. Refer to the battery manufacturers instructions and specifications to ensure the battery is suitable for use with this charger and confirm the recommended charge settings.
  - b. The default charge preset ('Normal' mode) combined with adaptive charge logic is well suited for most common battery types; such as flooded lead-acid, AGM and Gel.  
 Selection of 'Li-ion' charge mode and advanced configuration with user defined settings is possible using the VictronConnect app and a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet).



## 2. Quick start guide

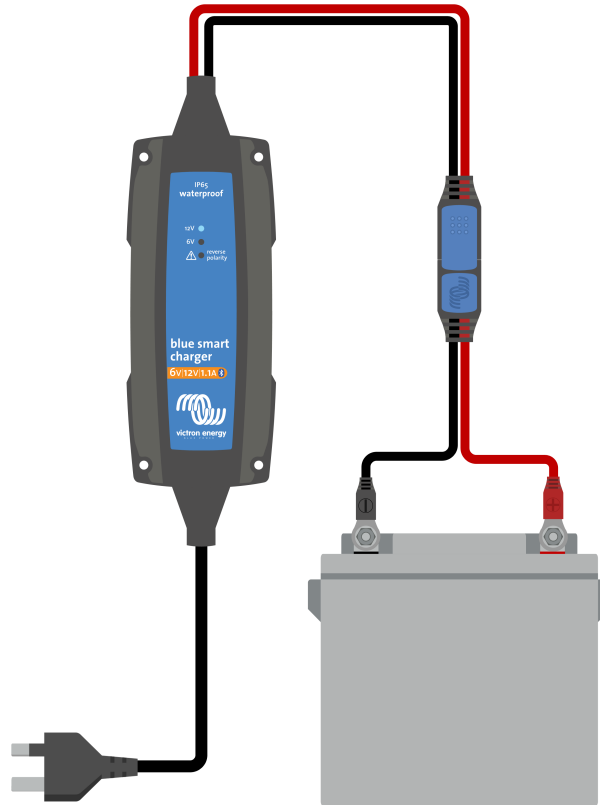
1. Mount the charger vertically (with terminals facing down) on a non-flammable substrate; secure using the 4 mounting holes on the base. Ensure there is at least 10cm of clearance below and above the charger for airflow/cooling.
2. Connect DC cabling between the charger's BATTERY terminals and the battery or DC system distribution bus; all LEDs will illuminate briefly when DC power is connected.
  - a. Ensure that the DC system is fully shut down (all DC loads and charge sources off/isolated) prior to disconnection of any existing battery/DC system distribution bus cabling and connection of the charger to the battery terminals/DC system distribution bus.
  - b. Use flexible multi stranded copper cable with sufficient cross sectional area, inline with an appropriate fuse or circuit breaker.
  - c. Ensure that wiring polarity is correct; use red cabling for the + (positive) connections and black cabling for the - (negative) connections.
3. Connect the AC power cable to a mains power outlet; all LEDs will illuminate briefly when the charger is powered up, then the LED indicating the charge state will illuminate.



4. Configure the charge settings as required for the battery type and capacity.
  - a. **Using the mode button:**
    - a. Briefly press the MODE button to cycle through the available options and select the most appropriate charge preset; the LED beside the currently selected charge mode will be illuminated. When recondition mode is selected, the RECONDITION LED will be illuminated in addition to the selected charge mode LED.
    - b. If required, activate low current mode (reduced charge current); depress and hold the MODE button for 3 seconds, when activated the LOW LED will blink.
  - b. **Using VictronConnect:**
    - i. Using a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet), open the **VictronConnect** app and locate the **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** in the LOCAL page, then connect to the device (default Bluetooth PIN Code is 000000).
    - ii. Access the 'Settings' menu by selecting the 'Settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then enter the 'Battery settings' menu.
    - iii. Expand the 'Battery preset' drop-down menu, then select 'Built-in preset' or alternatively 'Select preset' for more specialised battery types. Review the available options and select the most appropriate charge preset; once selected confirm that the new charge voltages and settings are correct/suitable.

The charger will automatically store the selected charge mode and recall it for future charge cycles (even after being disconnected from power).

5. When the ABS LED is illuminated the charger has moved into absorption stage (bulk stage is complete); the battery will be approximately 80% charged (or >95% for Li-ion batteries) and may be returned into service if required.
6. When the FLOAT LED is illuminated the charger has moved into float stage (absorption stage is complete); the battery will be fully (100%) charged and is ready to be returned into service.
7. When the STORAGE LED is illuminated the charger has moved into storage mode (float stage is concluded); to maintain the battery at full charge, the battery can be left on continuous charge for an extended duration.
8. Disconnect the AC power cable from the mains power outlet at any time to stop charging.
1. Connect the DC cables to the battery or batteries; ensure that there is a good electrical connection and keep the terminals away from any surrounding objects that could cause a short circuit.



2. Connect the AC power cable to a mains power outlet; the '12V' (green) and '6V' (yellow) LEDs will briefly illuminate when the **blue smart charger** is powered up.

The battery voltage is automatically detected and set prior to the test stage (based on the voltage of the battery connected); when the '12V' (green) or '6V' (yellow) LED is blinking fast, the battery voltage has been automatically set and the charger is in test or bulk stage.

Note that for severely depleted batteries, automatic battery voltage detection may be incorrect; in this case the battery voltage must be manually set using the VictronConnect app and a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet).

If the '12V' (green) and '6V' (yellow) LEDs are blinking slow the charger is in standby mode and cannot detect presence of a battery; in this case the AC mains power source should be disconnected before checking the DC wiring/connections and rectifying the issue.

If the 'reverse polarity' (red) LED is illuminated a reverse polarity DC connection has been detected; in this case the AC mains power source should be disconnected before checking the DC wiring/connections and rectifying the polarity.

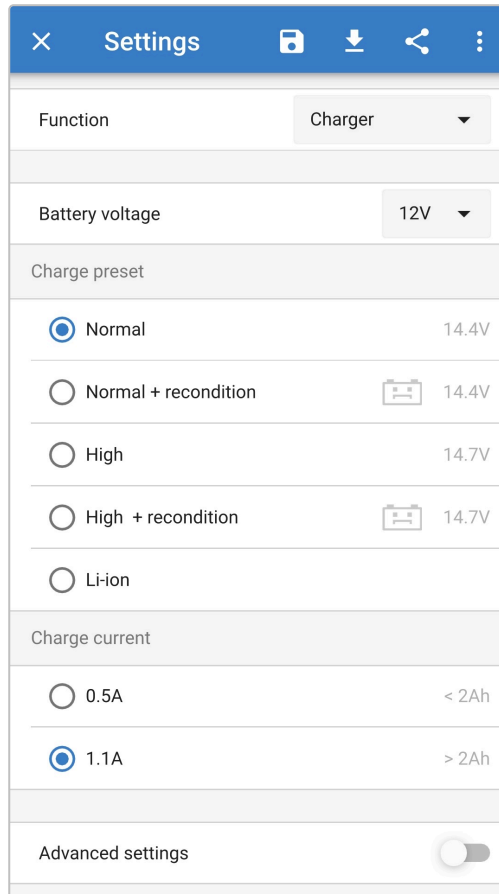


- Configure the charge settings as required for the battery type and capacity; using the VictronConnect app, review and select the appropriate 'Battery voltage', 'Charge preset' and 'Maximum charge current' (standard or low) directly from the settings page – see section 5.2 'Using VictronConnect' for more information.

The charger will automatically store the selected settings and recall it for future charge cycles (even after being disconnected from power).



**Note:** The default charge preset ('Normal' mode) and adaptive charge logic is well suited for most common battery types; such as flooded lead-acid, AGM and Gel. For these battery types, settings configuration with the VictronConnect app may not be necessary.



- When the '12V' (green) or '6V' (yellow) LED is blinking slow the charger has moved into absorption stage (bulk stage is complete); the battery will be approximately 80% charged (or >95% for Li-ion batteries) and may be returned into service if required.
- When the '12V' (green) or '6V' (yellow) LED is illuminated the charger has moved into float stage (absorption stage is complete); the battery will be fully (100%) charged and is ready to be returned into service.
- Disconnect the AC power cable from the mains power outlet at any time to stop charging.

## 3. Features

### a. Bluetooth setup and monitoring (Using VictronConnect)

Equipped with integrated Bluetooth; enabling quick and simple setup, advanced configuration, comprehensive monitoring and firmware updates via the **VictronConnect** app and a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet).

### b. Integrated charge presets

Integrated charge presets (selected via the VictronConnect app) combined with adaptive charge logic are well suited for most common battery types; such as LiFePO<sub>4</sub>, AGM, Gel and flooded lead-acid. Advanced configuration with specific user defined settings is also possible using VictronConnect.

### c. Multi-stage charge algorithm

The multi-stage charge algorithm is specifically engineered to optimise each recharge cycle and charge maintenance over extended periods.

### d. Adaptive absorption

Adaptive absorption monitors the battery's response during initial charging and intelligently determines the appropriate absorption duration for each individual charge cycle. This ensures that the battery is fully recharged regardless of the discharge level or capacity and avoids excessive time at the elevated absorption voltage (that can accelerate battery aging).

### e. Temperature compensation

Charge voltage is automatically compensated depending on the ambient temperature; this ensures that the battery is charged at the optimal charge voltage regardless of the climate and avoids the need for manual settings adjustments. Temperature compensation is not required and automatically disabled when in LI-ION charge mode.

### f. Durable and safe

- i. Engineered to provide years of trouble-free and dependable operation in all usage conditions
- ii. Protection against overheating: output current will be reduced if the charger temperature increases above 50°C
- iii. Protection against output short circuit: If a short circuit condition is detected the '12V' (green) and '6V' (orange) LEDs will blink fast
- iv. Protection against reverse polarity connection: If the charger is incorrectly connected to a battery with reverse polarity the 'reverse polarity' LED will illuminate
- v. Protection against ingress of dust and water/liquid

### g. Silent operation

Totally silent operation since there is no cooling fan or moving parts, cooling is via natural convection; full rated output current is still provided up to an ambient temperature of 30°C.

### h. Lithium Ion compatible

Compatible with Li-ion (LiFePO<sub>4</sub>) batteries; when the integrated LI-ION charge mode is selected the charge cycle settings are altered to suit.

If the charger is connected to a battery where under voltage protection (UVP) has tripped, the **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** range will automatically reset UVP and start charging; many other chargers will not recognise a battery in this state.

**Warning: Do not charge Li-ion batteries if the battery temperature is below 0°C.**

### i. Storage stage

An additional stage to extend battery life whilst the battery is unused and on continuous charge.

### j. Recondition stage

An optional stage that can partially recover/reverse lead acid battery degradation due to sulfation; typically caused by inadequate charging or if the battery is left in a deeply discharged state.

### k. Low current mode

An optional mode that limits the maximum charge current to a significantly reduced level; recommended when charging lower capacity batteries with a high current charger.

### l. Recovery function

The **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** range will attempt to recharge a severely discharged battery (even down to 0V) with low current and then resume normal charging once the battery voltage has risen sufficiently - many other chargers will not recognise a battery in this state.

### m. Power supply mode



A specific mode to use the charger as a DC power supply; to power equipment at a constant voltage with or without a battery connected.

## 4. Operation

### 4.1. Charge algorithm

The Victron **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** range are intelligent multi-stage battery chargers, specifically engineered to optimise each recharge cycle and charge maintenance over extended periods.

**The multi-stage charge algorithm includes the individual charge stages described below:**

#### 1. Test

Before the charge cycle commences the battery is tested to determine if it will accept charge, even if the battery is fully discharged (close to 0V open circuit voltage) it may successfully accept charge.

The test stage will continue until a charge pulse is able to increase the battery voltage above 12.5V (6.25V for a 6V battery) or 2 minutes have elapsed.

If there is a clear issue such as reverse polarity connection, a short circuit or if the charger is connected to a higher voltage battery, the battery will be rejected, and an error will be indicated; in this case the AC mains power source should be disconnected before checking the DC wiring/connections and rectifying the issue.

A reverse polarity connection will cause the 'reverse polarity' LED to be illuminated, all other error states are indicated by the '12V' (green) and '6V' (orange) LEDs blinking fast.

#### 2. Bulk

The battery is charged at maximum charge current until the voltage increases to the configured absorption voltage.

The bulk stage duration is dependent on the battery's level of discharge, the battery capacity and the charge current.

Once the bulk stage is complete, the battery will be approximately 80% charged (or >95% for Li-ion batteries) and may be returned into service if required.

#### 3. Absorption

The battery is charged at the configured absorption voltage, with the charge current slowly decreasing as the battery approaches full charge.

The default absorption stage duration is adaptive and intelligently varied depending on the battery's level of discharge – this is determined from the duration of the bulk charge stage.

Adaptive absorption stage duration can vary between a minimum of 30 minutes, up to a maximum limit of 8 hours (or as configured) for a deeply discharged battery.

Alternatively, fixed absorption duration can be selected; fixed absorption duration is the automatic default when Li-ion mode is selected.

Absorption stage can also be ended early based on the tail current condition (if enabled), which is when the charge current drops below the tail current threshold.

#### 4. Recondition

The battery voltage is attempted to be increased to the configured recondition voltage, while the charger output current is regulated to 8% of the nominal charge current (for example - 1.2A maximum for a 15A charger).

Recondition is an optional charge stage for lead acid batteries and not recommended for regular/cyclic use - use only if required, as unnecessary or overuse will reduce battery life due to excessive gassing.

The higher charge voltage during recondition stage can partially recover/reverse battery degradation due to sulfation, typically caused by inadequate charging or if the battery is left in a deeply discharged state for an extended period (if performed in time).

The recondition stage may also be applied to flooded batteries occasionally to equalise individual cell voltages and prevent acid stratification.

Recondition stage is terminated as soon as the battery voltage increases to the configured recondition voltage or after a maximum duration of 1 hour (or as configured).

Note that in certain conditions it is possible for the recondition state to end before the configured recondition voltage is achieved, such as when the charger is simultaneously powering loads, if the battery was not fully charged before recondition stage commenced, if the recondition duration is too short (set to less than one hour) or if the charger output current is insufficient in proportion to the capacity of the battery/battery bank.

#### 5. Float

The battery voltage is maintained at the configured float voltage to prevent discharge.

Once float stage is commenced the battery is fully charged and ready for use.

The float stage duration is also adaptive and varied between 4 to 8 hours depending on the duration of the absorption charge stage, at which point the charger determines the battery to be in storage stage.

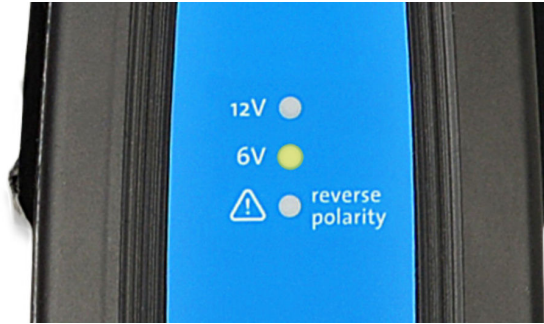
**6. Storage**

The battery voltage is maintained at the configured storage voltage, which is slightly reduced compared to the float voltage to minimise gassing and extend battery life whilst the battery is unused and on continuous charge.

**7. Repeated absorption**

To refresh the battery and prevent slow self-discharge while in storage stage over an extended period, a 1 hour absorption charge will automatically occur every 7 days (or as configured).

The indicator LEDs can be used to determine the active charge state; refer to the image and table below:



LED	State	Status
12V (green)	Fast blinking	Test / Bulk state (12V mode)
	Slow blinking	Absorption state (12V mode)
	Illuminated	Float / Storage state (12V mode)
6V (orange)	Fast blinking	Test / Bulk state (6V mode)
	Slow blinking	Absorption state (6V mode)
	Illuminated	Float / Storage state (6V mode)
12V (green) and 6V (orange)	Slow blinking	Standby
	Fast blinking	Error
	Illuminated	Power supply mode
Reverse polarity (red)	Illuminated	Reverse polarity

## 4.2. Temperature compensation

The Victron **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** range will automatically compensate the configured charge voltage based on ambient temperature (except for Li-ion mode or if manually disabled).

The optimal charge voltage of a lead acid battery varies inversely with battery temperature; automatic temperature-based charge voltage compensation avoids the need for special charge voltage settings in hot or cold environments.

During power up the charger will measure its internal temperature and use that temperature as the reference for temperature compensation, however the initial temperature measurement is limited to 25°C as it's unknown if the charger is still warm from earlier operation.

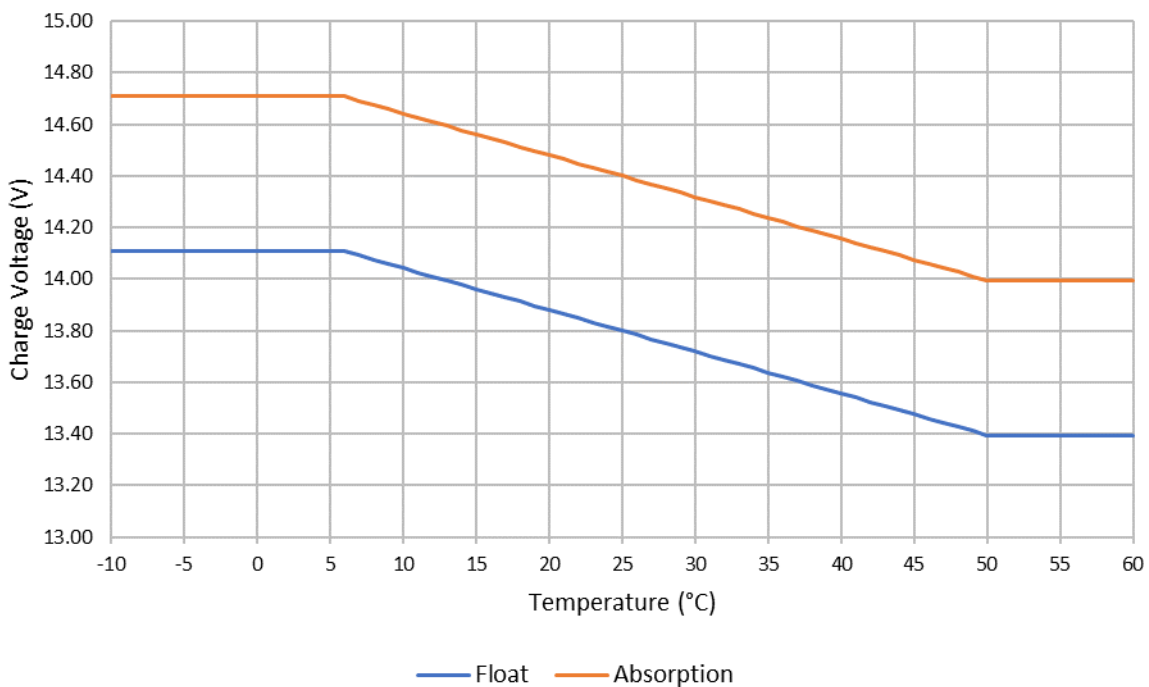
Since the charger generates some heat during operation, the internal temperature measurement is only used dynamically if the internal temperature measurement is considered reliable; when the charge current has decreased to a low/negligible level and adequate time has elapsed for the charger's temperature to stabilise.

For more accurate temperature compensation, battery temperature data can be sourced from a compatible battery monitor (such as a BMV, SmartShunt, Smart Battery Sense or VE.Bus Smart Dongle) via VE.Smart Networking - refer to the 'Operation - VE.Smart Networking' section for more information.

The configured charge voltage is related to a nominal temperature of 25°C and linear temperature compensation occurs between the limits of 6°C and 50°C based on the default temperature compensation coefficient of -16.2mV/°C (-32.4mV/°C for 24V chargers / -8.1mV/°C for 6V chargers) or as configured.

The temperature compensation coefficient is specified in mV/°C and applies to the entire battery/battery bank (not per battery cell).

Charge Voltage - Temperature Compensation



### 4.3. Commencing a new charge cycle

A new charge cycle will commence when:

1. Bulk stage is complete and the current output increases to the maximum charge current for four seconds (due to a simultaneously connected load)
2. If re-bulk current is configured; the current output exceeds the re-bulk current in float or storage stage for four seconds (due to a simultaneously connected load)
3. VictronConnect is used to select a new charge mode or change the function from 'Power Supply' to 'Charger' mode
4. The AC supply has been disconnected and reconnected



**Note:** In the event that the DC cables are disconnected/isolated from the battery and/or load while the charger is powered by the AC supply, it is recommended to allow 5 seconds for the charger to reinitialise before the DC cables are reconnected and a new charge cycle is commenced.

#### 4.4. Estimating charge time

A lead acid battery is at approximately 80% state of charge (SOC) when the bulk charge stage is completed.

The bulk stage duration  $T_{\text{bulk}}$  can be calculated as  $T_{\text{bulk}} = Ah / I$ , where  $I$  is the charge current (excluding any loads) and  $Ah$  is the depleted battery capacity below 80% SOC.

An absorption period  $T_{\text{abs}}$  of up to 8 hours may be required to fully recharge a deeply discharged battery.

For example, the charge time of a fully discharged 100Ah battery when charged with a 10A charger to approximately 80% SOC is  $T_{\text{bulk}} = 100 \times 80\% / 10 = 8$  hours.

Including an absorption duration of  $T_{\text{abs}} = 8$  hours, the total estimated charge time would be  $T_{\text{total}} = T_{\text{bulk}} + T_{\text{abs}} = 8 + 8 = 16$  hours. A Li-ion battery is more than 95% charged at the end of the bulk stage and reaches 100% charge after approximately 30 minutes of absorption charge.

## 5. Setup

### 5.1. Charge modes

There are 3 integrated charge modes (Normal, High and Li-Ion), as well as an optional Recondition stage that can be included (except for Li-ion mode).

The integrated charge modes combined with adaptive charge logic are well suited for most common battery types; such as flooded lead-acid, AGM, Gel and LiFePO<sub>4</sub>.

The required charge mode can be selected via the VictronConnect app - refer to the 'Settings - Using VictronConnect' section for more information.

If necessary, advanced configuration with user defined settings is possible using the VictronConnect app and a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet) - refer to the 'Advanced Configuration' section for more information.

Any settings made are stored and will not be lost when the charger is disconnected from mains power or the battery.

#### 5.1.1. Charge voltage

By simply selecting the integrated charge mode appropriate for the battery type being charged, (refer to the battery manufacturer's recommendations) the voltage settings for each charge stage will be altered according to the table below:

Mode	Absorption		Float		Storage		Recondition	
	6V	12V	6V	12V	6V	12V	6V	12V
Normal	7.2V	14.4V	6.9V	13.8V	6.1V	13.2V	Disabled	
Normal + Recondition	7.2V	14.4V	6.9V	13.8V	6.1V	13.2V	8.1V	16.2V
High	7.35V	14.7V	6.9V	13.8V	6.1V	13.2V	Disabled	
High + Recondition	7.35V	14.7V	6.9V	13.8V	6.1V	13.2V	8.25V	16.5V
Li-ion	7.1V	14.2V	Disabled		6.75V	13.5V	Disabled	



**Temperature Compensation:** Charge voltage is automatically compensated depending on ambient temperature (except for Li-ion mode or if manually disabled) - refer to the 'Operation - Temperature compensation' section for more information.

#### 5.1.2. Recondition mode

If enabled the recondition stage is included in the charge cycle; use only if required as a corrective/maintenance action - refer to the 'Operation - Charge algorithm' section for more information.

Recondition mode can be enabled and disabled via the VictronConnect app - refer to the 'Settings - Using VictronConnect' section for more information.

#### 5.1.3. Low current mode

If enabled the maximum charge current is limited to a significantly reduced level (varies per model - refer to 'Specification' section for more information) compared to the nominal maximum charge current.

Low current mode is recommended when charging lower capacity batteries with a high current charger; charging at an excessive charge current can cause premature battery degradation and overheating.

Typically the maximum charge current for lead acid batteries should not exceed ~0.3C (more than 30% of the battery capacity in Ah) and the maximum charge current for LiFePO<sub>4</sub> batteries should exceed ~0.5C (more than 50% of the battery capacity in Ah).

Low current mode can be enabled and disabled via the VictronConnect app - refer to the 'Settings - Using VictronConnect' section for more information.

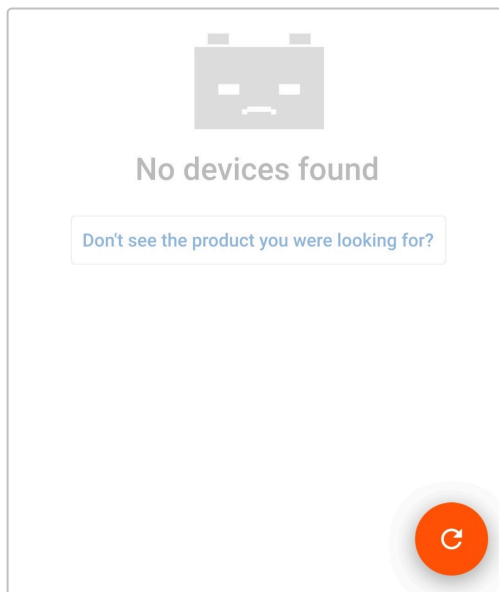
## 5.2. Using VictronConnect

Selection of an integrated charge mode and other general settings must be made with a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet), using the VictronConnect app.

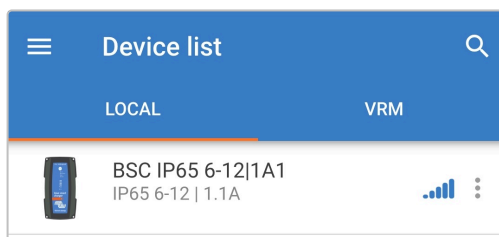
For further details about the VictronConnect app refer to the online user manual: <https://www.victronenergy.com/live/victronconnect:start>

### To select an integrated charge mode using VictronConnect:

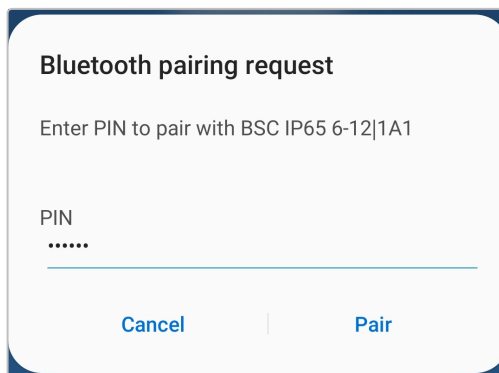
- a. Download and install the VictronConnect app.  
The VictronConnect app can be downloaded from the following locations:
  - i. Android – Google Play Store
  - ii. iOS/Mac – Apple App Store
- b. Enable Bluetooth on the mobile phone or tablet (if not already enabled).
- c. Open the VictronConnect app and look for the **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** in the 'LOCAL' page, if it doesn't automatically appear perform a manual scan for devices in range by selecting the 'scan' button (round orange button with circular arrow) in the bottom right corner.



- d. Select the **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** from the 'LOCAL' device list.

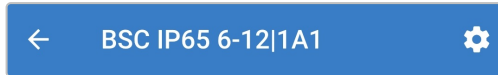


- e. During initial connection a 'Bluetooth pairing request' prompt will appear requesting the Bluetooth PIN code; enter the default PIN code 000000.

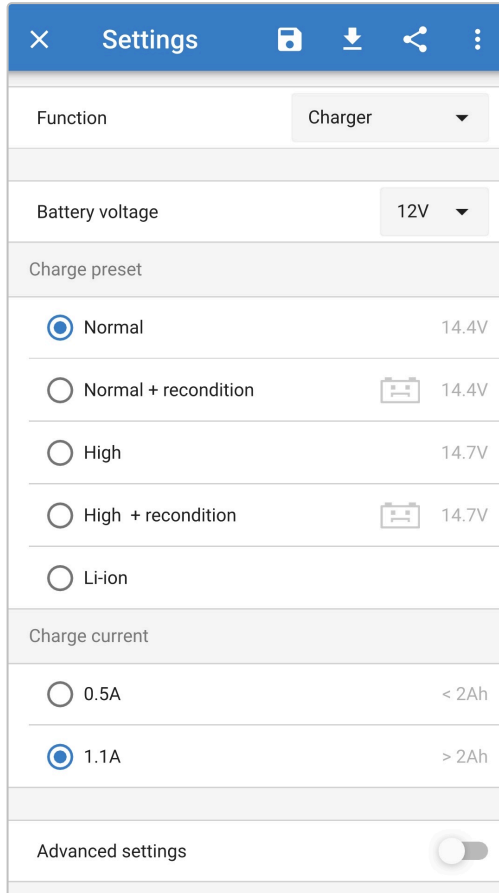




- f. Access the 'Settings' menu by selecting the 'Setting' icon (gear) in the top right corner.



- g. Select the required 'Battery voltage', 'Charge preset' and the 'Maximum charge current' (standard or low) directly from the settings list.



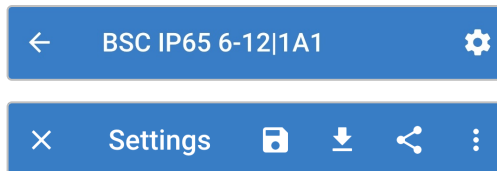
## 5.3. Bluetooth

### 5.3.1. Changing the PIN code

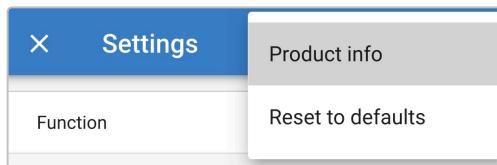
To prevent an unauthorised Bluetooth connection, it is highly recommended to change the default PIN code.

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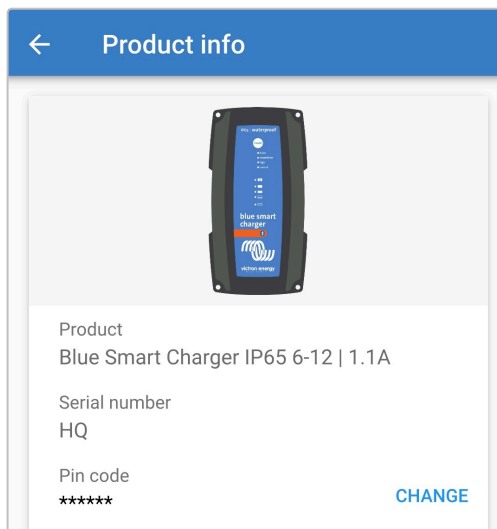
- Complete initial Bluetooth pairing and connection using the default PIN code (000000)
- Access the 'device options' by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots).



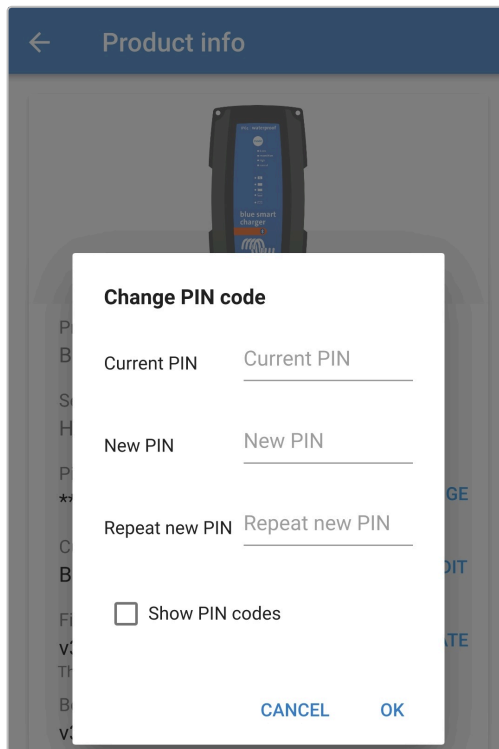
- Open the 'Product info' page by selecting 'Product info'.



- Beside 'Pin code' select 'CHANGE' to open the 'Change PIN code' window.



- e. Enter the current and new PIN code (twice), then select OK; avoid using an obvious PIN code that is easy for someone else to guess, such as 111111 or 123456.



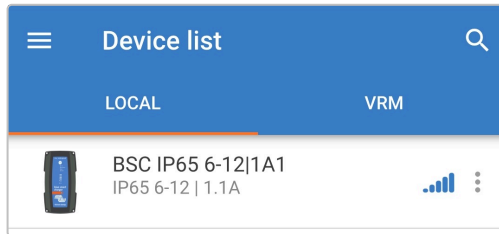
### 5.3.2. Resetting the PIN code

If the PIN code is forgotten or lost, it can be easily reset to the default 000000 using the VictronConnect app.

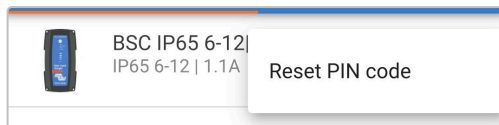
#### Using VictronConnect

##### To reset the Bluetooth PIN code:

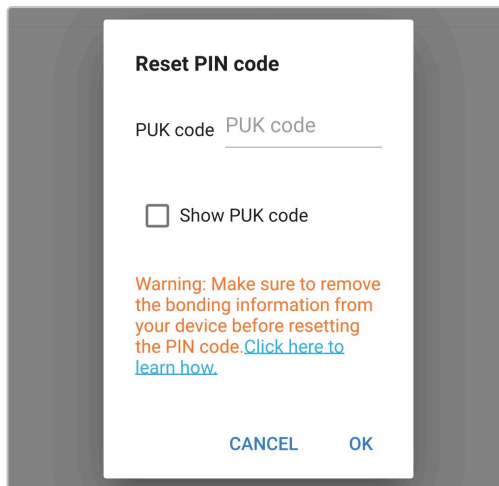
1. Locate the blue smart charger in the LOCAL page and select the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots) on the right side of the description.



2. Select 'Reset PIN code' from the pop-up prompt.



3. Enter the PUK code and select 'OK'. The PUK code is located on a label stuck to the back of the **Blue Smart IP65 Charger**.



#### During this procedure:

- a. The PIN code is reset to default (000000)
- b. Any active Bluetooth connections are disconnected
- c. All Bluetooth pairing information is cleared

Subsequently, before attempting to re-connect it's also necessary to remove/clear the Blue Smart IP65 Charger Bluetooth pairing information from any devices (mobile phones or tablets) that were previously paired.

### 5.3.3. Disabling Bluetooth

It is possible to totally disable Bluetooth communication if desired.

Typically, there is no need to disable Bluetooth since unauthorised access is protected with a PIN code, but certain situations may warrant it for an even higher level of security.

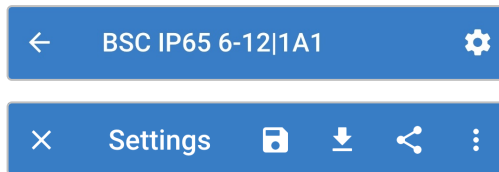
There are two options available:

#### Option #1: Enabled for 30 seconds

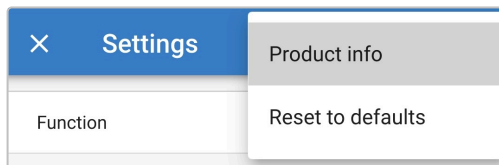
This option allows a Bluetooth connection to be made within the first 30 seconds after a power-up; enabling a firmware update to be completed or Bluetooth to be re-enabled. If no Bluetooth connection is made within the first 30 seconds, then Bluetooth is disabled thereafter.

#### To disable Bluetooth:

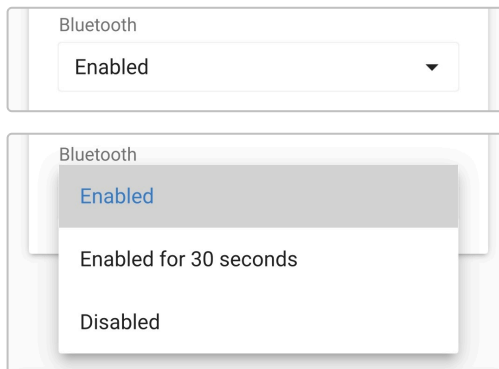
- Complete initial Bluetooth pairing and connection using the default PIN code (000000) or the current PIN code set.
- Access the 'device options' by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots).



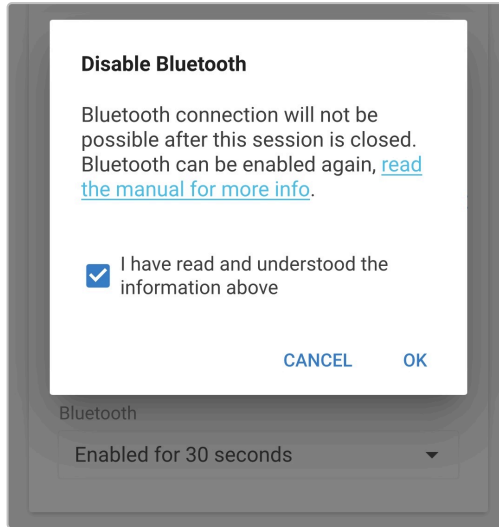
- Open the 'Product info' page by selecting 'Product info'.



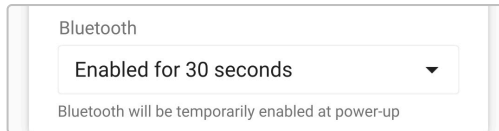
- In the 'Bluetooth' section, select the dropdown arrow to expand the menu, then select 'Enabled for 30 seconds'.




- e. Tick the checkbox and then select 'OK' as confirmation.



- f. Bluetooth will now be disabled, except for 30 second after every power-up.

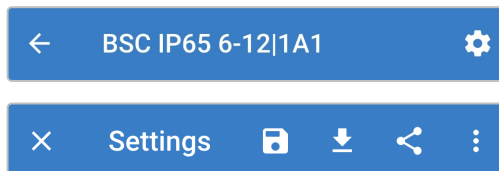


**Option #2: Disabled (Permanent and Irreversible)**

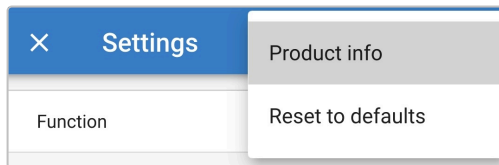
 **Note:** This option will **permanently disable** Bluetooth; use with extreme caution, as this procedure is irreversible.

**To disable Bluetooth permanently:**

- a. Complete initial Bluetooth pairing and connection using the default PIN code (000000) or the current PIN code set.
- b. Access the 'device options' by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots).

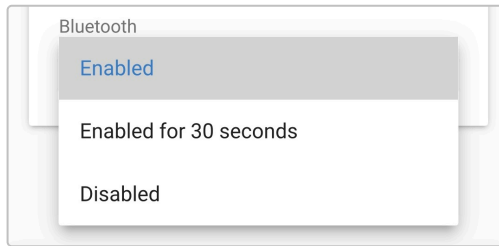


- c. Open the 'Product info' page by selecting 'Product info'.

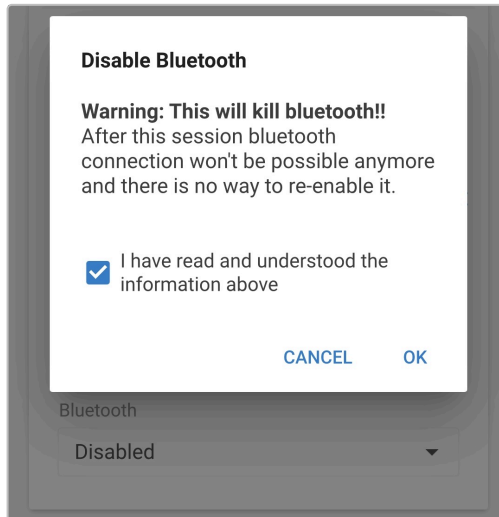


- d. In the 'Bluetooth' section, select the dropdown arrow to expand the menu, then select 'Disabled'.



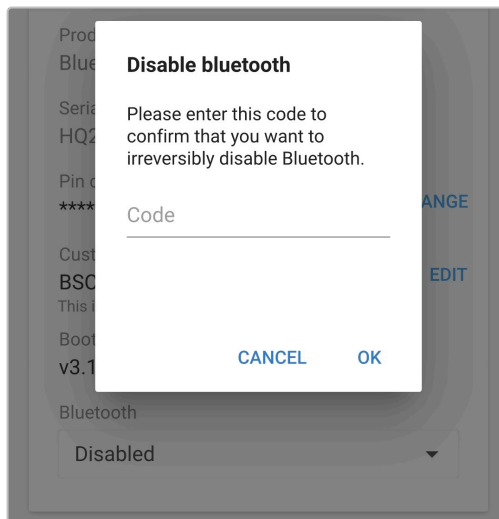


- e. If you are sure that you want to **permanently** disable Bluetooth, tick the checkbox and then select 'OK'.



- f. A four digit code is provided to avoid Bluetooth being permanently disabled accidentally, if you are sure that you want to **permanently disable** Bluetooth enter the code, then select 'OK'.

This is the last chance to abort; after Bluetooth has been **permanently disabled** it is **irreversible** and cannot be re-enabled later.



- g. Bluetooth will now be permanently disabled.



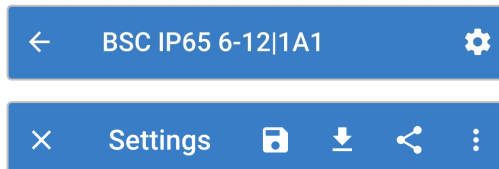
### 5.3.4. Re-enabling Bluetooth

If Bluetooth was disabled using option #2 'Disabled', this is irreversible, and Bluetooth cannot be re-enabled.

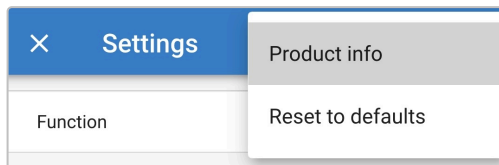
If Bluetooth was disabled using option #1 'Enabled for 30 seconds', it is possible to re-enable Bluetooth.

**To re-enable Bluetooth:**

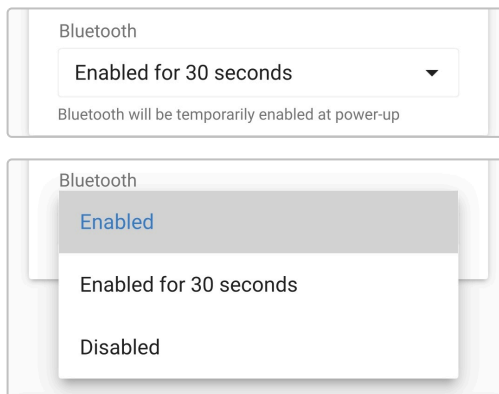
- Disconnect AC power and perform a new power-up.
- Within the first 30 seconds after power-up (before Bluetooth is disabled), complete initial Bluetooth pairing and connection using the default PIN code (000000) or the current PIN code set.
- Access the 'device options' by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots).



- Open the 'Product info' page by selecting 'Product info'.



- In the 'Bluetooth' section, select the dropdown arrow to expand the menu, then select 'Enabled'.



- Bluetooth will now be re-enabled.



**i** **During this procedure:**

- Bluetooth is re-enabled
- The PIN code is reset to default (000000)
- Any active Bluetooth connections are disconnected
- All Bluetooth pairing information is cleared

Subsequently, before attempting to re-connect it's also necessary to remove/clear the Blue Smart IP65 Charger Bluetooth pairing information from any devices (mobile phones or tablets) that were previously paired.



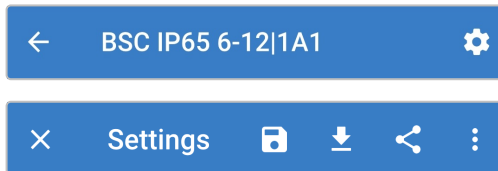
## 5.4. System reset

It is possible to perform a full system reset to restore all charger/battery related settings to their default value; using the VictronConnect app.

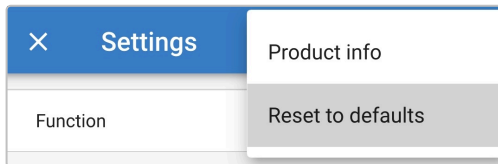
Note that this does **not** reset any Bluetooth related settings, such as the PIN code or pairing information.

### To perform a system reset:

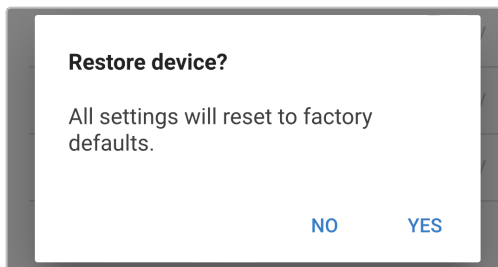
- Complete initial Bluetooth pairing and connection using the default PIN code (000000).
- Access the 'device options' by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner, then the 'device options' icon (three vertical dots).



- Open the 'restore device' page by selecting 'Reset to defaults'.



- Select 'YES' to reset all settings to factory defaults.

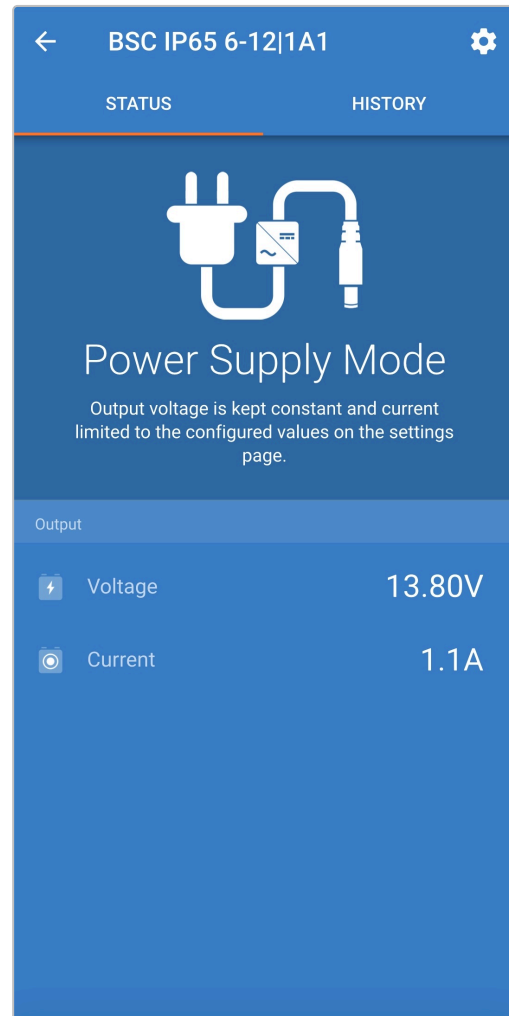
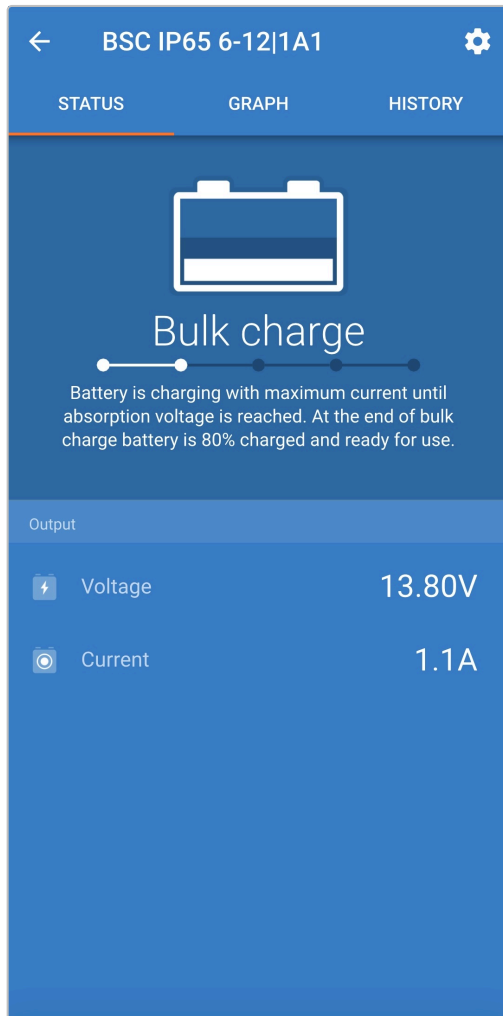


## 6. Monitoring

### 6.1. Status screen

The STATUS screen is the main overview screen; it displays the battery voltage, the charge current and the active charge stage.

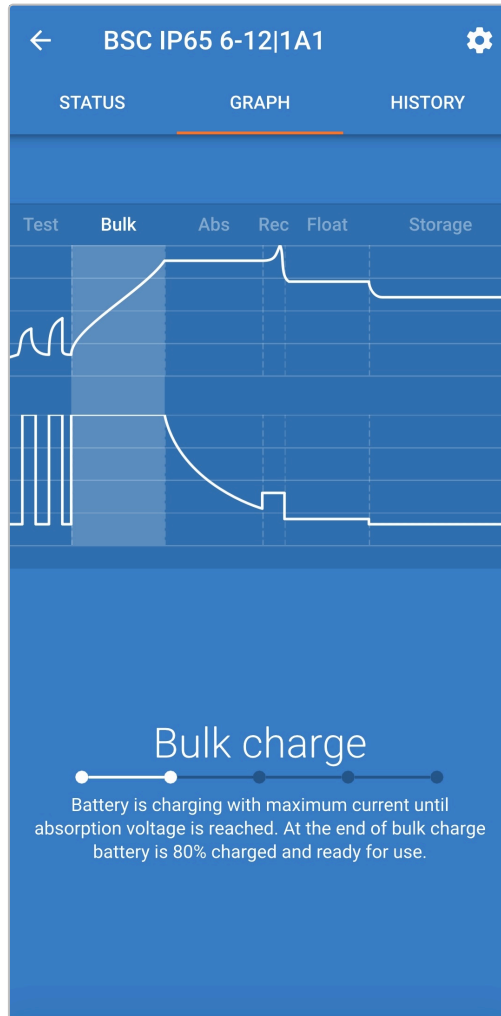
This data will update continuously and in real time as the charge cycle progresses.



## 6.2. Graph screen

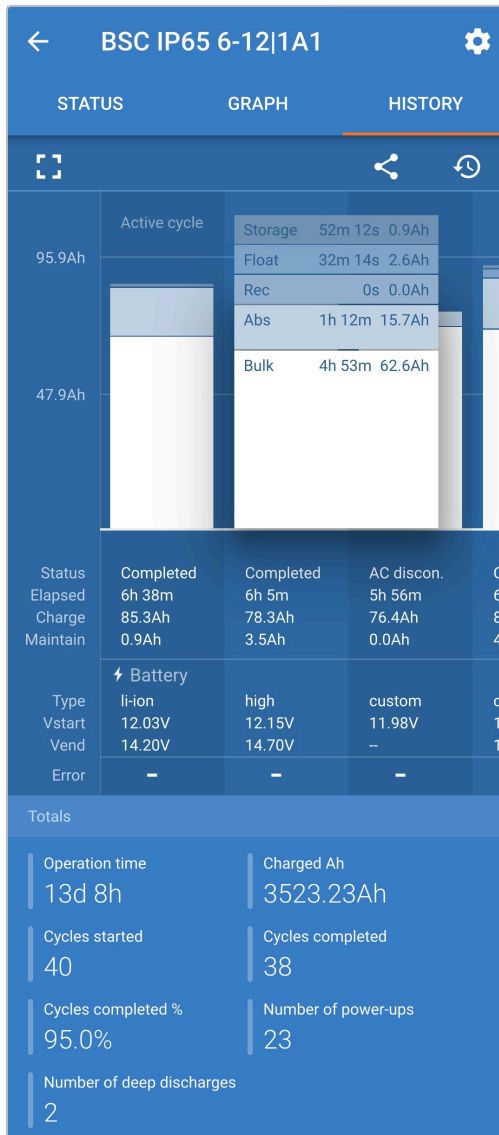
The GRAPH screen provides an easy to understand graphical representation of each charge stage with respect to battery voltage and charge current.

The active charge stage is also highlighted and stated below, along with a brief explanation.

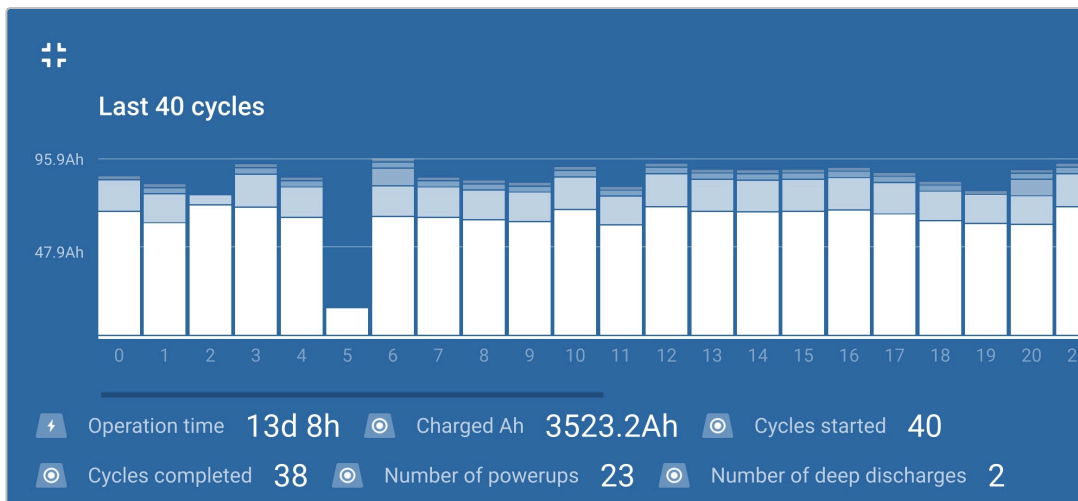


### 6.3. History screen

The HISTORY screen is a very powerful reference as it contains historical usage data over the charger's lifetime and detailed statistics for the last 40 charge cycles (even if the charge cycle is only partially completed).



By selecting the full screen view the data is displayed in landscape view with significantly more days visible at the same time.



a. **Charge cycle statistics**

i. **Cycle overview**

Expandable bar chart showing the time spent in each charge stage and the charge capacity provided (in Ah) during each charge stage

ii. **Status**

Confirms if the charge cycle was successfully completed or if it was ended early/interrupted for some reason, including the reason/cause

iii. **Elapsed**

The elapsed/total charge cycle time

iv. **Charge**

Total capacity provided during the recharge stages (Bulk and Absorption)

v. **Maintain**

Total capacity provided during the charge maintenance stages (Float, Storage and Refresh)

vi. **Type**

The charge cycle mode used; either a 'Built-in preset' or a custom 'Userdefined' configuration

vii. **Vstart**

Battery voltage when charging commences

viii. **Vend**

Battery voltage when charging is complete (end of absorption stage)

ix. **Error**

Displays if any errors occurred during the charge cycle, including the error number and description

b. **Charger lifetime statistics**

i. **Operation time**

The total operation time over the lifetime of the charger

ii. **Charged Ah**

The total charge capacity provided over the lifetime of the charger

iii. **Cycles started**

The total charge cycles started over the lifetime of the charger

iv. **Cycles completed**

The total charge cycles completed over the lifetime of the charger

v. **Cycles completed %**

The percentage of charge cycles completed over the lifetime of the charger

vi. **Number of power-ups**

The number of times the charger has been powered up over the lifetime of the charger

vii. **Number of deep discharges**

The number of times the charger has recharged a deeply discharged battery over the lifetime of the charger

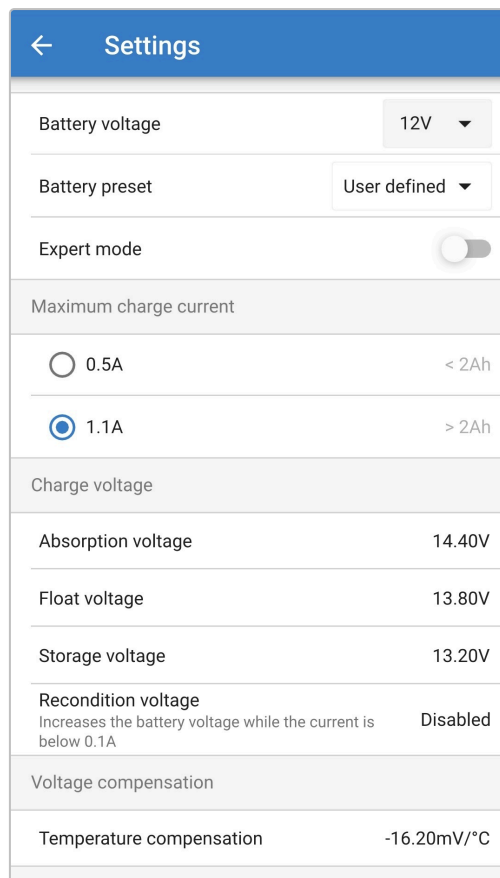
## 7. Advanced Configuration

In specific use cases where the integrated charge modes are not suitable/ideal for the battery type being charged or the battery manufacturer recommends specific charge parameters and fine tuning is desired, advanced configuration is possible with a Bluetooth enabled device (such as a mobile phone or tablet) using the VictronConnect app.

For most common battery types, advanced configuration is not required or recommended; the integrated charge modes and adaptive charge logic are typically suitable and perform very well.

### 7.1. Advanced settings

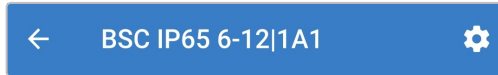
The advanced settings menu enables specific configuration of charge parameters and user defined settings to be saved and easily loaded.



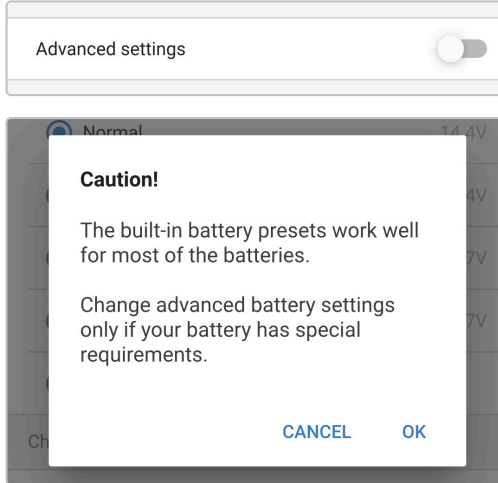
Settings	
Battery voltage	12V
Battery preset	User defined
Expert mode	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum charge current	
<input type="radio"/> 0.5A	< 2Ah
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1.1A	> 2Ah
Charge voltage	
Absorption voltage	14.40V
Float voltage	13.80V
Storage voltage	13.20V
Recondition voltage	Disabled
<small>Increases the battery voltage while the current is below 0.1A</small>	
Voltage compensation	
Temperature compensation	-16.20mV/°C

**To access the 'advanced settings' menu:**

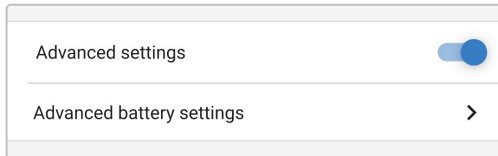
- a. Access the 'settings' menu by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner.



- b. Enable the 'Advanced settings' switch, then select 'OK'.

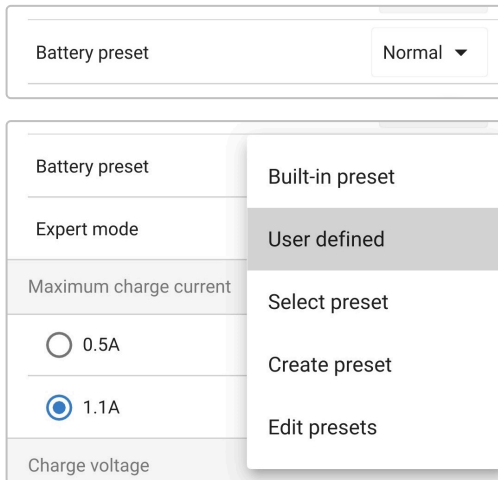


- c. Open the 'advanced settings' menu by selecting 'Advanced battery settings'.



**In order to edit/configure 'advanced settings':**

- a. Select the 'Battery preset' dropdown arrow to expand the menu, then select 'User defined'.



- b. 'User defined' configuration will now be enabled.



**The settings in the 'advanced menu' (with 'expert mode' disabled) include:**

- a. **Battery voltage**

The 'Battery voltage' dropdown allows selection from the following options:

- i. **Auto**

The battery voltage is automatically detected and set prior to the test stage (based on the voltage of the battery connected). Note that for severely depleted batteries, automatic battery voltage detection may be incorrect; in this case the battery voltage must be manually set.

ii. **6V**

Manual selection for charging 6V batteries/systems

iii. **12V**

Manual selection for charging 12V batteries/systems

b. **Battery preset**

The 'Battery preset' dropdown allows selection from the following options:

i. **Built-in preset**

Selection of a standard integrated pre-set (same as the general settings menu)

ii. **User defined**

Reselection of the last 'user defined' charge settings

iii. **Select preset**

Selection from an extended range of integrated battery charging pre-sets, including new user defined charging pre-sets

iv. **Create preset**

A new charging preset to be created and saved from user defined settings

v. **Edit presets**

An existing preset to be edited and saved

c. **Maximum charge current**

The maximum charge current setting allows selection between the default and a significantly reduced charge current limit preset; Maximum or Low current (current limits vary per model - refer to the 'Specifications' section for more information).

d. **Charge voltage**

The charge voltage settings enable the voltage setpoint for each charge stage to be independently configured and some charge stages (recondition and float) to be disabled or enabled.

The charge voltage setpoint for the following charge stages can be configured:

i. **Absorption**

ii. **Float**

iii. **Storage**

iv. **Recondition**

e. **Voltage compensation**

i. **Temperature Compensation**

The temperature compensation setting enables the charge voltage temperature compensation coefficient to be configured, or temperature compensation to be totally disabled (such as for Li-ion batteries). The temperature compensation coefficient is specified in mV/°C and applies to the entire battery/battery bank (not per battery cell).



## 7.2. Expert mode settings

Expert mode expands the advanced settings menu even further to include more specialised configuration settings.

←
Settings

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Battery voltage 12V ▾

Battery preset User defined ▾

Expert mode

Maximum charge current

0.5A < 2Ah

1.1A > 2Ah

Charge voltage

Absorption voltage 14.40V

Float voltage 13.80V

Storage voltage 13.20V

Recondition voltage Disabled  
Increases the battery voltage while the current is below 0.1A

BatterySafe   
Prevent excessive gassing by automatically limiting the rate of voltage increase.

Voltage compensation

Temperature compensation -16.20mV/°C

Bulk

Bulk time limit 1d 0h

Re-bulk current Disabled  
When the charge current exceeds this value while in float/storage, the charge cycle restarts.

Absorption

Absorption duration Adaptive

Maximum absorption time 8h 0m

Tail current Disabled

Repeated absorption Every 7 days

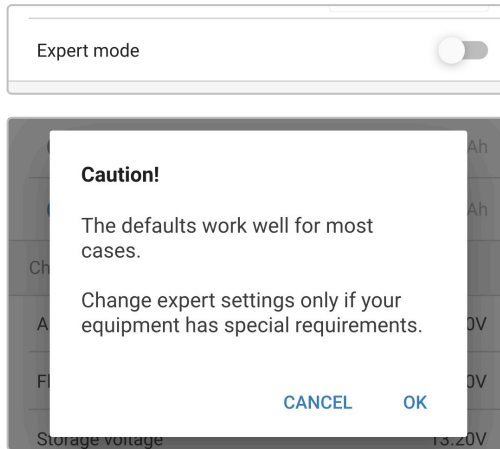
Recondition

Recondition stop mode Automatic, on voltage ▾

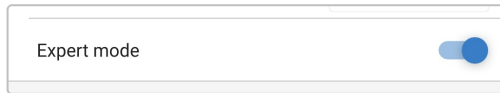
Maximum recondition duration 1h 0m

**To access the 'expert mode' menu:**

- a. Open the 'advanced setting' menu and enable 'user defined' configuration - see the 'Advanced configuration - Advanced settings' section for instructions.
- b. Enable the 'Expert mode' switch, then select 'OK'.



- c. The 'Expert mode' menu (extension of the 'advanced settings' menu) will now be enabled.



**The ADDITIONAL settings in the 'advanced menu' with 'expert mode' enabled include:**

a. **Charge voltage**

i. **BatterySafe**

The BatterySafe setting allows the BatterySafe voltage control to be enabled or disabled. When BatterySafe is enabled, the rate of battery voltage increase during bulk stage is automatically restricted to a safe level. In cases where the battery voltage would otherwise increase at a faster rate, the charge current is consequently reduced to prevent excessive gassing.

b. **Bulk**

i. **Bulk time limit**

The bulk time limit setting restricts the maximum time the charger can spend in bulk stage as a protection measure, since the absorption voltage should have been achieved by this time. If the bulk time limit is satisfied the charger will move directly to float stage.

ii. **Re-bulk current**

The re-bulk current setting is the charge current limit that will trigger a new charge cycle if exceeded during float or storage stage, causing the charger to move back into bulk charge stage.

Note that even when the re-bulk setting is disabled, re-bulk will still occur if the charge current is maintained at the maximum charge current for 4 seconds while the charger is in float or storage stage.

c. **Absorption**

i. **Adaptive duration**

The adaptive duration setting allows selection between adaptive absorption time (calculated based on the bulk time / level of discharge) or a fixed absorption time.

ii. **Maximum absorption time / Absorption time**

The maximum absorption time / absorption time setting enables the maximum adaptive absorption time or the fixed absorption time to be configured (depending if adaptive or fixed absorption time is selected). Note that regardless if adaptive or fixed absorption time is selected, the absorption phase can end early based on the tail current setting (if enabled).

iii. **Tail current**

The tail current setting enables the absorption stage to be ended early based on charge current. If the charge current drops below the tail current threshold for one minute, the absorption stage will immediately end and the charger will move to float or storage stage.

iv. **Repeated absorption**

The repeated absorption time setting enables the elapsed time between each automatic refresh charge cycle (1h in absorption stage) to be configured. Repeated absorption is enabled by default and can be disabled which results in the battery staying in storage mode indefinitely. The repeated absorption is not executed.

d. **Recondition**

i. **Recondition stop mode**

The recondition stop mode setting allows selection between the recondition stage being ended upon the battery voltage reaching the recondition stage voltage setpoint or a fixed time period.

ii. **Maximum recondition duration**

The recondition time setting enables the maximum recondition time or the fixed recondition time to be configured (depending on the recondition stop mode selected).

iii. **Manual recondition**

Manual recondition can be started by tapping on the START NOW button. The duration of the recondition cycle is limited to a maximum of 1 hour.

### 7.3. Power supply function

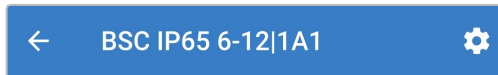
The Victron **Blue Smart IP65 Charger** range are also suitable for use as a DC power supply, to power equipment without a battery connected (or while also connected to a battery).

While it's still possible to use the charger as a power supply without changing any settings, a dedicated 'Power supply' mode exists for this purpose/usage.

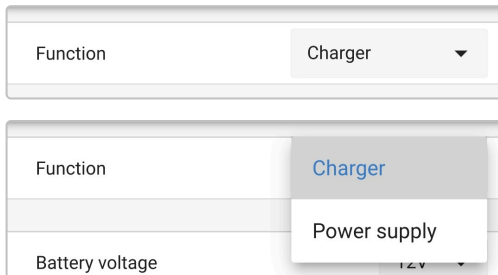
If the charger will be used as a power supply, it is recommended to activate 'Power supply' mode, as it will disable the internal charge logic and provide a constant DC supply voltage.

**To activate power supply mode:**

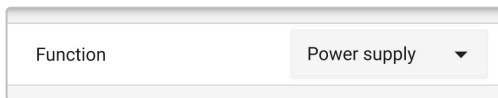
- a. Access the 'settings' menu by selecting the 'settings' icon (gear) in the top right corner.



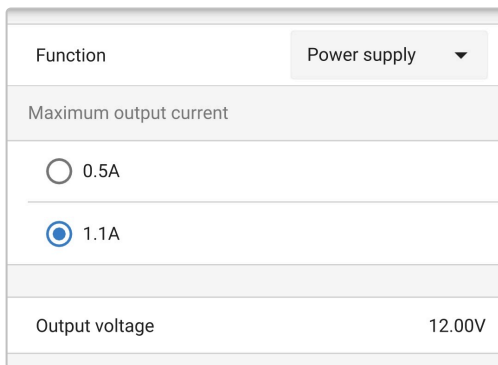
- b. Select the 'Function' dropdown arrow to expand the menu, then select 'Power supply' mode.



- c. 'Power supply' mode will now be enabled; once activated the 12V (green) and 6V (orange) LEDs will be illuminated.



- d. If required, adjust the desired output voltage and/or enable/disable low current mode.



To return the charger back to normal use as a battery charger, access the 'settings' menu and in the 'Function' drop down menu select 'Charger' mode again.

**i** **Note:** In the event that the DC cables are disconnected/isolated from the battery and/or load while the charger is powered by the AC supply, it is necessary to allow 5 seconds for the charger to reinitialise before the DC cables are reconnected.

The charger should not be used to directly power fast switching loads in power supply mode (without a battery); similarly a minimum delay of 5 seconds is also required between load switching (on/off) events.

## 8. Technical specifications

Blue Smart IP65 Charger	6V/12V - 1.1A
Input voltage and frequency range	100 - 250VAC   45 - 65Hz
Efficiency	82%
Standby power consumption	<0.5W
Charge voltage - Absorption	Normal: 7.2V   14.4V High: 7.35V   14.7V Li-ion: 7.1V   14.2V
Charge voltage - Float	Normal: 6.9V   13.8V High: 6.9V   13.8V Li-ion: Disabled
Charge voltage - Storage	Normal: 6.6V   13.2V High: 6.6V   13.2V Li-ion: 6.75V   13.5V
Max output current - Normal mode	1.1A
Max output current - Low current mode	0.5A
Max battery capacity (recommended)	32Ah
Max battery capacity - Maintenance only	300Ah
Min battery capacity - Normal mode	Lead-acid: 4Ah Lithium: 2Ah
Min battery capacity - Low current mode	Lead-acid: 1.2Ah Lithium: 1Ah
Temperature compensation (lead-acid only)	8mV/°C   16mV/°C
Charge algorithm	7-stage adaptive
Power supply mode	Yes
Back current drain	0.1Ah/month (140uA)
Protection	Reverse polarity, output short circuit, over temperature
Operating temperature	-30 to +50°C (full rated output up to 30°C)
Humidity (non condensing)	Max 95%
Bluetooth Power	-4dBm
Bluetooth Frequency	2402 - 2480MHz
<b>Enclosure</b>	
Battery connection	1.5m red and black cable
AC connection	1.5m cable with CEE 7/16 or AS/NZS 3112 plug
Protection category	IP65 (splash and dust proof)
Weight	0.4kg
Dimensions (h x w x d)	38 x 64 x 153mm
<b>Standards</b>	
Safety	EN 60335-1, EN 60335-2-29
Emission	EN 55014-1, EN 61000-6-3, EN 61000-3-2
Immunity	EN 55014-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-3-3
Automotive	E4-10R

## 9. Warranty

This limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in this product, and lasts for five years from the date of original purchase of this product.

The customer must return the product together with the receipt of purchase to the point of purchase.

This limited warranty does not cover damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from alteration, modification, improper or unreasonable use or misuse, neglect, exposure to excess moisture, fire, improper packing, lightning, power surges, or other acts of nature.

This limited warranty does not cover damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from repairs attempted by anyone unauthorized by Victron Energy to make such repairs.

Victron Energy is not liable for any consequential damages arising from the use of this product.

The maximum liability of Victron Energy under this limited warranty shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the product.

# 10. Appendix

## 10.1. Enclosure Dimensions

