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INTRODUCTION

The CTEK M100 is an intelligent and flexible 12V battery charger, designed for marine environments. This fully automatic 8-step charger, maintainer, and power supply is suitable for all lead-acid batteries, including AGM types, commonly found in marine applications. It ensures optimal battery performance and longevity.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Important Safety Instructions:

- Always read the entire manual before using the charger.
- Battery charging can produce explosive gases. Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid open flames or sparks near the battery.
- This charger is designed for 12V lead-acid batteries only. Do not use it for other battery types.
- Avoid short-circuiting the charger terminals.
- The charger is splash-proof and dust-proof (IP65 rated), but avoid submerging it in water.
- The charger features spark-free technology and reverse polarity protection for safe operation.
- Do not attempt to open or modify the charger. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The CTEK M100 is a versatile battery management unit with several key features:

- **8-Step Automatic Charging:** Fully automatic charging, maintaining, and power supply in eight stages.
- **RECOND Mode:** Analyzes battery condition and, if possible, restores the health of stratified and deeply discharged batteries.
- **AGM Mode:** A dedicated charging program for AGM batteries, providing a faster charge and optimizing lifespan.

- **Supply Mode:** Can be used as a constant 12V power supply, preventing loss of important electronic settings when the battery is removed or replaced.
- **Float/Pulse Maintenance:** Patented technology for long-term battery maintenance.
- **Safety Features:** Splash-proof, dust-proof, short-circuit proof, spark-free, and reverse polarity protected.
- **Electronic Protection:** Designed not to damage sensitive electronic systems, preventing overcharging or undercharging.



Image: Top view of the CTEK M100 Marine Battery Charger, showing the mode button and indicator lights.

SETUP

Follow these steps to set up your CTEK M100 charger:

1. **Unpack the Charger:** Carefully remove the charger and all accessories from the packaging. The box includes the M100 charger, Comfort Connect Eyelet M10 connectors, and Comfort Connect Clamp connectors.
2. **Choose Connection Type:**
 - For permanent connection to hard-to-reach batteries, use the Comfort Connect Eyelet M10 connectors.
 - For temporary connections, use the Comfort Connect Clamp connectors.
3. **Connect to Battery:**
 - Connect the red (+) charger cable to the positive (+) battery terminal.
 - Connect the black (-) charger cable to the negative (-) battery terminal.
 - Ensure connections are secure.
4. **Connect to Power Outlet:** Plug the charger's power cord into a suitable wall outlet.



Image: The CTEK M100 charger shown with both the Comfort Connect clamp and eyelet connectors, ready for battery connection.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The CTEK M100 features fully automatic charging programs. Simply select the desired mode and let the charger manage the process.

1. **Power On:** Once connected to the battery and mains power, the charger will automatically start in the default mode.
2. **Select Mode:** Press the "MODE" button to cycle through the available charging programs:
 - **NORMAL:** For standard lead-acid batteries.
 - **AGM:** For AGM batteries, providing a faster charge and optimizing lifespan.
 - **RECOND:** For reconditioning deeply discharged or stratified batteries. Use this mode only when necessary.
 - **SUPPLY:** Provides a constant 12V power supply, useful for maintaining vehicle electronics when the battery is disconnected.
3. **Monitor Charging:** The indicator lights on the charger will show the current charging stage. The charger will automatically switch to maintenance charging (Float/Pulse) once the battery is fully charged.

4. **Disconnecting:** To disconnect, first unplug the charger from the mains power, then disconnect the black (-) cable from the battery, and finally the red (+) cable.



Image: A close-up of the CTEK M100 charger with its cables connected, indicating it is in operation.



Image: The CTEK M100 charger positioned next to a battery, demonstrating a typical usage scenario.

MAINTENANCE

The CTEK M100 is designed for minimal maintenance. Its patented Float/Pulse technology makes it ideal for long-term battery care.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the charger with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust or dirt. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Cable Inspection:** Regularly inspect the charging cables and connectors for any signs of damage, wear, or corrosion. Replace damaged components immediately.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the charger in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Long-Term Connection:** The charger can be left connected to the battery for extended periods for maintenance charging without risk of overcharging.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your CTEK M100 charger, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Charger does not start	No mains power; incorrect battery connection; battery voltage too low.	Check power outlet; ensure correct polarity (+ to +, - to -); if battery voltage is extremely low, it may be beyond recovery.
Error indicator light is on	Reverse polarity connection; short circuit; battery fault.	Disconnect and reconnect with correct polarity; check cables for damage; have battery tested by a professional.
Charging takes too long	Battery is very large or deeply discharged; incorrect mode selected; battery fault.	Ensure correct mode (e.g., AGM for AGM batteries); allow more time for charging; consider using RECOND mode if applicable; have battery tested.

If the problem persists, please contact CTEK customer support or refer to the full product manual available on the manufacturer's website.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	56-386
Input Voltage	12 Volts
Output Voltage	12 Volts (DC)
Charging Current	7 A
Compatible Batteries	Automotive and marine batteries (14 Ah to 150 Ah, maintenance up to 225 Ah)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	19.1 x 8.9 x 4.8 cm
Weight	800 Grams
IP Rating	IP65 (Splash and dust proof)
Country of Origin	China

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty: The CTEK M100 charger comes with a 5-year warranty from the date of purchase.

Support: For technical assistance, warranty claims, or further information, please visit the official CTEK website or contact their customer service department. Ensure you have your product model number (56-386) and proof of purchase available.



