

# DC-to-GO Battery Box w/ RIGrunner 4008 and Super PWRgate PG40S



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Thank you for choosing the West Mountain Radio DC-to-GO Battery Box w/ RIGrunner 4007U and Super PWRgate PG40S! You will enjoy powering your equipment from a portable battery using Powerpole® connectors.

The DC-to-GO gives you convenient portable power. The case accepts Group Size 24 batteries, providing up to 100 amp hours at 12 volts. Eight devices may be plugged into the integrated RIGrunner 4007U power strip. Each socket is fused for protection. Any blown fuse will be illuminated. Correct and low voltage indicators show battery status. The battery may be charged via the power strip.

## **Contents**

- Battery Box with strap
- RIGrunner 4007U (mounted directly to battery box)
- Super PWRgate PG40S (mounted directly to battery box)
- Powerpole® Connection Cable
- Battery Lead Cable (2ft. #10 wire, ring terminals to Powerpole®)
- 12 pair pak of 30A Powerpole® connectors and contacts
- DC-to-GO Operating Manual

## **Safety Information**

A battery stores a large quantity of energy. A short circuit will release this energy rapidly causing the wire to melt, and perhaps, catch on fire. Also, the battery could explode. The fuse located near the battery terminal in the RIGrunner may help prevent these types of catastrophes.

## **Batteries**

The use of only SAFETY batteries is recommended, such as gelled-electrolyte and absorbed-glass mat (AGM) types. These batteries are sealed and contain no dangerous gases. These types may be mounted in any position, although vertical is preferred. They are also 100% maintenance free.

Use of other types of batteries for portable use in the DC-to-GO is NOT recommended. Automobile batteries and marine batteries may only be used if the installation is fixed; where the battery box will not be turned over and is located outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

West Mountain Radio carries high-quality gelled-electrolyte and AGM batteries. They have posts and lugs with studs to match the ring terminals on the supply cable provided.

DC-to-GO battery box will fit Group Size 24 batteries with the following dimensions:

Length	10 7/8 in. (276mm)
Width	6 3/4 in. (171mm)
Height	9 7/8 in. (251mm)

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## **Connecting to the Battery**

The RED wire with the larger ring terminal is connected to the battery POSITIVE lug and securely fastened down with the nut. The BLACK wire with the smaller ring terminal is connected to the battery NEGATIVE lug and securely fastened down with the nut. **Ensure that RED is POSITIVE and BLACK is NEGATIVE.**

Bring the Battery Lead cable out through the front of the battery box to the Super PWRgate PG40S. Plug into the farthest right connector marked "BAT". Neatly fold the excess wire into the box. Next, Plug the Power Connection Cable into the middle connector on the PG40S marked "OUT" and plug the other end into the farthest left connector on the RIGrunner 4007U marked "DCIN". Make sure the top is oriented so that the large vent is facing the front. Snap the top into place.

West Mountain Radio carries post-to-stud lug sets. The positive lug matches the larger size battery post and has a 3/8 inch stud. The negative lug matches the smaller size battery post and has a 5/16 inc stud.

## **Using the Strap**

The strap may be installed and used both to secure the battery box to the floor and to restrain the top cover. It also provides the safety precaution in the event the battery explodes, the plastic box with strap will likely prevent flying debris and acid.

Note that the strap is easily installed between the RIGrunner and the battery box.

## **RIGrunner 4008**

There are some considerations to think about. Please read these instructions carefully before setting up your RIGrunner.

## **Choosing a mounting location**

Pick a location that is close, or central to, most of your radios and accessories; especially those that draw large amounts of current. Locate your power source as close as possible to the RIGrunner. Remember that every wire has resistance, longer wires have more resistance. More than a 10' run of #10 wire is not quite adequate to supply the RIGrunner to full output without a significant voltage drop.

Install in a cool dry place with good ventilation. For example, do not put it on top of your amplifier or room heater, or cover it with something. It is recommended to not put it in the engine compartment of your car, or directly on the floor of a car; rain from open windows or snow covered boots may cause water damage.

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## Connecting your equipment

Recognizing that RIGrunner comes standard with Powerpole®, updating your cables that supply or use 12 volts DC with Powerpole® will improve the convenience of quick connections and use of your equipment. Remember, Powerpole® are genderless and the same connector arrangement works for both supply and load. Powerpole® can be used to charge or power batteries, all using the same connectors.

Powerpole® can be installed by soldering or crimping. Be sure to make good connections. For detailed Powerpole® connector installation tips see RIGrunner support pages at <http://www.westmountainradio.com/supportrr>.

**IMPORTANT!!** It is essential that assembly of the pairs is correct. Follow the amateur radio standard used by the RIGrunner. **DO NOT PLUG IN** without verifying that **RED + PLUS** and **BLACK – MINUS** is correct.

The far left connector is labeled DCIN with a 25 amp fuse, and is normally used to connect to the battery; but, any output may be used as the input with an appropriate fuse. Plug in your equipment starting with the highest power connections to the left and the lower power drain units to the right, notice the supplied fuse ratings next to the connector chosen. Typically you should connect higher current devices like transceivers first and smaller accessories last.

Multiple amplifiers and/or transceivers may be connected to the RIGrunner. The RIGrunner itself is capable of handling 40A maximum current but with a U1 size battery you should plan on using significantly less current to maximize operating time. For this reason the supplied DCIN fuse is rated at 25A. Most QRP and HT radios draw less than 1 amp in receive but may require up to 3 amps in transmit. Therefore, the limiting factor is total current draw while transmitting. To determine how many radios may be used to transmit at one time, consult the radio manual for power consumption specifications. In the event that the total current goes over the 25 amp maximum, a fuse will blow. The RIGrunner and any equipment plugged into the RIGrunner should go unharmed.

## Using the proper fuses

The RIGrunner comes supplied with a range of fuses installed. This assortment should be suitable for most stations, but can be changed easily. Every RIGrunner output is safe up to 40 amps, but the total allowable is also 40 amps.

A fuse **MUST** be in each position in use. **ANY ATTEMPT TO BYPASS OR SHORT ACROSS THE FUSES IS DANGEROUS AND VOIDS THE RIGRUNNER WARRANTY.** Since the maximum available automotive fuse is 40 amps, the RIGrunner will be protected as long as any value ATC/ATO fuse is installed. Choose the correct fuse for your equipment. Standard ATC/ATO automotive blade fuses are used. These fuses are available in 10 values ranging from 1 amp to 40 amps. The DC input should have a fuse that is appropriate for the power supply or battery rating. If using a low power or QRP equipment, consider using a lower value fuse

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than the 25 amp value supplied. Ideally all of the outlets should have a fuse that is the next higher value above the maximum current draw of the unit on that fuse. If using a power cord with a fuse, match that value or go one or two values higher. Sizing each fuse for each unit is desirable, but not absolutely necessary. Having a higher value than the minimum will offer less protection for that unit, too low a value and the fuse will blow out prematurely.

Note that each fuse position has a LED blown fuse indicator that will conveniently light up if an output fuse is blown. There must be power to the RIGrunner and a load on the circuit that has the blown fuse for the blown fuse LED to light.

### **The voltage comparator and audible alert**

A feature of the RIGrunner 4012 and 4008 is the precision expanded scale voltage comparator display with audible alert. (The 4005 and 4004U models do not have this feature.) A basic explanation of 12 volt systems will aid in understanding this feature. Equipment commonly referred to as 12 volt is actually a nominal 13.8 volts. For example, a lead acid battery is a nominal 12.6 volts when charged and not under load, and approximately 14.0 volts under charge. A quality 12 volt power supply will have its regulated output set to 13.8 volts. Most radios are specified to require 13.8 volts +/- 15%. 12 volt automobile or aircraft alternators have voltage regulation set between 13.5 and 14.3 volts.

The RIGrunner provides an accurate and unambiguous display of voltage. There are three LEDs: red overvoltage, green normal, and yellow undervoltage. The points at which the LEDs change are set accurately to 11.5 and 15.0 volts. The selection of these points gives a reliable indication of proper and safe operation of your power supply, battery or alternator. A green or normal indication is all you need to look for.

An undervoltage indication, shown by the yellow LED, is less than 11.5 volts. This should be safe for your radio, but may cause improper operation. Low voltage on a modern radio can cause a loss of phase lock and a frequency error. This is a definite indication of a problem with the power source; a bad connection, an unregulated power supply, a bad alternator or dying battery. It is normal with most cars to have less than 11.5 volts when cranking the starter motor.

A normal indication with the green LED illustrates, everything is good and you are between 11.5 and 15.0volts, don't worry about a thing.

A red overvoltage indication with the red LED is a warning, **DISCONNECT OR TURN OFF YOUR POWER SUPPLY IMMEDIATELY!** It is possible to overheat or damage a radio or other equipment. An overvoltage will sound an audible alert; no need to watch the LEDs to signal a problem.

When running strictly on a 12 volt battery, an overvoltage condition will not occur. The RIGrunner's audible alert can be reconfigured for a low battery warning. By removing the four cover screws and move the P14 jumper to the "LO" position. Remember to

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move it back to “HI” when changing back operation from power supply or alternator.

**Note:** Due to the characteristics of the comparator chip it is normal for the undervoltage LED to glow very dimly with a normal or overvoltage indication. It is also normal for the LEDs to change intensity while stepping through 10 precision points.

In the event of a bad power source or power connection, the yellow LED may flash or come on during transmit. If this happens, check the power source and connections. It is also possible for RF from a transmitter to cause an electronically regulated power supply to lose regulation and cause an overvoltage alert during transmit. The RIGrunner is extensively RF bypassed and should actually cure this problem. If you do have an overvoltage condition during transmit especially with a VHF high power amp, it is due to inadequate RF filtering on the DC lead of the amplifier, or poor RF immunity of the power supply regulator circuit.

Special Note for RIGrunner 4004USB:

## RIRunner Accessories

	<u>Order Sku#</u>
<b>Fuse Assortment Low Value (8pcs)</b> 3- 1A, 3- 5A & 2- 10A	<b>#58537-1085</b>
<b>Fuse Assortment High Value (8pcs)</b> 2 ea. of 15A, 20A, 30A, 40A	<b>#58537-1086</b>
Buss 10A ATC Circuit Breaker	#58537-1087
Buss 15A ATC Circuit Breaker	#58537-1088
Buss 20A ATC Circuit Breaker	#58537-1089
Buss 25A ATC Circuit Breaker	#58537-1090
Buss 30A ATC Circuit Breaker	#58537-1091
<b>Powerpole® Extension Cable, 3 ft.</b> #12 Red/Black Wire w/ Powerpole® ends	<b>#58531-1082</b>
<b>Powerpole® Extension Cable, 6 ft.</b> #12 Red/Black Wire w/ Powerpole® ends	<b>#58531-1083</b>
<b>Powerpole® Extension Cable, 10 ft.</b> #12 Red/Black Wire w/ Powerpole® ends	<b>#58531-1084</b>
<b>15A. Powerpole® Connector-12 Pair</b>	<b>#58257-1093</b>
<b>30A. Powerpole® Connector-12 Pair</b>	<b>#58257-1095</b>
<b>45A. Powerpole® Connector-12 Pair</b>	<b>#58257-1099</b>
<b>Powerpole® Retention Clips - 12 Pack</b>	<b>#58257-1092</b>
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## Introduction to Super PWRgate PG40S

The **Super PWRgate PG40S**....the high power OR Gate with a built-in four-stage battery charger. It makes a true solid-state UPS for the ham shack.

The **Super PWRgate PG40S** eliminates the danger of connecting a power supply directly across a battery, which can damage many power supplies. The **PG40S** also avoids introducing hum and RF interference, caused by most lead-acid battery chargers, by using a standard power supply. Furthermore, most lead-acid battery chargers are designed for flooded lead-acid marine or automotive batteries, and are inappropriate for charging sealed lead-acid gel and AGM type batteries. The **PG40S** will extend the life span of a sealed lead-acid battery compared to using a flooded lead- acid charger.

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The **PG40S** transfers 40 amperes at 12 volts DC in a continuous safe manner. It connects a battery and a power supply to a load, while electrically isolating both the battery and the supply from each other. Whenever the power supply is on, the supply feeds the load. It also charges the battery with a high-current four-state safe battery charger. Whenever the power supply is off, the battery will feed the load. If either the power supply or the battery is malfunctioning, neither draws current from the other. The switching is instantaneous.

A **PG40S** is very useful in the ham shack, and even more useful in a repeater installation. Communication equipment will remain operative during AC power blackouts and power supply failures. Power supplies and batteries can be swapped out while equipment continues to be powered and without glitches.

Additionally, the **PG40S** and a power supply may be used solely as a permanently installed battery charger. This also may be configured to run a radio station directly from the battery. (See the article by W1ZR in QST, December 2003 at [www.westmountainradio.com/](http://www.westmountainradio.com/). . . )

**Please read the following instructions  
BEFORE installing the PG40S**

### **Choosing a Mounting Location**

Pick a location that is close or central to the power supply, battery, as well as the load or 12V distribution panel. Radios and many 12V devices draw large amounts of current. All wires have resistance, so it is good practice to keep them as short as possible and to use a larger gauge wire to minimize voltage drop.

The **PG40S** can be installed in any orientation. It is recommend to use in a cool dry location and preferably well ventilated. Do not tightly enclose the unit as the heat sink can become quite warm under maximum current. At 40A continuous current it will rise about 40 degrees Fahrenheit over ambient temperature in free air. If placed in direct sunlight, it will absorb heat and get unnecessarily hot.

The Super PWRgate can be mounted using number 8 hardware in the two mounting holes.

## Connecting the power supply

Use a regulated power supply that is between 13.8 volts and 15 volts.

Anderson Powerpole® are used for all Super PWRgate connections. See the section “Powerpole® connector installation tips”.

The power supply wire should be heavy gauge and as short as possible; recommend #10 wire 3 feet to no longer than 6 feet long. Most power supplies have 1/4 inch studs. Note that West Mountain Radio carries 3 and 6 feet long power supply cables, #10 red and black insulated wire with 1/4” in ring terminals on one end and Powerpole® on the other.

Be sure to connect the RED Powerpole® connects to the RED wire and connect to the PLUS terminal on the supply. Similarly, make sure that the BLACK Powerpole® connects to the BLACK wire and connect to the NEGATIVE terminal on the supply. Check that the connections at the power supply are well tightened.

Plug this cable from the power supply into the Super PWRgate connector marked **PS** (power supply). Confirm that the Powerpole® connectors are plugged together securely, and that the wire is straight at the connection point and is not under strain or bent over.



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## **Connecting the Load or Power Strip**

Anderson Powerpole® are used for all Super PWRgate connections. See the section “Powerpole® connector installation tips”.

The load wire should be heavy gauge and as short as possible. If connecting directly to a radio or other device, you will need to install Powerpole® on those cords. Modern radios use **RED** wire for positive, and **BLACK** wire for negative (or common or ground). Refer to the equipment manual if you have non-standard equipment. Plug this wire into the Super PWRgate terminal marked **OUT**.

If you are connecting the output to a power strip, such as a RIGrunner, it is recommended to use #10 wire, 3 feet to 6 feet long. At least one end will need Powerpole® installed; the other end can wire directly to the power strip or use connectors. Note that West Mountain Radio carries 3 feet and 6 feet long extension cables, #10 red and black insulated wire, with Powerpole® on both ends.

Plug this wire from the power strip or equipment into the Super PWRgate connector marked **OUT** (output). Confirm that the Powerpole® are plugged together securely, and that the wire is straight at the connection and is not under strain or bent over.

At this point, check out the system operation with the power supply. Turn on the power supply and turn on the radio or equipment. The radio or equipment should properly work.

## **Connecting the Battery**

Anderson Powerpole® are used for all Super PWRgate connections. See the section “Powerpole® connector installation tips”.

The battery wire should be heavy gauge and as short as possible; recommend #10 wire, 3 feet long. In addition, a fuse must be installed in the positive lead directly at the battery terminal. **Note, any short in the battery wire, connector, or load could result in fire and battery explosion.**

Large batteries have side, post, or threaded terminals. Deep cycle, marine, AGM, and others usually have 3/8 inch and 5/16 inch studs. Therefore, it is recommended to use a short 3 feet #10 wire, Powerpole® on one end, an in-line fuse (40 A max), and ring terminals for the battery end. West Mountain Radio carries a battery fuse kit, wire, and Powerpole®.

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## **Batteries**

**Caution: Handle batteries with knowledge and appropriate care. Batteries have dangerous chemicals that can seep out. Batteries can emit extremely explosive hydrogen gas that is explosive. Batteries, especially automotive and marine flooded lead acid, must be used in a strong, ventilated enclosure. Sealed lead acid batteries are much safer but must be correctly handled with care.**

**NEVER make the last connection directly to a battery causing a spark that could cause the battery to explode, sending debris and acid in all directions. Batteries can get very hot when improperly charged or if a cell gets shorted. Batteries will explode during charging or discharging for a variety of reasons. Batteries are safe when handled properly.**

Choose a 12 volt battery with an ampere-hour rating according to your power needs. If the batteries are placed indoors they must be sealed for safety reasons. Again, it is very important to place a fuse at the positive battery terminal.

This manual does not cover all the types of batteries, but for use in the ham shack a lead-acid types battery is recommended because they offer the best price to power ratio. Gelled cells and absorbed glass mat (AGM) batteries are sealed and are very safe. Some of these have a tiny positive pressure vent. Gelled cells are best to use with the Super PWRgate because the battery charging circuit comes configured properly and matches a 13.8 volt power supply. If using AGM batteries, it is suggested to slightly elevate the voltage for the power supply, and add a jumper change inside the Super PWRgate. It is not recommended to use other types of batteries, such as “starting”, “deep cycle” and “marine” batteries, or automobile batteries.

For additional information on batteries visit this website:  
[www.windsun.com/batteries/battery\\_FAQ.htm](http://www.windsun.com/batteries/battery_FAQ.htm)

West Mountain Radio carries size 24 Gelled and AGM batteries.

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## **System Checkout**

When the power supply and battery are connected, and the Super PWRgate is driving a radio, a quick checkout procedure should be followed:

- Run your radio, and unplug the power supply. The radio should operate without interruption now from the battery.
- Plug the power supply back in, and the radio will now be powered from the supply. If you have an ammeter on the supply it will show current.

It is recommended to use an in-line meter, such as the Power Analyzer sold by West Mountain Radio. It measures volts, amperes, watts, ampere-hours, and watt-hours simultaneously.

Place the Power Analyzer in-line with the power supply to measure its output. Unplug the load from the Super PWRgate to measure the battery's charging current. Plug the Power Analyzer into the Super PWRgate's output to measure either the power supply current if the supply is connected, or the battery's output current if the supply is disconnected or is turned off.

Refer to the charging circuit description to verify the different states when measuring the charging current.

## **Voltages**

Manufacturers list the lowest recommended DC supply voltage range for the specific radio model. Some radios are listed as 13.8 VDC +/- 15%, and others as 13.8 VDC +/-10%.

12 volt power supplies are regulated to provide 13.8 volts DC. The Super PWRgate has a diode in series that has a voltage drop of 0.25 V for 50 ma to 0.30 V for 1 ampere and 0.50V at 40 amperes. Under normal load the Super PWRgate output will be no less than 13.5 volts.

Fully charged 12 volt batteries exhibit around 13.5 volts open circuit. When supplying current, the battery's internal resistance diminishes the voltage. For instance, a 70 A-h battery will drop to 12.3 volts at 10 amperes at half discharge. The Super PWRgate will give a drop of 0.3 volts at 1 ampere, thereby providing 12.0 volts to the radio.

Additional voltage drops can easily occur due to the high current and the resistance in the wires, the fuses, and the connectors. Therefore, it is imperative to keep all wires as short as possible, as low of gauge as practical, and as few connectors as possible. Also use a large fuse on the battery, 30 or 40 amp to keep its voltage drop low. Use a voltmeter to check the voltage at the radio when running on battery power.

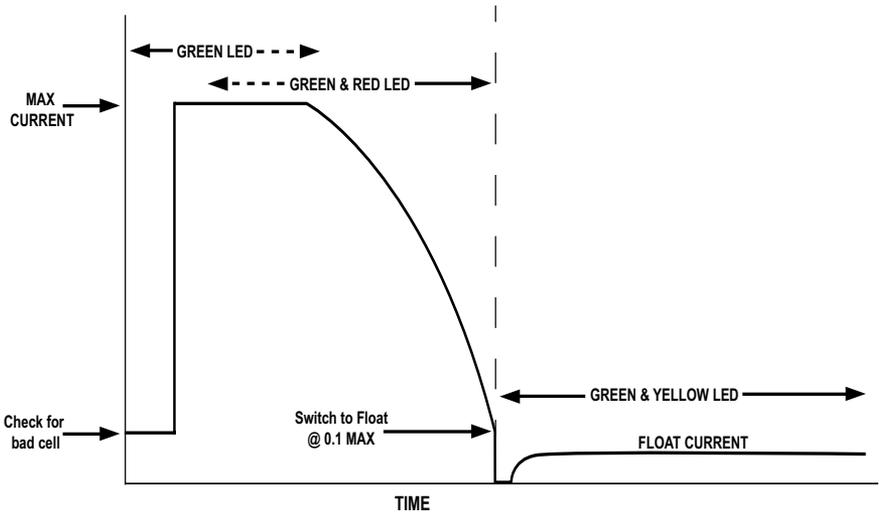
## Super PWRgate Charger

The charging circuit is a four-state high-current battery charger. The charging circuit, which is always connected to the battery, uses the power supply as the current source. It charges the battery automatically by knowing the battery's voltage. It also changes charging state if the power supply goes from "off" to "on", following a power outage, and it also changes state if the battery voltage drops when supplying heavy current. These conditions are interrelated to provide proper charging automatically.

The charger is a safe battery charger. It supplies the rated current if the battery is heavily discharged. Current drops in a smooth and progressively diminishing manner as the battery nears full charge. Note, that the charger is a feedback device and it cannot overcharge a 12 volt battery. Also, it will not charge a battery that has a dead cell.

The charging circuit has four selectable charging current settings, 1A, 4A, 7A, and 10A, to be chosen appropriately for the battery's rating.

### Typical Charging Curve



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The four charging states are:

**Trickle charge...** If the battery is below 10 volts, then a low current of 50 ma is supplied. This is a safe current if the battery has a dead cell. But if the battery is good, the voltage will slowly rise to above 10 volts and then the charger will switch to the bulk charge state.

**Bulk Charge....** This is a high current state, selected by the maximum current setting (Fuse Jumper), and controlled by the battery's voltage. The charger will provide up to maximum current, limited by the circuit, the power supply voltage, and the battery's impedance and voltage.

**Peak Voltage....** This is often called the "absorption" state. The battery is charged with the voltage limit elevated to 3.8 V or 14.2 V (see below), until the current has diminished to a tenth of the maximum setting. At this current, the charger will change to the float state.

**Float.....** This is the resting state of the charged battery, often called the maintenance state. The charger will supply sufficient current, up to the maximum selected current, to keep the battery at the float voltage of 13.5 V.

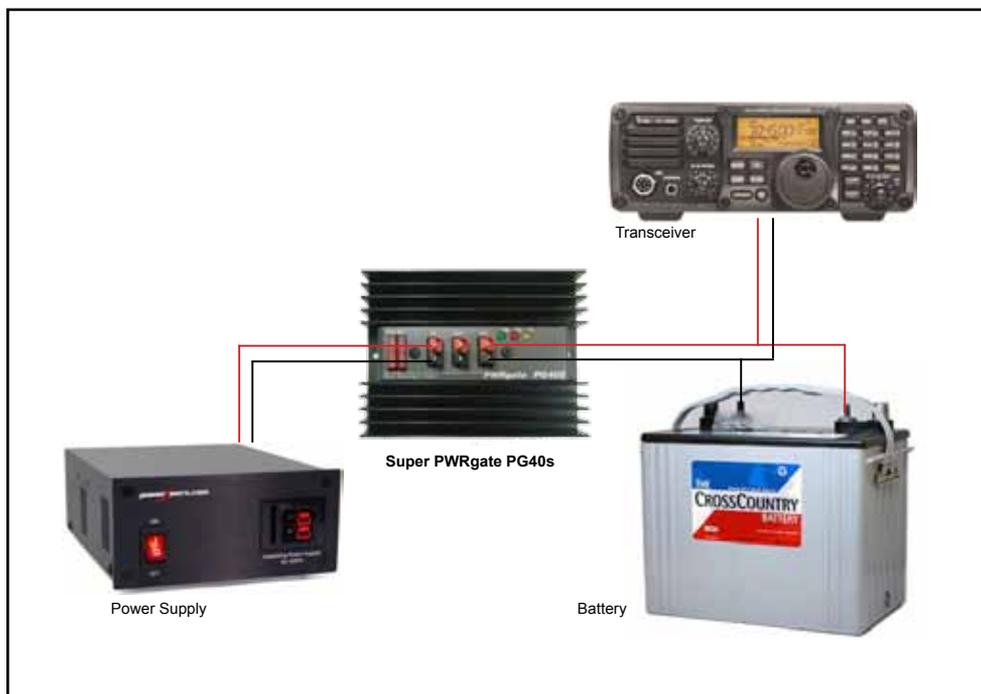
### **The states are switched as follows:**

**Turn-on....** If the power supply is turned on, and the battery had been discharged below 10 volts, the charger will start in the trickle charge state, and then, if the battery rises above 10 volts, it changes into the bulk charge state. If the voltage rises to above 12 volts, then the peak voltage state is entered. Then, when the current has diminished to one-tenth of the maximum selected current, the float state is entered. If the battery is charged to over 13 volts, turning on the power supply will cause the charger to remain in the float state.

This turn on cycle occurs following a power outage.

**Discharging Battery....** If a load is placed on the battery, and the charger had been in the float state, and the battery voltage stays above 13 volts, the charger will remain in the float state supplying up to full current. If the battery voltage is discharged to less than 12 volts, and the load is removed, the charger will enter the peak voltage and eventually the float state as above.

If the radio station is connected directly to the battery and not through the Super PWRgate output, then the battery will supply the load while the battery is being charged. In fact, the current will be shared between the load and the battery. This method of powering a radio station was described by W1ZR in an article in QST, Dec 2003. See the diagram below for aW1ZR configuration.



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## LED Indicators

**Green (ON)....** Indicates that the charger is fully active and will provide up to maximum current to the battery according to the battery's state. Note that this LED does not measure nor indicate current flow, only the charger's state, ie. "fully active state and would charge a battery if it were connected."

**Green (ON) and RED (PK)....** Indicates that the charger is in the peak voltage state (PK) and will provide up to maximum current to the battery. As the current is diminishing the charger attempts to reach an elevated battery voltage. When the current drops to one-tenth the maximum current setting the state changes to float.

**Green (ON) and Yellow (FL)....** Indicates that the charger is in the float state (FL) and will provide up to maximum current to the battery to maintain the battery at the float voltage of 13.5 volts.

A typical charging curve is shown in the figure.

## Choosing and Setting the Maximum Charge Current

The charger has three internal current sensing resistors that can be activated for determining the maximum current limit. 40A fuses are used as the high current switch (need a high current jumper wire. The 40A fuse has the lowest resistance of the ATC fuses and closely approximates a true jumper.) Note that leaving the fuses out provides a charge current of 1 ampere. To get different charging current values install the fuses as follows.

**1 Ampere.....** No fuse

**4 Amperes.....**Fuse in left socket

**7 Amperes.....**Fuse in right socket

**10 Amperes.....**Fuse in both sockets

Use the following charging current for the listed lead-acid battery ratings.

**Use 1 ampere for batteries from 3 to 12 Ah.**

**Use 4 amperes for batteries from 13 to 32 Ah.**

**Use 7 amperes for batteries from 33 to 50 Ah.**

**Use 10 amperes for batteries from 51 Ah up.**

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## **Advanced Charger Considerations**

### **Gelled Cells**

The battery charger uses the station power supply. For ham radio operators this is usually a 13.8 volt supply. Because of circuit components, this limits the peak charge voltage to around 13.6 volts, which is slightly less than a desired 13.8 volts for a gelled cell's peak. This results in a slightly low absorption state. The battery's charge, therefore, will be a few percent less than maximum available ampere-hours.

To achieve optimum battery charging, the power supply should be adjusted to 14.10 volts dc. The charger will now permit the battery to reach a peak voltage of 13.8 volts during the peak voltage cycle. The float state will remain at 13.5 Volts.

Note: Always use a accurate digital display voltmeter to assure accurate readings.

### **AGM Cells**

The charger can also be configured for an AGM type sealed battery. To do this precisely, the power supply should be re-adjusted to provide 14.50 volts. In addition, a jumper must be installed at J1 inside the Super PWRgate. Take the top cover off. The small blue jumper block should be lifted off the pin and re-installed shorting out the two pins. The charger will now permit the battery to reach a peak voltage of 14.2 volts during the peak voltage cycle. The float state remains at 13.5 volts.

Note: Always use a accurate digital display voltmeter to assure accurate readings.

Note that all major radio manufacturers specify that their radios will operate up to 15 Volts DC. Therefore using the Super PWRgate at an elevated voltage of 14.5 volts is fine.

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## Specifications

<b>Maximum Voltage:</b>	18 Volts DC
<b>Maximum Current:</b>	40 Amperes
<b>Circuit:</b>	Diode OR-Gate
<b>Diodes:</b>	Two Schottky 80 Ampere, 20 Volt
<b>Voltage Drop:</b>	0.25 VDC Quiescent 0.50 VDC at 40 Amperes
<b>Charging Circuit:</b>	Charging regulator IC Field Effect Pass Transistor Schottky Diode Fuse switched for 1, 4, 7, or 10 Amperes (+2,-8%) maximum Peak voltage limit: 13.8 (Gelled Cells), 14.2 (AGM), (+,-2%) Peak voltage terminate point: 1/10 max. current Float Voltage: 13.5 volts (+,-2%) Reference voltages are temperature compensated
<b>Connectors:</b>	Anderson Powerpole®, 40A
<b>Size:</b>	5.25 x 3.90 x 1.65 in, 13.4 x 9.9 x 4.2 cm
<b>Weight:</b>	0.9 lbs, 0.4 kg
<b>Mounting Holes:</b>	Two, 0.175 d, at 4.875 in. distance, for #8 hardware

## Powerpole® Wiring Guide

Powerpole® Series Contact	Recommended Wire Gauge
15 A	20-16 AWG
30A	20-12 AWG
45A	14-10 AWG

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### DC-to-GO Battery Box w/ RIGrunner 4008 and Super PWRgate PG40S Warranty

*DC-to-GO model* is warranted against failure due to defects in workmanship or materials for one year after the date of purchase from West Mountain Radio. Warranty does not cover damage caused by abuse, accident, misuse, improper or abnormal usage, failure to follow instructions, improper installation, alteration, lightning, or other incidence of excessive voltage or current. If failure occurs within this period, return the *DC-to-GO model* or accessory to West Mountain Radio at your shipping expense. The device or accessory will be repaired or replaced, at our option, without charge, and returned to you at our shipping expense. Repaired or replaced items are warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period. You will be charged for repair or replacement of the *Super PWRgate PG40S* or accessory made after the expiration of the warranty period.

West Mountain Radio shall have no liability or responsibility to customer or any other person or entity with respect to any liability, loss, or damage caused directly or indirectly by use or performance of the products or arising out of any breach of this warranty, including, but not limited to, any damages resulting from inconvenience, loss of time, data, property, revenue, or profit, or any indirect, special incidental, or consequential damages, even if West Mountain Radio has been advised of such damages.

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