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EC450/EC455 POWER CONTROL SYSTEM

EC400/EC450 POWER CONTROL SYSTEM**1. Introduction**

This section of the handbook will guide you through the operation of the electrical system. Further technical details are contained in section 3 or in the supporting dealer technical manual available from www.sargenttd.co.uk

For the safe operation of all electrical equipment within your Leisure Vehicle it is important that you read and fully understand these instructions. If you are unsure of any point please contact your dealer / distributor for advice before use.

The system has a number of key components that you will need to be familiar with before attempting to use the system, these are:

- **The EC400 / EC450 series Power Supply Unit (PSU)** - a combined mains consumer unit and 12V controller located in the front locker or bed box area. On locker mounted caravan versions this unit also contains the provision for the Radio/CD head unit. The EC400 / EC450 series of power supply units include the EC400 range (horizontal units) and the EC450 range (vertical units), further details are contained later in this document.
- **The EC400 / EC450 series Control Panel (CP)** - a remotely located user control panel used to turn circuits on and off and to display battery and water tank information. This panel uses simple straightforward controls and reliable data communication to the PSU.
- **Road Light Fuse Box** - This small unit, which is unique to caravans, is located in the front bed box. The unit houses fuses for the road lighting circuits and supplies from the tow vehicle, and also has connectors for the optional alarm system and Automatic Trailer Control (ATC) unit.

2 Using the System

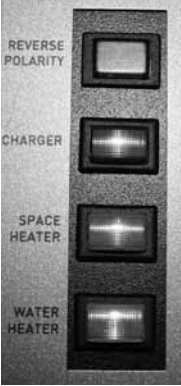
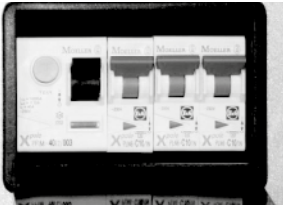


The PSU is located in the front offside locker area or front bed box in caravans.

2.1 Power Supply Unit - Models

A number of different PSU versions are used within the system. The operation of each model is very similar and is detailed below.

EC400 Sprite/Challenger Sport & Eccles Sport**EC450 Challenger/Conqueror/ Eccles & Elite**

2.2 Power Supply Unit - Component Layout

230V Components	
	<p>Red indicator – Reverse polarity indicator, lights up when the 230V supply polarity is reversed.</p>
	<p>Green push switch – Charger switch, this switch turns the 12V battery charger on or off. “In” is on “out” is off.</p>
	<p>Amber push switch – Space heater switch, this switch turns the 230V supply to the space heater / combination heater / central heating system on or off. In is on out is off.</p>
	<p>Clear push switch – Water heater switch, this switch turns the 230V supply to the separate water heater on or off. In is on out is off.</p> <p>Note, If the vehicle contains a combined space & water heater then this button is not used.</p>
	<p>Black lever switch, far left – Residual Current protection Device (RCD) and main 230V on / off switch.</p>
	<p>Yellow button, far left – RCD test button.</p>
	<p>Red lever switches, right – 3 x 10A Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCB). Please note that installations with a 3KW Alde heating system will have 2 x 10A and 1x16A MCB's.</p>
12V Components	
	<p>Black push switch, far left – System shutdown switch, this switch turns the power control system on or off. In is on out is off.</p>
	<p>Yellow push button, top right – Select button, this button is used to scroll through the display items on the LCD screen.</p>
	<p>Red push button, bottom right – Set button, this button is used to change the setting of the displayed item on the LCD screen.</p>
	<p>12V DC circuit protection fuses. Fuse number 1 is top left; Fuse number 14 is bottom, right. See section 3.5 for full fuse allocation details.</p>

2.3 Activating the System

The EC400 / EC450 system has a shutdown feature that should be used when the vehicle is in storage or is not being used for long periods of time. This allows the leisure electronics to be turned off when not required to save battery power. When in the off state the alarm and tracking system supplies are still active, most other supplies are turned off.

Before using the system please ensure the shutdown switch is in the system on position (button in).

2.4 Connecting to the Mains 230V supply and Safety checks

For your safety it is IMPORTANT that you follow these connection instructions each time your Leisure Vehicle is connected to a mains supply. This section assumes that the system is complete and that a Leisure battery has been installed (see 3.4).

- A) **Ensure suitability of the Mains Supply.**
Your Leisure Vehicle should only be connected to an approved supply that meets the requirements of BS7671 or relevant harmonised standards. In most cases the site warden will hold information regarding suitability of supply. If using a generator you also need to comply with the requirements / instructions supplied with the generator.
- Please note that some electronic generators may not be compatible with your leisure system. Further generator operational information is contained elsewhere in this manual.
- B) **Switch the PSU internal Power Converter OFF.** Locate the green 'Charger' power switch on the PSU and ensure the switch is in the off position (button out) before connection to the mains supply.
- C) **Connect the Hook-up Lead.** Firstly connect the supplied hook-up lead (orange cable with blue connectors) to the Leisure Vehicle and then connect to the mains supply.

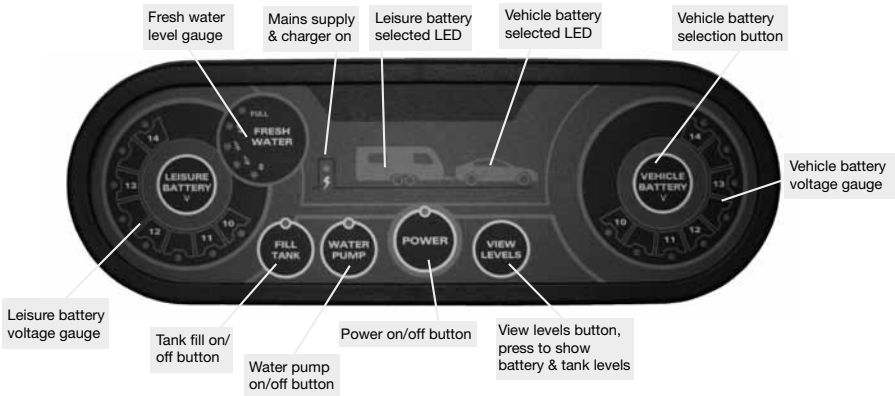
- D) **Check Residual Current Device operation.** Locate the RCD within the PSU and ensure the RCD is switched on (lever in up position). Press the 'Test' button and confirm that the RCD turns off (lever in down position). Switch the RCD back to the on position (lever in up position). If the test button failed to operate the RCD see section 3.10.
- E) **Check Miniature Circuit Breakers.** Locate the MCB's within the PSU (adjacent to the RCD) and ensure they are all in the on (up) position. If any MCB's fail to 'latch' in the on position see section 3.10.
- F) **Turn the PSU ON.** Locate the black 'Shutdown' button and ensure it is in the on position (press button in). Locate the green 'Charger' switch on the PSU and turn to the on position (press button in). The charger switch will illuminate when turned on.
- G) **Check correct Polarity.** Locate the 'Reverse polarity' indicator on the PSU and ensure that the indicator is NOT illuminated. If the indicator is illuminated see section 3.10.
- H) **Check operation of equipment.** It is now safe to operate the 12v and 230v equipment.

2.5 Control Panel - Component Layout

Depending on your type of caravan the control panel will vary in specification.

Not all features are present in all vehicles. Please refer to the following diagrams to identify your control panel.

EC451 - Caravans with water tanks



EC442 - Caravans without water tanks



2.6 Control Panel Operation

- Power Button.** Press the power button to turn the leisure power on. Press the button again to turn the power off. The adjacent LED will illuminate when the power is on, and also the voltage of the selected battery will be displayed on the voltage gauge.
- Pump Button.** With the power on, press the pump button to turn the water pump on. Press the button again to turn the pump off. The adjacent LED will illuminate when the pump is on, and also the level of the water tank will be displayed on the water gauge.
- View Levels.** To display the battery voltage levels and the water tank levels on the control panel gauges, press the levels button. The display will remain illuminated for 10 seconds. It is possible to lock the display 'on' to allow continuous display. This can be achieved by pressing and holding the view levels button for 2-3 seconds until you hear a beep. To turn this locked feature off, either press and hold the view levels button again for 2-3 seconds or turn the power off and back on.
- Battery Select.** By default, the leisure battery is selected as the power source if no mains supply is present, or as the battery to be charged when the mains supply is available. To change the selected battery, press the vehicle battery select button. The selected battery is indicated by an LED adjacent to the caravan or car logo.
- Mains on indication.** When connected to a 230v supply the LED with a "lightning strike" shown will be illuminated.

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- **Charging when the vehicle engine is running.** When the vehicle engine is running both the vehicle battery and the leisure battery LED's will flash in unison to indicate that they are connected together and are being charged by the vehicle.
- **Tank Fill Button.** For some caravans, with the power on, press the tank fill button to turn the external filler pump on or off. Please ensure you switch the fill button off when the external tank is empty to prevent damage to the pump.

2.7 Operation while driving

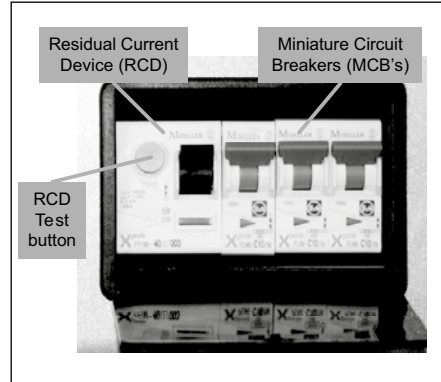
The EC400 / EC450 system is designed to shutdown parts of the system while the engine is running. This is to meet Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) regulations and to ensure the safe operation of the caravan. This is indicated by the two battery LED's flashing together.

Please ensure the system shutdown switch on the PSU is in the "on" (button in) position before driving (see 2.3). This will ensure the electronic system is active and will therefore be able to control the charging process, supply the refrigerator and monitor other system circuits.

3 System Technical Information

The following section provides further technical information relating to the electrical system. You can also access the supporting technical manual from www.sargentltd.co.uk

3.1 Residual Current Device & Miniature Circuit Breakers



The Residual Current Device (RCD) is basically provided to protect the user from lethal electric shock. The RCD will turn off (trip) if the current flowing in the live conductor does not fully return down the neutral conductor, i.e. some current is passing through a person down to earth or through a faulty appliance.

To ensure the RCD is working correctly, the test button should be operated each time the vehicle is connected to the mains supply (see section 2.4)

The Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCB's) operate in a similar way to traditional fuses and are provided to protect the wiring installation from overload or short circuit. If an overload occurs the MCB will switch off the supply. If this occurs you should investigate the cause of the fault before switching the MCB back on.

The following table shows the rating and circuit allocation for the three MCB's

MCB	Rating	Output wire colour	Description
1	10 Amps	White	230v Sockets
2	10 Amps	White (Yellow for heater)	Extra 230v Sockets / Space Heater
2	16 Amps	Yellow	Alde heating (EC470 PSU Only)
3	10 Amps	Black (Blue for water heater)	Fridge / Water Heater / 12v Charger (internally connected)

3.2 Battery Charger

The EC400 / EC450 system incorporates an intelligent three-stage battery charger / power converter.

During stage 1 the battery voltage is increased gradually while the current is limited to start the charging process and protect the battery. At stage 2 the voltage rises to 14.4V to deliver the bulk charge to the battery. When the battery is charged, the voltage is decreased at stage 3 to 13.6V to deliver a float charge to maintain the battery in the fully charged state. The charger can be left switched on continuously as required.

The battery charger / power converter also provides power to the leisure equipment when the mains supply is connected. This module supplies DC to the leisure equipment up to a maximum of 25 Amps (300 Watts), therefore the available power is distributed between the leisure load and the battery, with the leisure load taking priority as per the following example:

Leisure Load	Available power for battery charging
5A	20A
10A	15A
15A	10A
20A	5A

WARNING: Under heavy loads the Charger case may become hot. ALWAYS ensure the ventilation slots have a clear flow of air. Do not place combustible materials against / adjacent to the Charger

3.3 Leisure Battery

A) Type / Selection

For optimum performance and safety it is essential that only a proprietary brand LEISURE battery is used with a typical capacity of 75 to 120 Ah (Ampere / hours). A normal car battery is NOT suitable.

This battery should always be connected when the system is in use. The PSU is configured to work with standard lead acid leisure batteries, and in most cases is also compatible with the latest range of Absorbed Glass Matt (AGM) batteries. Before fitting non-standard batteries please check that the charging profile described in 3.2 is suitable for the type of battery by referring to the battery documentation or battery manufacturer.

The battery feed is fitted with an inline fuse between the battery and the electrical harness, and is usually located immediately outside the battery compartment or within 500mm of the battery. The maximum rating of this fuse is 20A per battery. If a single battery is fitted to a motorhome, this fuse may be increased to 40A, however if two batteries are fitted each battery should be fused at a maximum of 20A.

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B) Installation & Removal

Always disconnect the 230v mains supply and turn the PSU green charger switch to the off position (button out) before removing or installing the battery.

When connecting the battery, ensure that the correct polarity is observed (black is negative [-] and red is positive [+]) and that the terminals are securely fastened. Crocodile clips must not be used.

WARNING: Explosive gases may be present at the battery. Take care to prevent flames and sparks in the vicinity of the battery and do not smoke.

C) Operation / Servicing

Under normal circumstances it should not be necessary to remove the battery other than for routine inspection of the terminals and "topping up" of the battery fluid where applicable. Please see instructions supplied with the battery.

Note: Do not over discharge the battery. One of the most common causes of battery failure is when the battery is discharged below the recommended level of approximately 10v. Discharging a battery below this figure can cause permanent damage to one or more of the cells within the battery.

To prevent over discharge, the EC400-450 system incorporates a battery protect circuit that warns the users and then disconnects the batteries when they fall below set values.

If the power is turned on and the leisure battery level falls below 9V a warning beep will be heard and the leisure battery gauge 10V LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button.

If the power is turned on and the vehicle battery level falls below 10.9V a warning beep will be heard and the vehicle battery gauge 10V LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button.

These warnings will not be repeated unless the power switch is turned off and on again. This is to ensure the warning does not become a nuisance.

Battery	Voltage cut off	Action after cut off	Notes
Vehicle	10.9v	Battery selection is changed from Vehicle battery to Leisure battery. If the leisure battery is below 9v then a further warning will occur (see below).	This cut off level is designed to protect the vehicle battery from over discharge. The 10.9v level ensures there is sufficient power in the battery to run the vehicle electronics and start the vehicle. This cut off only applies to power drawn from the battery by the leisure equipment; it will not protect the battery if you leave vehicle circuits switched on, such as the road lights.
Leisure	9v	Power is turned off	This is an emergency cut off level to protect the battery from severe damage. You should not rely on this cut off level during normal operation, but manage your power consumption to a discharge level of 10v. This cut off only applies to power drawn from the battery by the leisure equipment that is controlled by the control panel power switch; it will not protect the battery from discharge by permanently connected equipment.

3.4 12 Volt DC Fuses

WARNING: When replacing fuses always replace a fuse with the correct value.
NEVER replace with a higher value / rating as this could damage the wiring harness. If a replacement fuse 'blows' do not keep replacing the fuse as you could damage the wiring harness. Please investigate the fault and contact your dealer.

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The following table shows the fuse allocation for the 15 fuses fitted to the PSU. Please note that fuses are dependant on PSU versions, so not all fuses may be present.

Fuse	Rating	Fuse colour	Description
1	20 Amps	Yellow	Not used in caravan application
2	15 Amps	Blue	Not used in caravan application
3	7.5 Amps	Brown	Not used in caravan application
4	15 Amps	Blue	Not used in caravan application
5	10 Amps	Red	Extractor Fans / Combination Heating Systems
6	10 Amps	Red	12V Sockets / TV Amp / Radio (caravan radio supply)
7	10 Amps	Red	Front Internal Lighting
8	10 Amps	Red	Water Pumps / Toilet
9	15 Amps	Blue	Not used in caravan application
10	10 Amps	Red	Not used in caravan application
11	10 Amps	Red	Bathroom lights
12	5 Amps	Tan	Electronics / Fridge / Alarm
13	5 Amps	Tan	Oven Ignition / Water Heater (where applicable / Separate water heater)
14	10 Amps	Red	Rear Internal Lights
15	25 Amps	White	Charger (fitted internally to PSU)

The following table shows details of the fuse(s) located at the Leisure battery. See also 3.3A

Fuse	Rating	Fuse colour	Description
Battery 1	20 Amps	Yellow	Fuse remotely located near battery

The following table shows details of the fuse(s) located at the Road Light fuse box, on the front wall inside the front bed.

Fuse	Rating	Fuse colour	Description
1	20 Amps	Yellow	Fridge Supply 12V
2	5 Amps	Tan	Left Hand Tail Lights
3	5 Amps	Tan	Right Hand Indicators
4	5 Amps	Tan	Fog Lights
5			Spare location
6	20 Amps	Yellow	Car Battery Supply 12V
7	5 Amps	Tan	Right Hand Tail Lights
8	5 Amps	Tan	Left Hand Indicators
9	7.5 Amps	Brown	Stop Lights
10	5 Amps	Tan	Reverse Lights

3.5 System Status and Configuration display

On the EC449 PSU, the unit contains an LCD display and two control buttons that allow system information to be viewed or settings changed.

Press the top yellow 'select' button to change the item being viewed. Press the bottom red 'change' button to change the setting. Both buttons work on a continuous loop, so if you want to return to an item or setting keep pressing the button until the required item is reached.

3.6 Water System Operation

The control panel pump button operates the internal (onboard) water pump. This pump will draw water from the internal (onboard) water tank (if fitted) or the external water inlet, depending on the position of the manual supply selector valve.

The system also incorporates a separate powered water inlet that can be used with an external filler pump to fill the internal (onboard) water tank (if fitted).

user when the fresh water level drops below 25% or when the waste water level reaches 100%. If the water pump power is turned on and the fresh water level drops to below 25% a warning beep will be heard and the fresh gauge empty LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button.

If the water pump power is turned on and the waste water level rises to full (100%) a warning beep will be heard and the waste gauge full LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button. These warnings will not be repeated unless the water pump power switch is turned off and on again.

This is to ensure the warning does not become a nuisance.

3.7 Warnings and Alerts

If the vehicle engine is started whilst the caravan is connected to the 230v supply, a warning beep will be heard. This is to warn you to remove the 230v supply before driving away.

When the vehicle engine is running both the vehicle battery and the leisure battery LED's will flash in unison to indicate that they are connected together and are being charged by the vehicle.

Low water level and waste tank, if the fresh water level drops to below 25% a warning beep will be heard and the fresh gauge empty LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button. If the waste water level rises to full (100%) a warning beep will be heard and the waste gauge full LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button.

Low voltage warning and cut off, if the power is turned on and the leisure battery level falls below 9V a warning beep will be heard and the leisure battery gauge 10V LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button. If the power is turned on and the vehicle battery is selected (being used) and the level falls below 10.9V a warning beep will be heard and the vehicle battery gauge 10V LED will flash. To cancel the warning, press the levels button.

3.8 Common Fault Table

Fault	Possible Cause	Proposed Fix
No 230 volt output from PSU	Connecting lead between the site and Leisure Vehicle not connected	Check and connect lead as per 2.4C
	RCD switched off	Reset RCD as per 2.4D
	RCD not operating correctly	Check supply polarity; if the RCD continues to fail contact your Dealer as there is probably an equipment or wiring fault.
	MCB switched off	Reset MCB by switching OFF (down position) then back ON (up position), if the MCB continues to fail contact your Dealer as there is probably an equipment or wiring fault.
	No or deficient supply from site	Contact site Warden for assistance
	Other fault	Contact your Dealer
Reverse Polarity light is illuminated on PSU	Mains Supply reversed?	The reverse polarity light is designed to illuminate when the Live and Neutral supply has been reversed / crossed over. If the light illuminates there is a problem with the site supply or the cable connecting the supply to your vehicle. The light is designed to work on UK electrical supplies (where the neutral conductor is connected to earth at the sub station). If you are using your vehicle outside the UK this light may illuminate when no fault exists. In these cases consult the site warden for advice.

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3.8 Common Fault Table

	Generator being used	'The Reverse Polarity warning light is on when using my Generator'. This is a normal side effect when using some types of generator. Instead of connecting the neutral conductor to earth, some generators centre tap the earth connection making both neutral and live conductors 110v above earth. This 110v difference causes the neon polarity indicator to illuminate. In most cases it is still safe to use the generator, but please consult the generator handbook for further information.
Control Panel Problems	Control Panel has no display	Check batteries and fuses, turn PSU shutdown switch and charger switch on and ensure mains supply is connected. Check control panel connecting lead at PSU and behind Control Panel. Contact your Dealer
	12v Power turns off	Battery protect feature has operated to protect the Vehicle battery and or the Leisure battery. See 3.4C Engine has been started, all equipment has been disconnected to meet EMC requirements. See 2.7
	Control Panel locked / erratic function	Observe control panel handling instructions Control panel software may have crashed. Reboot control panel by turning off the PSU isolate switch. Wait 30 seconds then turn the switch back on.

No 12 volt output from PSU	No 230v supply	Check all above
	Charger not switched on	Turn charger switch on, switch will illuminate
	Battery not connected and / or charged	Install charged battery as per 3.4
	Power button on control panel not switched to on	Turn power on at control panel
	Battery flat / Battery fuse blown	Recharge battery, check fuses, check charging voltage is present at battery
	Fuse blown	Check all fuses are intact and the correct value fuse is installed as per fuse table
	Equipment switched off / unplugged	Check equipment is switched on and connected to the 12v supply
	PSU overheated / auto shutdown operated	Reduce load on system. Allow PSU to cool down. PSU will automatically restart when cool.
	Other fault	Contact your Dealer
Pump not working	Fuse blown	Replace fuse with correct value as per fuse table.
	Pump turned off	Turn pump on by pressing the pump button at the control panel.
	Setting incorrect	Both the internal and external pump feeds are controlled from the control panel. To alter the setting of the pump switch see section 3.8 Ensure the setting matches your desired requirement.

3.11 Contact details

Sargent Electrical Services Limited, provide a technical help line during office hours. Please contact 01482 678981 if you require technical help. For out of hour support please refer to the tech support section of the Sargent web site www.sargentltd.co.uk

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4 Technical Data & Approvals

4.1 Caravan Equipment –

EC440,445,448,449 PSU & EC441,442,443,446,447,451 Control Panel

Outline Specification		
INPUT 230v	230 Volts / 0 to 16 Amps	+ / - 10%
OUTPUT 230v	RCD protected, 3 x MCB outputs of 10A Separate switched channels for water heater, space heater and charger	
INPUT 12v	2 x 20A battery inputs via 2 x 4 way connectors	
OUTPUT 12v	25A total output via multiple switched channels protected by 14 fused outputs	
CHARGER	Input 220-240 Volts AC +/- 10%, Frequency 50 Hz +/- 6%, Current 3A max. DC Output 13.6 to 14.4 Volts nominal, Current 25 Amps max (300 Watts). Overall size (HxWxD) 50 x 250 x 135mm	Fixing centres 128*128mm 1.2kg
Signal INPUT	4 x Fresh water level, 1 x Engine running, plus multiple vehicle connections	Fresh water negative sensed
Data IN / OUT	CANBUS Data communication and power to Control Panel via 6 way connector	
IP rating	IP31	
Operating temperature	Ambient 0 to 35°C Centigrade PSU case temperature with full load 65°C Max	Automatic shutdown and restart if overheated / overloaded
Dimensions		
EC449, EC448 PSU	Overall size (HxWxD) 395 x 205 x 170mm Clearances 75mm above, 50mm left & right	Weight 3.05 Kg
EC442, EC447 Control Panel	Overall size (HxWxD) 87 x 250 x 15mm Cut-out size (HxW) 70 x 233mm	Fixing centres 130*75mm Weight 114 g

4.2 Approvals

System: BSEN 1648-1, BSEN1648-2
compliant, BS7671: 2008 compliant

Residual Current Device: RCD 40A 30mA trip
to BS EN 61008

Miniature Circuit Breakers: MCB's type C
6000A breaking capacity to BSEN 60898

Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) directive
2004/108/EC Certificate CE20071224-1

Integrated Charger: BS EN 60335-1/2.29,
2006/95EC, IEC61000-3.2/3:1995, 1.

Low Voltage Directive: 2006/95EC TUV-
014900-A1, EN55022, Class B, EN55024/
Level 2

BATTERY BOX

THETFORD BATTERY BOX

The Thetford Battery Box is intended to accommodate an auxiliary battery in your caravan. The Battery Box has a CE socket to connect to a 230 V power supply. Inside the Battery Box there is the option to fit several sockets and outlets.

WARNING:

- Use precaution when mounting the battery, as batteries contain acid liquids which can cause severe injuries and damage when handled incorrectly. Refer to the instructions on the battery.
- No smoking is allowed in the area of the Battery Box!
- Please note that the CE socket has a max of 16 amp.
- The Thetford Battery Box is designed for use with foot mounted batteries. These are recognisable by the rim around the bottom edge of the battery. This rim will locate against the back wall of the Battery Box and the angle metal bracket, which is screwed into place when the battery is fitted. The depth of the battery including rim should be between 173mm and 175mm.
- This product meets the latest version of the EN 1648 part 1 and 2 standard.

Before placing the battery inside the Battery Box, the battery should be placed into the Soft Tray and rested on the ground adjacent to the Battery Box. Carefully connect the electrical wires (the red cable attaches to the + pole and the black cable to the - pole of the battery).

Note! Incorrect connection of the cables will cause a short circuit with potential hazardous consequences.

After mounting the terminals, lift the battery together with the Soft Tray into the middle of the Battery Box compartment. Push the Soft Tray with battery to the back of the Battery Box, into the safeguard bulge.

If necessary shift the Soft Tray to the right or left until the battery is in place in the safety area (see photo 1).

The battery is located in the compartment by the manual clamping plate. This has to be screwed to the front of the box (screw is enclosed in package).

Please ensure that the Soft Tray is pulled up tightly (to remove creases) before the plate is tightened. The rounded edge of the clamp prevents damage to the Soft Tray. Do not apply extreme force to the screw.

When attaching the 230 volt cable on the CE socket, the maximum recommended thickness of the cable is 10 mm. When closing the door, the attached cable is to be fed through the slot at the bottom right of the door.

The maximum battery size that can be fitted is 225mm high (including terminals) x 175mm deep x 353mm wide. The depth and width dimensions include the rim around the bottom used for securing the battery.

NOTE: Batteries that are not foot mounted, ie. without a rim can still be fitted, but check first that they will fit within the battery box and can be secured before purchasing.

NOTE: The battery box door is designed to grip the 230v cable to avoid damage to the inlet point if pulled.

BATTERY INSTALLATION



Cleaning and maintenance

- Use protective clothing and glasses when handling a leaking battery, and avoid direct contact to the skin, eyes and respiratory organ.
- Should a battery leakage occur, please act according to the instructions supplied by the manufacturer of the battery. Act with caution as caustic substances are present in the battery.
- Always remove the battery and the power cable before carrying out any maintenance of the product.
- Before removing the clamps switch off all appliances.
- Use a soft cloth or sponge and a non-acid/abrasive detergent when cleaning the Battery Box and Soft Tray.
- To check if any acid is present in the Soft Tray, simply press it softly. A strong smell from the Soft Tray may also indicate spilled

acid. Always treat spilled battery acid as hazardous waste. Dispose of spilled battery acid according to the local and national regulations.

- Before the camping season or extensive travelling, check the Soft Tray for faults and replace if necessary.
- The cleaning of the Battery Box and Soft Tray should only be done after all power sources have been switched off, in order to prevent a hazardous situations.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

Under normal circumstances it should not be necessary to remove the battery other than for routine inspection of terminals and 'topping up' if required.

WARNING: Explosive gases may be present at the battery. Take care to prevent flames and sparks in the vicinity.

Your caravan has been fitted with an in-line fuse between the battery terminal and caravan harness. It is recommended that the fuse rating fitted in this location does not exceed 20 amps.

WARNING: Switch off all appliances and lamps before disconnecting the battery.

Smoking is prohibited around the battery compartment.

To preserve the life of your leisure battery and charger please observe the following:

- Do not leave all 12V appliances powered at the same time as this will drain your leisure battery more rapidly.
- If all 12V appliances must be powered together, ensure the battery is 'in-circuit' and that the battery charger is turned on.
- For optimum performance use the transformer/charger unit with a leisure battery attached.

SOLAR PANEL AND GENERATOR

Battery

It is recommended that a good quality rechargeable leisure battery is always in circuit when the system is in use.

A deep cycling heavy duty 12V battery should be purchased to provide power for lights and other electrical appliances.

A proprietary brand leisure battery with a minimum of 85 Amp capacity is recommended.

Note: 85 Amp batteries and above should be checked dimensionally before purchasing, to ensure fitment within the battery compartment, as brands vary in size.

It should be remembered that batteries suitable for the electrical demands of a caravan differ in design from those for use with a car, and whilst the system may operate with a car battery it is strongly recommended that only a leisure type battery, maintained in good condition is used. The battery should be kept topped up at all times if required.

Note: Some models may have more than one 12V socket fitted, the 6 Amps indicated is available from the 12V socket provided no other 12V socket is used at the same time.

SOLAR PANEL CONNECTION POINT (where supplied - model specific)

A connection point has been included in the caravan electrical harness to take a 12V supply from an aftermarket solar panel (or similar device), to the caravan leisure battery.

The solar panel must provide a fused and regulated output in order to connect to this point. The connection point can be found inside the caravan adjacent to the battery box, in close proximity to the battery box fuse. Through the floor close to the battery box is a cable pass through, allowing a pair of wires from an externally located device to pass from exterior to interior to meet the connection point. This cable pass through will be capped both internally and externally with a cable entry gland.

A kit of parts is available from your caravan supplier which provides the mating half of the connection point. (The White rectangular connector found inside the caravan is a two way JST-LR type connector). For further assistance in identifying the connection, wire colours leading to the connector are detailed in the wiring schematic in your caravan service book.

GENERATOR USAGE

Caution should be used before connecting a generator to your caravan.

WARNING: Never start or stop the generator while electrical loads are connected and switched on. Start the engine, let it stabilise, then connect the electrical load. To stop engine, disconnect the electrical load and let engine stabilise before switching off.

Whilst some generators use inverter technology, others use a more basic principle to generate the 230v supply. Preference should be to choose a generator which produces a consistent sinusoidal wave form with accurate voltage control.

The reverse polarity warning light may illuminate when using a generator. This is a normal side effect when using some types of generator. Instead of connecting the neutral and live conductors 110v above earth. This 110v difference causes the neon polarity indicator to illuminate.

In most cases it is safe to use a generator, but please consult the generator handbook for further information.

HABITATION RELAY

Habitation relays are fitted to caravans by manufacturers to comply with the following legislation:

1. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 Regulation 60 - Radio interference suppression
2. Council Directive 72/245/EEC of June 20, 1972 amending for the purpose of their adaptation to technical progress, relating to the radio interference (electromagnetic compatibility) of vehicles and Council Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers.

A habitation relay must be fitted by manufacturers, safe guarding the consumer. The purpose of the relay is to disable non-homologated appliances/components whilst the vehicle is in transit.

Unintentional electromagnetic energy can be created by non-homologated devices within the habitation compartment, which could cause a malfunction of the base vehicles electronic systems/components, including safety critical items such as air bags, ABS braking etc.

EXTERIOR 230V SOCKET

The Bullfinch recessed electric socket is designed to give you a convenient electrical access point on the outside of the caravan, which is completely protected from the weather, even when in use.

With the caravan stationary and connected to a 220v/240v supply, raise the front cover of the socket and insert the plug of the equipment to be used. Close and latch the cover into place to provide a weatherproof seal.

Please remember that the equipment plugged into the socket may or may not be weatherproof.

To disconnect equipment, raise socket cover and remove plug, then close and latch the

cover into place to ensure a weatherproof seal.

Before moving the caravan from a pitch ensure that all accessory points are disconnected and latched in the closed position to prevent the ingress of water or other foreign matter from causing damage to the point or any of the caravans services.

Any item plugged into this socket will be supplied by the same 10A breaker (MCB) as the other items plugged into sockets within the caravan. Please take into account the total loading placed on the socket circuit and the site supply before switching equipment on. The socket should be used to power a single appliance with an appropriate power consumption rating – the socket is NOT suitable for use as a supply to power an adjacent caravan or motorhome.

