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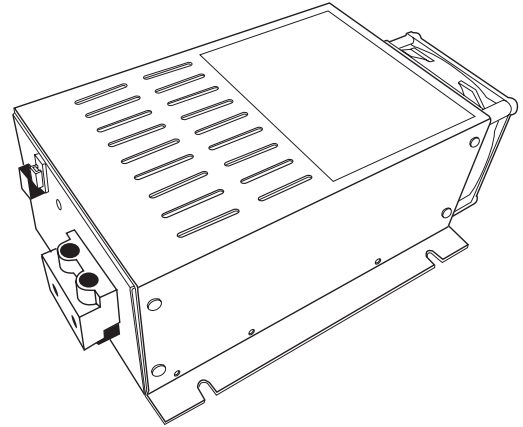
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## RDC BULLDOG POWER CONVERTER/CHARGER

### OWNER'S MANUAL



The RDC BULLDOG line of power converters/battery chargers from RIVERGATE converts 120 volts normal A/C to dual voltage D/C current. The factory D/C settings are: 13.6 vdc (low) and 14.2 vdc (high). As a power supply, its tightly controlled regulation allows the user to operate most devices that would normally operate from a "12 vdc\* system." As an automotive battery charger, the converter will maintain the battery, delivering its full-rated current when the battery capacity falls sufficiently low. The voltage is set to deliver its maximum current for the necessary period of time that minimizes undue stress to the battery caused by heating of its cells. This helps to ensure the longest possible life of the battery. Over time, as the battery nears its full capacity, the converter will float-charge the battery to prevent self-discharge of its cells.

\*12V is actually 13.8V

#### PROTECTION FEATURES

The RDC series power converter/battery charger is designed with high quality components to help ensure years of continuous use. The RDC series is protected by multiple protection features for a long, trouble-free life.

1) *Reverse Battery Polarity Protection.* 2) *Brown-Out Input Protection.* 3) *Over-Current Protection* - cycle by cycle peak limiting as well as rated current limiting to maximize the life of the converter. 4) *Over-Temperature Protection.* In addition, it is designed with a unique "proportional" fan control circuit. Fan speed is directly proportional to the converter's internal ambient temperature. This enables the fan to turn on and off very slowly, minimizing unwanted fan-starting noise.

#### WARRANTY

The RDC BULLDOG series power converter/battery charger is warranted from defects in materials or workmanship for two years from date of retail purchase, and limits the remedies to repair or replacement. This warranty is valid only in the continental United States and Canada and only after we have received the completed Warranty card. Keep your original invoice as proof of purchase!

MODEL	RDC 15 SERIES M	RDC 30 SERIES M	RDC 45 SERIES M	RDC 55 SERIES M	RDC 75	RDC 90
INPUT VOLTS (Vac)	108-132	108-132	108-132	108-132	108-132	108-132
FREQUENCY (Hz)	40-70	40-70	40-70	40-70	40-70	40-70
MAX AMP DRAW (AC)	4	8	12	15	18	20
MAX WATT DRAW (VA)	280.8 (432)	561.6 (864)	842.4 (1296)	1053 (1620)	1263.6 (1944)	1500 (2320)
OUTPUT AMPS (DC)	15	30	45	55	75	90

OUTPUT VOLTS (DC) 13.4-14.0 @ FULL LOAD

DIMENSIONS	RDC 15	RDC 30	RDC 45	RDC 55	RDC 75	RDC 90
WIDTH	6.7"	6.7"	6.7"	6.7"	6.5"	6.5"
LENGTH	9.7"	9.7"	9.7"	9.7"	13.0"	13.0"
HEIGHT	3.4"	3.4"	3.4"	3.4"	3.4"	3.4"

#### RDC BULLDOG USE AS A POWER SUPPLY

The use of "Male Banana jacks" or "Alligator clips" directly into the D/C power lugs is NOT recommended. If your device is equipped with Banana jacks, you should place the "Female" portion under the D/C lugs and plug directly into there. If you are using Alligator clips, we suggest taking two 3-inch pieces of #8 copper wire and shaping them into "L" shapes. Inserting one "L" in the positive (+) lug and the other in the negative (-) lug, you can now connect several devices without "piggy backing" your clips.

## RDC BULLDOG USE AS A BATTERY CHARGER

There are no components within the RDC unit that, in their normal operation, produce arcs or sparks. However, all electronic devices have some potential for generating sparks in the event of failure. Therefore, never install this device in the same compartment with flammable items such as gasoline or batteries.

### MOUNTING LOCATION

The RDC battery charger/power supply can be mounted in any position within an enclosed or interior compartment. Provide sufficient air space to allow unrestricted airflow in and around the unit.

### RDC INSTALLATION AS A BATTERY CHARGER

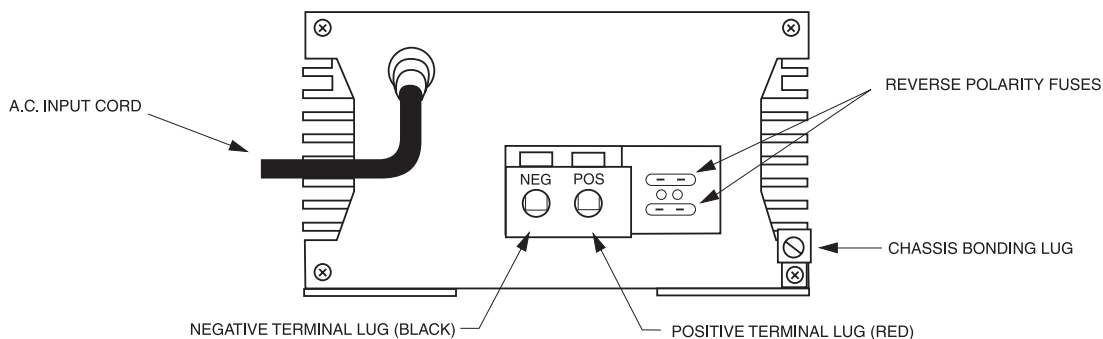
Disconnect the positive side of the battery before installation. Connect the positive (red) and negative (black) terminal lugs to battery or load. Always use the proper size wire based on the amperage of the converter and the battery. When connecting to a battery, a breaker should be installed within 18" of the battery, connecting the battery positive to the line side of the breaker, and the RDC to the load side. Connect "Chassis Bonding Lug" on the RDC to vehicle chassis or other grounding source.

### 120 VOLT A.C. INPUT

Plug the RDC A.C. input cord into a 120 volt 3 wire grounded source. See chart for maximum current draw and required input voltages.

### REVERSE POLARITY FUSES

The RDC Battery Charger/Power Supply is protected against reverse polarity on the DC output. If a battery or the RDC is hooked up incorrectly, the fuses will blow and can be easily replaced. Always use the same size and style fuse that came with the converter. To change the fuses, use a screwdriver to loosen the screws and remove the fuses. Always replace the fuses with the same type and rating. After inserting the new fuses, tighten the screws firmly. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

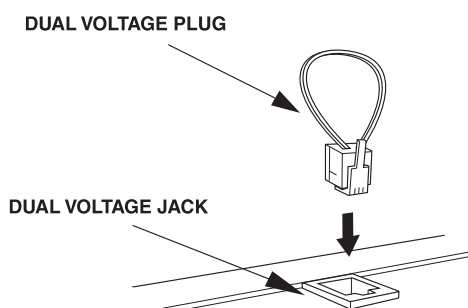


## CHARGE CONTROLLER OPTIONS

Charge Controller Options are designed for RDC units that **DO NOT** have the IQ SMART CONTROL FEATURE internally integrated. It is not necessary to utilize the Dual Voltage Jack or External IQ Controller for IQ-integrated RDC units.

### TWO-STEP VOLTAGE JACK

The two-step voltage jack (located on the end of the RDC unit) allows switching from a long-term float voltage of 13.6vdc up to 14.2vdc. When the included dual voltage plug is inserted in the jack, the voltage rises to 14.2vdc for occasional fast charging. When the plug is removed, the voltage drops to 13.6vdc to reduce battery water loss. **WARNING: To avoid battery damage, remove the Dual Voltage Plug when quick-charging is complete.**



### IQ SMART CHARGER

RDC power converters/chargers are designed to accommodate the IQ smart charge controller. The microprocessor-controlled charger turns the RDC charger into an "automatic" 3-stage "smart charger," giving the user the benefit of Bulk, Absorption, and Float stage charging. This increases the charging capacity of the RDC charger, decreases charge times and insures proper and safe battery charging without over-charging. The IQ controller inserts into the dual voltage jack on the RDC.

