

P.O. BOX 11846 TUCSON, AZ 85734 (520) 294-3292 • FAX (520) 741-2837 www.iotaengineering.com Smart Charge Controller
OWNER'S MANUAL

The IOTA IQ-AGM Charge Controller is designed for automatic charging control for DLS Battery Chargers with AGM battery applications, providing enhanced battery charging and maintenance. The IOTA IQ-AGM allows the DLS Charger to operate as an automatic "smart charger" that gives the customer the benefit of automatic Bulk/Finish, Float, and Maintenance cycles. Multi-stage charging with the IQ-AGM increases the charging capacity of the DLS charger, decreases the charge time, and ensures a maintained and full battery charge. The IOTA IQ-AGM monitors the battery at all times. If the DLS voltage remains in the Float stage for seven days, the IOTA IQ-AGM will automatically initiate the Maintenance Cycle for a predetermined time to help maintain the battery, and then resume Float Stage charging. ATTENTION: While the IQ-AGM is designed to accommodate most AGM batteries, always refer to the manufacturer's specifications for your battery's allowable charging parameters.

## **INSTALLATION**

The IOTA IQ-AGM Charge Controller installs by simply plugging the IQ cord into the Dual Voltage jack located on the DLS\* (Refer to Figure A). The IOTA IQ-AGM circuitry is then automatically engaged. Note: the cord provided is specifically designed for use with the IOTA IQ-AGM. Do not use the IOTA IQ-AGM with any cord other than one supplied with the unit.



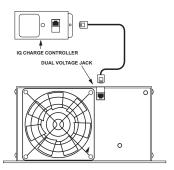


FIGURE A. IQ INSTALLATION

## **OPERATION AND LED INDICATOR REFERENCE**

The LED Indicator on the IQ informs the user of the DLS charging state and the battery charge status. When first activated, the IQ will read the number of cells in the battery and indicate the voltage of the battery through a number of flashes. **Refer to Figure C.** 

LIT/FLASHING LED - After detecting the battery, the IQ-AGM will initiate a Bulk/Finish Charge phase. When the IQ-AGM is in the Bulk/Finish Charge mode, the green LED indicator will flash rapidly (approx. 2 flashes per second). When the Bulk/Finish Charge is complete, the IQ-AGM will begin the Float Charge phase and the LED will remain lit (no flashing). Refer to **Figure B** for Charge Stage descriptions.

Figure B: Charge Stage Descriptions

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BULK / FINISH	The Bulk State charges the battery at the full-rated output of the charger, reducing the time it takes to charge the battery, then holds it for a predetermined 'finishing' period.			
FLOAT	Once the battery has been fully charged, the Float State maintains a full charge to the battery, and reduces the chances of "gassing."			
MAINTENANCE	If the battery has remained in the Float State for 7 days, the IO automatically provides reinitiates a bulk charge to ensure the battery remains in a completely charged condition.			

Figure C: LED Code Table

LED CODE TABLE						
CELL INDICATION						
6 FLASHES	12V Battery					
12 FLASHES	24V Battery					
CHARGE PHASE	LED STATUS		VOLTAGE 12-VOLT / 24-VOLT			
FLOAT	0	N	13.6 / 27.2			
BULK / FINISH	F	LASHING	14.7 / 29.4			

## **OPERATION AND LED INDICATOR REFERENCE (cont.)**

The LED indicator will remain lit or flashing when the charger is unplugged or disconnected from the AC supply (de-energized). During this time, the IQ continues to monitor the battery voltage. If the battery voltage drops below a pre-determined voltage (Refer to **Figure D** for predetermined values), the IQ will automatically initiate the smart-charging cycle once the AC input is re-connected.

*IRREGULAR FLASHING LED* - If the LED is flashing irregularly or intermittently, then the IQ has entered a FAULT state due to a voltage irregularity. When this occurs, the IQ must be re-set in order to resume normal operation. Refer to the FAULT STATE instructions below for re-setting procedures.

## CHARGING STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

**BULK / FINISH STAGE** - During this state, the charger will operate either at Full Current output or Constant Voltage output depending on the discharged state of the battery. A discharged battery will dictate the voltage and force the charger into constant-current operation. As the battery charges, the charger transitions to a constant-voltage operation. This BULK / FINISH STAGE will continue for up to 480 minutes. At this point, the IQ-AGM will switch to the FLOAT STAGE.

**FLOAT STAGE** - This charge state holds the batteries at Constant Voltage for a period not longer than seven days. During this state, the charger not only floats the batteries, but it can also provide load current up to its maximum rating for other loads without depleting the battery capacity. The FLOAT STAGE will end when either the battery voltage drops below the "Low Trigger" point or at the end of 7 days when the IQ-AGM initiates the MAINTENANCE stage to ensure a complete charged condition. In either situation, the unit exits the FLOAT STAGE and enters the BULK/FINISH STAGE.

**FAULT STATE** - If the IQ enters a FAULT state, its circuitry is automatically disabled. In this state, the functionality of the IQ is completely disabled, the LED will flash irregularly, and the charger reverts to a stand-alone FLOAT STATE voltage. The unit will not exit this stand-alone FLOAT STATE, therefore the unit must be reset by following the steps below.

- 1. Unplug the charger from its AC source.
- 2. Disconnect the [+] positive cable from the battery.
- 3. Wait 30 seconds before reconnecting the input and output. To avoid arcing, it is recommended that the charger be connected to the AC input FIRST before connecting the output of the charger to the battery\*.

\*Note that the connection sequence of the input and output covered above is recommended every time an operator connects the charger to the batteries. However, as long as the charger remains connected to the battery, periodic unplugging of the AC input does not require this sequence.

Figure D: Predetermined Stage Trigger Values

PREDETERMINED VARIABLES FOR OPERATION					
Battery Voltage	BULK / FINISH	FLOAT	LOW TRIGGER		
12V	14.7V	13.6V	12.8V		
24V	29.4V	27.2V	25.6V		