

160W ETFE FOLDING SOLAR PANEL

+ OWNERS/INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Please ensure that you have read the product manual and instruction in full prior to use. Failure to do so may result in incorrect operation and therefore impact on the products performance. It is recommended this solar system is installed by an experienced professional.

### SAFETY/WARNING

- Before using the XTM folding solar panel kit ensure the instructions have been read and understood.
- The folding solar panel kit is not intended for use by young children or infirm persons. Please keep away from pets.
- The XTM folding solar panel kit is designed to charge most 12 volt battery types including: Flooded (Lead acid), Gel, Sealed/Mat (AGM), VRLA and LiFePO4 (Lithium) batteries.
- Always wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when working near batteries.
   This includes gloves and eye protection.
- Ensure battery is being charged in a well-ventilated area. Explosive gases may escape from the battery during charging. Never charge a battery in a closed off space or in an area without ventilation.
- Never smoke, use an open flame or create sparks near a battery or charger whilst charging as
  gases may cause explosion. Please keep burning cigarettes, flames or other ignition sources away
  from the charging battery at all times.
- Do NOT attempt to use the folding solar panel kit if the cables or plugs are damaged. These units
  do not contain serviceable parts. To avoid a hazard ensure that any damage to the unit, cable or
  plugs are replaced by a qualified technician.
- Do NOT disassemble the folding solar panel kit. The warranty will be void if this instruction is ignored.
- If battery is still connected in the vehicle, ensure vehicle ignition is switched off before charging the battery.
- Do NOT place the folding solar panel kit on fabric/leather/vinyl seats on the battery or balanced in the engine bay.
- Never charge a frozen battery, non-rechargeable or dry cell battery.
- The XTM folding solar panel kit may have sharp edges-please handle with care.
- Do NOT bend or scratch folding solar panel kit.
- Do NOT walk, sit or place heavy items onto the folding solar panel kit or the kit in the bag.
- Do NOT use a high pressure hose to clean the folding solar panel kit. Use a clean microfibre cloth to clean the folding solar panel kit surfaces.



### XTM 15A MPPT SOLAR CHARGER CONTROLLER

- Do NOT disassemble or attempt to repair the controller.
- Power connections must remain tight to avoid excessive heating from a loose connection.
- Only charge 12V batteries that comply with the parameters of the controller.
- Battery connection may be wired to one battery or a bank of batteries.
- Keep in a dry well-ventilated area.
- Use appropriate size cable for the distance required, if unsure consult a qualified professional.

### CONNECTION ORDER

### STEP 1. Battery Connection

- 1. Remove fuse from holder in battery cables.
- 2. Make connections to battery and controller 50A connector wired to battery symbol marked step 1 on the controller. Paying particular attention to "+" and "-". Red to positive and black to negative on battery.
- 3. Install the fuses and check for both the PV and Battery LED to be illuminated on the controller after 1 second, both will stay illuminated for 1 second. The PV LED will extinguish. The battery LED may flash depending on the battery voltage.

3a.If hard wiring, connect a fuse in the battery positive circuit, within 150mm of the battery. The fuse must be 1.25 to 2 times the rated current of the controller.

WARNING: If condition 3 is not met stop immediately! Check connections at battery for reverse polarity and correct if necessary. If connections are continued with no LEDs illuminated, irreparable damage will occur. This may even result in FIRE.

### STEP 2. Load Connection

- 1. It is recommended for heavy loads (greater than the claim on the controller) to be connected directly to the battery. All connections to be battery should be adequately fused.
- 2. Remove the fuse from the circuit and make connections to the wires connected to the controller marked step 2. Paying particular attention to the polarity. When finished insert the fuse.
- 3. If there is no output, check the load does not exceed the current marked on the controller. If required reduce the load and continue.



#### STEP 3. PV Connection

1.Remove the fuse and connect the solar device (solar panel/blanket) to the 50A connector wired to the controller and marked step 3. Again, paying particular attention to the polarity then reinsert the fuse.

2.0bserve the LEDS and if all connections are correct, after 1 second both the battery and PV LEDS will illuminate for 10 seconds. If all connections are correct the PV LED will start flashing, and the battery LED will be either solid or flashing, depending on the battery voltage. Refer to LED indicators section for more information.

### **FIRST AID & BATTERIES**

- For advice, contact the Poisons Information Centre in Australia (PH:13 1126)
- If battery acid makes contact with the skin or clothing, wash immediately with soap and water.
- If battery acid makes contact with the eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with fresh running water for at least 15 minutes or until the Poisons information centre advises you to stop.
- If battery acid is swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Drink a glass of water and seek medical assistance.

### SPECIFICATION:

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY	High Efficiency Monocrystalline
POWER OUTPUT	160 Watt Max @ 20.60V
TESTING CONDITION	AM1.5, 1000W/m², 25°C
OPERATE TEMPERATURE FOR PANEL ONLY	-40°C to +85°C
ACCESSORIES	5m extension lead with 50A connectors 90cm extension lead with 50A connector and alligator clips
	15A 12V IP68 Dustproof and waterproof MPPT controller. Suitable for Deep Cycle, Gel, AGM, VRLA, Flooded and LiFeP04 (Lithium) batteries.
DIMENSION	585x785x40mm (Folded) 1180x785x17mm (Open)



### CAUTION:

- Use and store the product in a dry and well ventilated location.
- Do not use near flammable liquids or explosives.
- Stop use immediately if any wires become loose or electronic components are exposed.

## **INSTALLATION GUIDE:**

## Step 1:

Locate a clear sunlit area free from overhanging branches or heavy shade.

## Step 2:

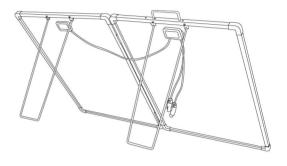
Unfold the solar panels, adjust the two supports to the suitable angle.

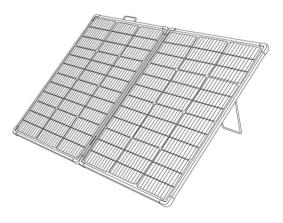
## Step 3:

Always face the front side of solar panels toward the sun.

## ▲ Note:

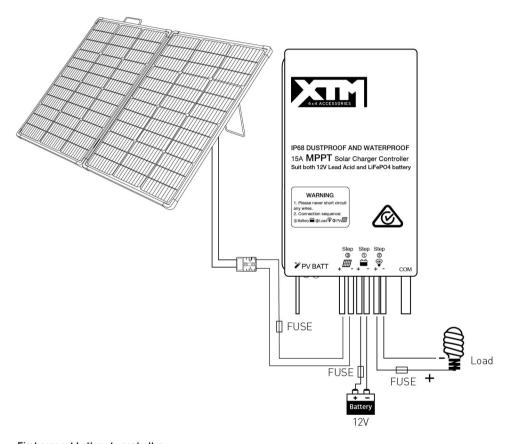
To ensure maximum possible output, it is recommended that the Solar Panels are regularly moved to follow the sun's movement throughout the day.







# **HOW TO CHARGE A 12V BATTERY**



First connect battery to controller.

Second connect load to controller.

Last connect solar panel to controller.

NOTE: Heavy loads should be connected to the battery directly.

Do not expose connections to water.

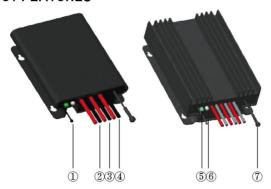


### XTM 15A MPPT SOLAR CHARGE CONTROLLER

### 1. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all the instructions in the manual before installation.
- DO NOT disassemble or attempt to repair the controller.
- Install external fuse or breaker as required.
- Do disconnect the solar module and fuse/breakers near to battery before installing or moving the controller.
- Power connections must remain tight to avoid excessive heating from a loose connection.
- Only charge batteries that comply with the parameters of controller.
- Battery connection may be wired to one battery or a bank of batteries.
- Risk of electric shock, the PV and load can produce high voltages when the controller is working.

### 2. PRODUCT FEATURES

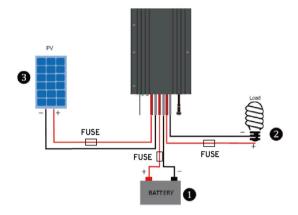


1	Temperature Sensor	(5)	Charging Status LED indicator
2	PV Positive and Negative Wires	6	Battery Status LED indicator
3	Battery Positive and Negative Wires	7	Waterproof Cap
(4)	Load Positive and Negative Wires		

- NOTE: 1. The temperature sensor short-circuited or damage, the controller will be charging or discharging at the default temperature 25°C.
  - 2. The waterproof cap must be fitted to prevent water & dust entering the unit.
  - 3. COM adaptor not available with this unit.



# 3. WIRING



# 4. LED INDICATORS

Indicator	Color	Status	Instruction
PV	Green	On Solid	Photovoltaic (PV) connection normal but low voltage (irradiance) from PV, no charging
	Green	Off	No PV voltage(night time) or PV connection problem
	Green	Slowly Flashing (1 flash per second)	Charging
	Green	Fast Flashing (4 flashes per second)	PV Over voltage
	Green	On Solid	Normal
	Green	Slowly Flashing (1 flash per second)	Full
BATT	Green	Fast Flashing (4 flashes per second)	Over voltage
	Red	On Solid	Over discharged
	Red	Fast Flashing (4 flashes per second)	Battery Overheating
Charging (green) and battery indicator (orange) flashing simultaneously			System voltage error



#### 5. INBUILT CONTROLLER PROTECTIONS

Photovoltaic(PV) Protections:

PV Over Current

Where PV over current occurs, battery charging will be limited to the maximum battery current rating. Oversized solar arrays will therefore not operate at peak power.

PV Short Circuit

Where PV short circuit occurs, or PV input short circuits on lower power, charging will stop, the controller will turn off and the LED not be illuminated. Disconnect PV input from controller and check for short circuit in the wiring and reconnect.



WARNING: Damage to the controller may occur where PV input short circuits on high power.

PV Reverse Polarity

Where reserve polarity occurs, check the wire connections and resume normal operation.

WARNING: If this controller is connected to a different PV to the one supplied and the power from that solar panel (PV) is greater than 300W damage WILL occur to controller.

## **Battery Protections**

• Battery Reverse Polarity

Where battery reverse polarity occurs, check wire connections and resume normal operation.

Battery Over Voltage (16V)

Where over voltage is detected, the controller will stop charging the battery, to prevent damage to the battery. Refer to section 7 Technical specifications.

Battery Over Discharge (11.1V)

Where over discharge (low voltage) is detected, the controller will stop power supply to load, to prevent damage to the battery. Refer to section 7 Technical specifications.



### Battery Overheating

The controller monitors environmental temperature via a sensor. Where environmental temperatures exceed 65°C, the controller will cease charging until the temperature reached 55°C, after which charging will resume.

#### • Temperature Sensor Error

If temperature sensor faults, the controller will continue to charge/discharge battery at the default temperature of 25°C, to prevent damage to the battery from overcharging & low voltage.

#### • Lithium battery Low Temperature

The temperature sensor is less than the low-temperature value -10°C, and the Lithium battery stops charging/discharging. It is higher than the low-temperature value -10°C, and the Lithium battery starts charging/discharging.

#### Load Overload

The controller will disconnect the load where the load current exceeds the maximum load current rating of 1.05 times(15.75 amps). Where overload does occur, reduce load demand and restart controller.

#### Load Short Circuit

The controller will disconnect the load if short circuit (greater than or equal to 60 amps) occurs and will attempt reconnection 5 times. If reconnection attempts attempts fail, the user must clear short circuit by disconnection the controller from the circuit, check all the wiring for the short circuit and reconnect the controller (follow the steps outlined on the front of the controller) to reset. If restart fails, please refer to 6 Troubleshooting.



### 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Faults	Possible reasons	Action
LED charging indicator turns off in daylight, despite PV modules under direct sun.	Photovoltaic(PV) array disconnection	Check PV & battery wire connections are correct and tight.
No LED indicator	Battery voltage may be less than 8.5V	Measure battery voltage with a multi-meter. A minimum of 8.5V are required to power the controller.
Battery LED indicator - fast flashing - green	Battery over voltage	Check if battery voltage is higher than the over voltage disconnect and disconnect the PV.
Battery LED indicator red	Battery over discharged	When the battery voltage is restored to or above LVR point (low voltage reconnect voltage), the load will recover.
Battery LED indicator red flashing	Battery Overheating	The controller will automatically turn off until temperature falls below 55 °C, then resume normal operation.
Load output has stopped	Load Overload ^	① Reduce output load demand. ② Restart controller.
	Load Short Circuit ^	① Check load connections, clear controller fault. ② Restart controller.

<sup>^</sup> Where overload or short circuit occurs and the controller ceases charging, it will then attempt auto-recovery 5 times, in the following timing intervals: 5s, 10s, 15s, 20s and 25s.



### 7. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Item Model	Tracer3906BP
Nominal system voltage	12VDC
Battery input voltage range	8.5~32VDC
Rated charge/discharge current	15A
Rated charge power	200W
Max. PV open circuit voltage	58V(at minimum operating environment temperature)
	46V(at 25°C environment temperature)
MPPT Voltage range	(Battery voltage+2V)~36V
Battery Type	Sealed/Gel/Flooded/LiFePO4 (Lithium)
Equalize Charging Voltage	14.4V
Boost Charging Voltage	14.4V
Float Charging Voltage	13.8V
Over Voltage Disconnect Voltage	16V
Low Voltage Reconnect Voltage	12.8V
Low Voltage Disconnect Voltage	11.1V
Self-consumption	≤13mA
Temperature compensation coefficient	-3mv/°C/2V
Working environment temperature	-10°C~+60°C
Enclosure	IP68
Overall dimension	150x93.5x32.7mm
Mounting hole size	Ф3.5mm
Mounting dimension	120x83mm
Net weight	0.74kg

### 8. DISCLAIMER

Under the following conditions, product warranty does not cover/apply:

- Damage caused through misuse, including use within unsuitable environments.
- Damage caused as a result of PV, load current, voltage or power exceeding the rated value of the controller.
- Damage caused from use in excessively hot environments.
- If the controller has been disassembled, opened or altered by the user.
- Damage caused from natural elements, for example lightning.
- Damage caused during transportation by the user.
- · Damage caused by exposing connections to water.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What type of batteries can be used with the solar battery charger kit?

A. Deep Cycle, Gel, AGM, VRLA, Flooded and LiFePO4 (Lithium) batteries.

Q. Will the folding solar panel over charge my battery?

A. No. The Solar battery charger kit controller ensures that a steady charge is supplied to the battery without over charging.

Q. Can I extend/lengthen the battery lead wire?

A. If the lead is extended, this can result in a loss of voltage causing insufficient power being transferred from the Solar Panels to the battery. Use appropriate size cable for the distance required, if unsure consult a qualified professional. Product modifications will void your warranty.

Q. How do I clean the solar battery charger kit panels?

A. Dust & dirt should first be swept off the panel surface using a soft brush or a microfibre cloth. Then, using a clean microfibre cloth, wipe the solar panel surfaces to remove remaining dirt & grime. It is recommended that any bird droppings be removed as soon as possible to avoid surface damage.

Q. Is the 160W Folding Solar Panel Kit waterproof or waterproof?

A. Yes, the solar panel is waterproof and dust proof to a rating of IP67.

NOTE: Do not expose connections to water.

Q. Is the 12V 15A MPPT Solar Charge Controller waterproof?

A. Yes, the controller is IP68 rated, waterproof and dust proof.

NOTE: Do not expose connections to water.

Q. What is photovoltaic?

A. The photovoltaic(PV) effect are solar cells that produce direct current electricity from sunlight which can be used to power equipment or to recharge a battery.



### WARRANTY

Our product is guaranteed to be free from quality and manufacturing defects for a period of 12 months.

If your product becomes defective during this period, SRGS PTY LTD will offer you either a replacement, credit or refund where a product is faulty; wrongly described; different from the sample shown to you or do not do what they are supposed to do.

This warranty will not cover substantially modified product; misuse or abuse of the product contrary to user instructions or packaging label; change of mind and normal wear and tear.

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and failure does not amount to a major failure.

To claim the warranty, take the product to the front Service Desk of your nearest store of purchase. You will need to show receipt or other proof of purchase. Additional information may be required to process your claim. Should you not be able to provide proof of purchase with a receipt or bank statement, identification showing name, address and signature may be required to process your claim.

Any expenses relating to the return of your product to the store will normally have to be paid by you. For online store purchases, SRGS PTY LTD will pay for the return freight for any product assessed as having a major failure.

The benefits to the customer given by this warranty are in addition to other rights and remedies of the Australian Consumer Law in relation to the goods or services to which this warranty relates.

This warranty is provided by SRGS PTY LTD, 6 Coulthards Avenue, Strathpine QLD 4500, Australia. Phone: 1300 880 764.





PLU	696405
Construction	Monocrystalline solar panels
Max power (Nom.)	160W
Dimensions (folded)	585x785x40mm
Dimensions (open)	1180x785x17mm
Max power voltage	20.6V
Max power current	7.8A
Open circuit voltage	24.5V
Short circuit current	8.55A
Power Tolerance	±3%
Cable length	5+0.9 Metre
Operating temperature for panel only	-40°C to +85°C
Standard test conditions	AM1.5 1000W/m <sup>2</sup> 25°C
Manufactured in	China



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