



# BATTERY METER

## SMART BATTERY GUAGE



# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Please read this instruction thoroughly before installing the product.

## **WARNINGS**

- Risk of explosive gas. Working in the vicinity of a lead-acid battery can be dangerous
- Batteries might release explosive gases during normal operation and charging
- Before using the product, read and follow the instructions carefully. Follow all manufacturer's instructions
- Do not smoke, use matches, use a cigarette lighter, or allow a spark or flame near the battery
- Remove rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches when working with a lead-acid battery
- Before accessing the battery leads (Red for positive and Black for negative), disconnect the all devices or power sources from sockets and dc terminals provided by the product
- Do not submerge the product in water or expose to rain
- Not recommended to use the product for critical power backup application
- Designed to work with 12V lead acid battery only
- This appliance is not intended for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision. Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance
- Ensure that all cable connections have the correct polarity and are protected against accidental short circuit
- Do not allow water or other liquids to enter the installation area

## OVERVIEW

Projecta BM320 – A sophisticated, full colour LCD monitor that accurately displays a battery's total capacity, overall health and general status. It is Ideal for camper trailer and caravan interiors as it is housed in a modern and simple to install enclosure. The BM320 comes with all the necessary components to connect to your battery system.

It has the following features:

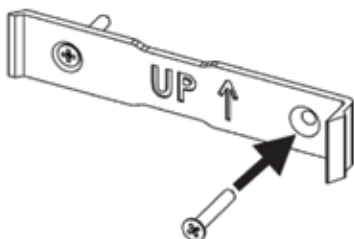
- 2.4" full colour LCD display
- Configurable Low battery capacity and battery health alarm
- Suitable for popular deep cycle AGM lead acid battery
- Using patented technology to monitor battery characteristics like battery state of charge and state of health

## DISPLAY SCREEN INSTALLATION

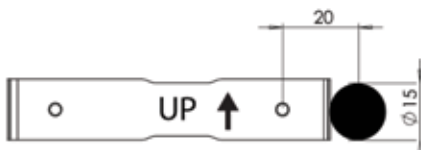
Choose a flat location which is easily accessible and easy to view the display screen.

The location should be indoors away from weather.

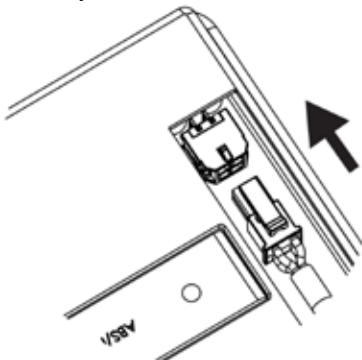
Screw the mounting clip using supplied self-tapping screws ensuring that the arrow is pointing "UP".



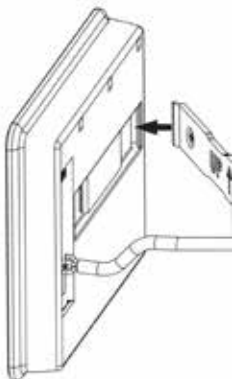
Drill a 15mm Diameter hole 20mm from the screw hole as pictured to allow the connector to pass through.



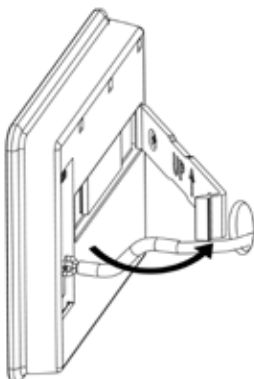
Plug in the supplied four pin connector to the receptacle at the back of the battery monitor.



Feed the cable through the pre drilled hole and slide the left hand side of the battery monitor into the bracket tab.



Close the battery monitor onto the clip until you hear the "click" sound. Make sure that the cable assembly has been fed into the hole correctly.



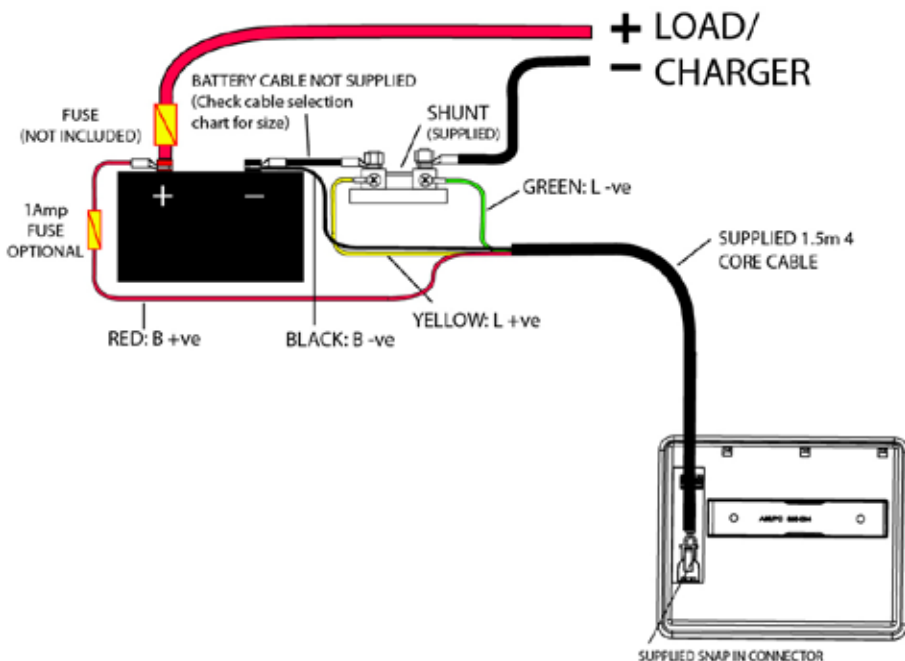
## SHUNT AND WIRING INSTALLATION

**IMPORTANT:** to maintain accurate record of the battery capacity, all current must be passed through the shunt.

Disconnect the battery and turn off all devices before beginning the installation.

Mount the shunt in a secure location with adequate protection from damage.

The BM320 is designed for 12V applications only.



**NOTE:** There should only be one cable connected to the battery negative terminal. This should be to the battery side of the shunt to ensure all load is measured through the shunt. All other NEG/Earth connections should be made at a load side of the shunt.

# BATTERY CABLE SELECTION CHART

Nearest B&S	Nominal Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	AMP Rating (40°C)	Nominal O.D. (mm)
8	7.71	66	5.5
6	13.5	92	7.2
4	20.26	120	8.3
3	26.45	150	10.2
2	32.07	167	11.3
1	39.55	187	12.1
0	49	219	12.7
00	64.15	260	14.5
000	83.19	298	16.4

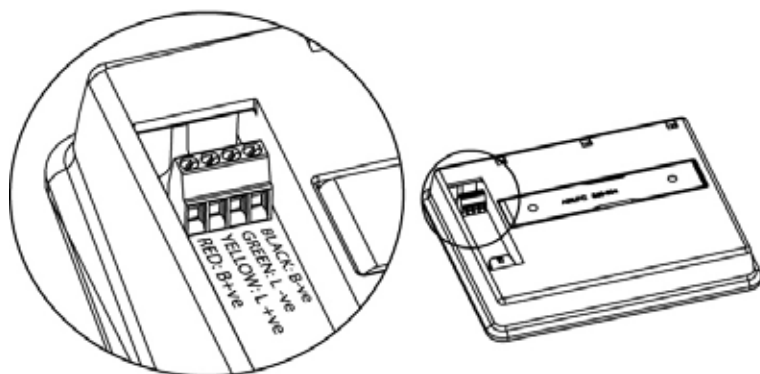
## ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION METHOD

**NOTE: USE ONLY ONE CONNECTION METHOD.**

To connect using your own wiring harness use the supplied terminal block.

The terminal block is labelled, ensure you follow the wiring diagram and follow the colour coded connection sequence.

Ensure no short circuit between the connector terminals and the wires. It is recommended that a Fuse (1A fast blow) be used in line with the B+ve line.



## QUICK START



1. Press ENTER button to acknowledge the Welcome message on the LCD screen
2. Select the type of battery (AGM,WET,GEL,CAL)
3. Enter the battery capacity and press ENTER button to confirm
4. Enter value for the low battery capacity alarm and press ENTER button to confirm
5. Enter the value for battery health warning alarm and press ENTER button to confirm
6. For most accurate results – Charge the battery to full with any multi-stage battery charger
7. Disconnect the battery charger when the battery is full
8. Unit is ready to use

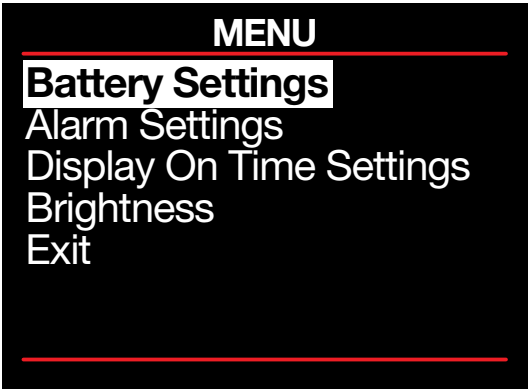
## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Part No.</b>	<b>BM320</b>
<b>Battery Fuel Gauge</b>	
Input consumption current (backlight off )	12V/1.5 mAdc
Input Voltage Range	6.0--17.0 Vdc
Max discharge current	320A
Display Resolution: Current Voltage	0.1 A 0.1V
Battery Capacity	0.1Ah
Type of Battery Supported	Wet/AGM/Gel/Calcium
<b>Display Physical Characteristics</b>	
Weight	0.12 kg
External Dimension	118mm (L) x 96mm (W) x 18mm(H)
Operating Temperature	0 to 50°C
<b>Compliance</b>	
EMC	Certified to meet AS/NZS 61000.6.3

# BATTERY GUAGE USER INTERFACE

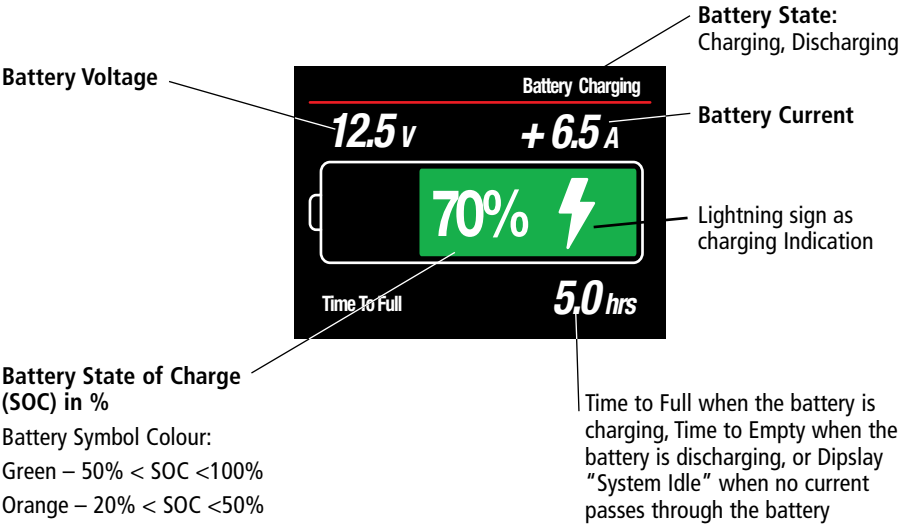
## Main Menu

To enter into the main menu press the menu button  on the display screen. To move through the menu press the up and down buttons. Press the Enter  button to change the settings.



Function	Description
Battery Settings	Set Battery Capacity
Alarm Settings	Set Low Battery Capacity and Battery Health Alarms
Display On Time Settings	Set the LCD Display On Time (10 mins as default on time)
Brightness	Set the brightness of the LCD Display (50% as default value)
Exit	Exit Menu Screen and return to Default Screen

## Default Screen





## ADVANCED SCREEN

**Battery Current**  
 "+" for Charging and  
 "-" for Discharging

**Battery Voltage**

**Battery Health** has 4 levels: Ideal, Good, Fair and Poor

**Battery Capacity**

**Battery State:**  
 Charging,  
 Discharging

**Battery State of Charge in %**

Lightning sign as charging Indication

Battery Symbol Colour:

Green – 50% < SOC < 100%

Orange – 20% < SOC < 50%

Red – SOC < 20%

Time to Full when the battery is charging, Time to Empty when the battery is discharging, or Display "System Idle" when no current passes through the battery

Battery Charging	
12.5v	+ 6.5A
Battery Health	GOOD
Power Remaining	100.0Ah
Time To Full	5.5hrs

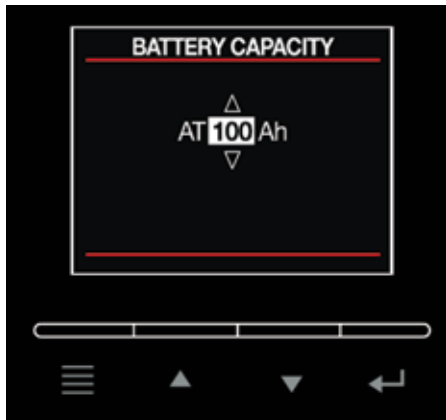
70%

## BATTERY SETTINGS

Use Up and Down buttons to choose your battery type which is marked on the battery case. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default type is AGM.



Use Up and Down buttons to change the value of battery capacity which is marked on the battery case. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default value is 100Ah.

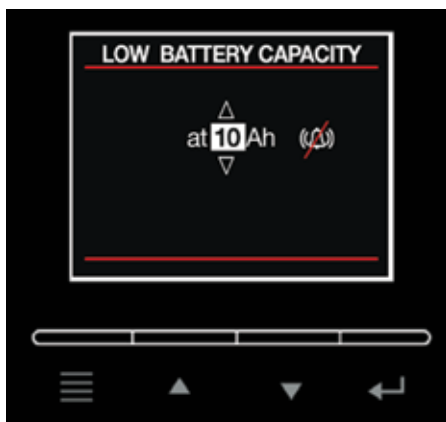


## ALARM SETTINGS

### LOW BATTERY CAPACITY

Use Up and Down buttons to change the value of low battery capacity alarm. Reduce the value to 0 to disable the alarm. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default value is 10Ah.

When the battery depletes its capacity to the set level, an audio alarm is activated. The audio alarm can be muted by pressing any button.



# BATTERY STATE OF HEALTH

Use Up and Down buttons to change the value of battery state of health alarm. Reduce the value to 0 to disable the alarm. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default value is 30%.



The battery state of health diminishes to the set level, an audio alarm is activated. The audio alarm can be muted by pressing any buttons.

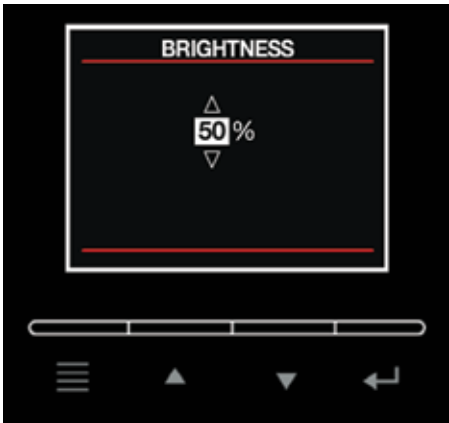
# DISPLAY ON TIME SETTING

Use Up and Down buttons to change the LCD display on time. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default value is 10 mins.



# BRIGHTNESS

Use Up and Down buttons to change the brightness of LCD display. Press ENTER button to apply the changes. The default value is 50%.



# BATTERY HEALTH

It is an indicator to show if the battery requires rejuvenation or replacement.

Indication	Description
Ideal or Good	No action is needed
Fair	Try to rejuvenate the battery
Poor	Try to rejuvenate the battery as soon as possible. If the battery health indicator is still Poor after rejuvenation, the battery is close to its end of life, replace the battery as soon as possible

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q.What is state of charge (SOC)?**

A. It is the remaining battery capacity expressed as a percentage of full charge capacity.

**Q.What is State of Health (SOH) or Battery Health?**

A. It is expressed as a percentage of the ratio of predicted full charge capacity over the design capacity. The BM320 uses 4 levels to represent the battery health: Ideal, Good, Fair and Poor. Please look at the battery health section for more detail.

**Q.What is the low battery capacity alarm for?**

A. The unit uses audio alarm to remind the user that the battery capacity is reduced to the set level.

**Q.What is the battery health alarm for?**

A. The unit uses audio alarm to remind the user that the battery state of health is reduced to the set level.

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# **WARRANTY STATEMENT**

## **APPLICABLE ONLY TO PRODUCT SOLD IN AUSTRALIA**

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