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Model: 55701

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Nature Power 40-watt Portable Monocrystalline Solar Panel. This portable solar charger is designed for charging and maintaining 12V batteries, offering a convenient power solution for various applications such as job sites, boats, and GPS systems. Its briefcase design ensures portability and easy storage.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- Up to 2.2 amp of power production for efficient charging.
- Compact and portable briefcase design for easy transport and storage.
- High-efficiency monocrystalline silicon solar cells for maximum power output.
- Built-in diode to prevent battery discharge during low light conditions or at night.
- Includes a Nature Power Charge Controller for optimized and safe battery charging.

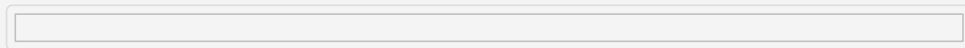


Image 2.1: The Nature Power 40-watt Portable Monocrystalline Solar Panel in its folded, briefcase configuration, ready for transport or storage.

3. SAFETY INFORMATION

Read all instructions carefully before using the solar panel. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Do not disassemble, modify, or attempt to repair the solar panel or charge controller.
- Ensure all connections are secure and properly insulated to prevent short circuits.
- Keep the solar panel away from open flames, heat sources, and flammable materials.

- Avoid direct contact with the solar panel's electrical terminals when it is exposed to sunlight.
- Use only with 12V batteries. Connecting to other voltage systems may cause damage.
- Position the solar panel in a stable location to prevent it from falling or being damaged by wind.
- This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm (Proposition 65 warning). Wash hands after handling.

4. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present and undamaged upon unpacking:

- Nature Power 40-watt Portable Monocrystalline Solar Panel
- Nature Power Charge Controller
- User Manual (this document)

5. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unfold the Solar Panel:** Carefully open the briefcase-style solar panel. Ensure the panels are fully extended and locked into position if applicable.
2. **Position the Panel:** Place the solar panel in a location where it will receive maximum direct sunlight throughout the day. Avoid shaded areas. For optimal performance, angle the panel towards the sun.
3. **Connect the Charge Controller:**
 - Connect the solar panel's output cable to the "Solar Panel" input terminals on the Nature Power Charge Controller. Ensure correct polarity (positive to positive, negative to negative).
 - Connect the charge controller's "Battery" output terminals to your 12V battery. Again, observe correct polarity.
4. **Verify Connections:** Double-check all connections to ensure they are secure and correctly wired. The charge controller should indicate that it is receiving power from the solar panel and charging the battery.



Image 5.1: The solar panel fully unfolded, showing the monocrystalline cells. This configuration is used during operation to capture sunlight.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once set up, the Nature Power 40-watt Portable Monocrystalline Solar Panel will automatically begin charging your 12V battery when exposed to sufficient sunlight. The integrated charge controller manages the charging process to prevent overcharging and protect the battery.

- **Monitoring:** Periodically check the charge controller's indicators (if available) to monitor the charging status and battery voltage.
- **Repositioning:** For extended charging periods, consider repositioning the solar panel throughout the day to follow the sun's path and maximize energy capture.
- **Disconnection:** When charging is complete or the panel is no longer needed, disconnect the battery from the charge controller first, then disconnect the solar panel from the charge controller.
- **Storage:** Fold the solar panel back into its briefcase form and store it in a dry, protected area when not in use.

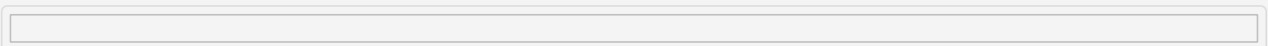


Image 6.1: The portable solar panel deployed next to an RV, demonstrating a typical use case for charging a 12V battery in an outdoor environment.

7. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and longevity of your solar panel.

- **Cleaning:** Keep the solar panel surface clean. Dust, dirt, and debris can reduce efficiency. Use a soft, damp cloth to wipe the surface. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.

- **Inspections:** Periodically inspect the cables and connections for any signs of wear, damage, or corrosion. Ensure all connections remain tight.
- **Storage:** When storing the panel for extended periods, ensure it is clean and dry. Store it in its folded briefcase form in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your solar panel, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power output / Battery not charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient sunlight • Panel is shaded • Loose or incorrect connections • Damaged cable or charge controller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move panel to direct sunlight. • Remove any obstructions causing shade. • Check and secure all connections, ensuring correct polarity. • Inspect cables and charge controller for visible damage. Contact support if damaged.
Low charging efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty solar panel surface • Incorrect panel angle • Partial shading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean the panel surface with a soft, damp cloth. • Adjust the panel angle to face the sun directly. • Ensure no objects are casting shadows on the panel.
Charge controller not indicating charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No power from solar panel • Incorrect battery connection • Faulty charge controller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify solar panel is in direct sunlight and connected. • Check battery connections and polarity. • If all else fails, the controller may be faulty. Contact support.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Nature Power
Model Number	55701
Material	Monocrystalline Silicon
Maximum Power	40 Watts
Maximum Voltage	12 Volts
Amperage Capacity	2.2 Amps
Efficiency	High Efficiency
Included Components	Nature Power Charge Controller
Connector Type	MC3 or MC4
Item Weight	9.9 Pounds (4.49 kg)

10. WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Nature Power product is covered by a **1-year limited warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from misuse, abuse, accidents, unauthorized repairs, or modifications. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

11. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, warranty claims, or further inquiries, please contact Nature Power customer support. Refer to the product packaging or the official Nature Power website for the most current contact information.

Note: Always provide your product model number (55701) when contacting support.