

ARGO Diode Battery Isolators

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Argo Diode Isolator 120A



Argo Diode Isolator 180A

Diode battery isolators allow simultaneous charging of two or more batteries from one alternator, without connecting the batteries together. Discharging the accessory battery for example will not result in also discharging the starter battery.

The Argo battery isolators feature a low voltage drop thanks to the use of Schottky diodes: at low current the voltage drop is approximately 0,3 V and at the rated output approximately 0,45 V. All models are fitted with a compensation diode that can be used to slightly increase the output voltage of the alternator. This compensates for the voltage drop over the diodes in the isolator.

Please see our book 'Energy Unlimited' or ask for specialist advice when installing a diode isolator. Simply inserting the isolator in the cabling between the alternator and the batteries will slightly reduce charge voltage. The result can be that batteries are not charged to the full 100% and age prematurely.

Alternator energize input

Some alternators need DC voltage on the B+ output to start charging. Obviously, DC will be present when the alternator is directly connected to a battery. Inserting a Diode or FET splitter will however prevent any return voltage/current from the batteries to the B+, and the alternator will not start. The new 802AC diode isolator features a special current limited energize input that will power the B+ when the engine run/stop switch is closed.

Argo Diode Battery Isolator	80-2AC	903SC	120-2AC	1203SC	1602SC	1603SC
Maximum charge current (A)	80	70	100	100	130	130
Maximum alternator current (A)	80	90	120	120	160	160
Number of batteries	2	3	2	3	2	3
Alternator Energise Input	yes	no	yes	no	no	no
Connection	M6 Studs	M8 Studs	M8 Studs	M8 Studs	M8 Studs	M8 Studs
Connection compensation diode	Faston	M4	Faston	M4	M4	M4
Weight kg (lbs)	0,8 (1.8)	1,2 (2.6)	0,8 (1.8)	1,2 (2.6)	1,2 (2.6)	1,5 (3.3)
Dimensions h x w x d in mm (h x w x d in inches)	60 x 120 x 80 (2.4 x 4.7 x 3.2)	60 x 120 x 150 (2.4 x 4.7 x 6.0)	60 x 120 x 100 (2.4 x 4.7 x 3.9)	60 x 120 x 150 (2.4 x 4.7 x 6.0)	60 x 120 x 150 (2.4 x 4.7 x 6.0)	60 x 120 x 200 (2.4 x 4.7 x 7.9)

