

SOL-30-NC/SOL-40-NC

# **USER MANUAL**



# **IMPORTANT:**

This charge controller ships in Lighting Control Mode. To operate a normal load, you must change the operation mode to Mode 17 to ensure normal operation.

Thank you for your purchase of the Solisto SOL Series charge controllers. Please read this manual carefully as damage to system components is possible if settings are misconfigured or if installation is performed improperly.

# **STATUS INDICATORS**

LCD ICON	CAUSE	STATUS	DEFINITION
*	Day recognition	Steady on	Day time
)	Night Recognition	Steady on	Night time
	Solar panel	Steady on	Solar panel indication
BULK		Steady on	Battery Bulk Charging Stage
BOOST	Charging state	Steady on	Battery Boost/Absorption Stage
FLOAT	charging state	Steady on	Floating Charging Stage
EQUATIZE		Steady on	Flooded Battery Equalization
	Battery	Quick Flashing	Battery overcharge
	batter y	Slow Flashing	Battery over discharge
		4 Lines	100%
		3 Lines	75%
	Battery SOC	2 Lines	50%
		1 Line	25%
		0 Line	0%
-\documents		Steady on	Load turned on
<b>(</b>	Load	Steady on	Load turned off
<b>P</b>		Quick Flashing	Overload or short-circuit protection

### **PRODUCT FEATURES**

- 1. Autodetect of 12V/24V system voltage. Manual selection is also supported.
- 2. Built-In charging programs for Sealed, Gel, Flooded, and Lithium batteries.
- (it is recommended that users program the charging set-points for their specific battery)
- 3. Temperature Compensation more accurately charges batteries, is disabled for Lithium.
- 4. Lighting Control Mode with wide variety of run-times.
- 5. RS232 Communication port using RJ12 socket with Modbus protocol.

### **OVERLOAD PROTECTION AND RECOVERY TIME**

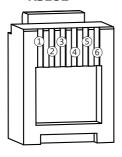
The overload function allows for a short surge to start loads before triggering. The controller can surge to 1.25x rated load for 30 Seconds, 1.5x for 5 seconds, or 2x for 1 second. Automatic recovery will be attempted after 1 min.



# **COMMUNICATION PORT PINOUT**

#### Controller communication port RJ12 (6-pin)

**RS232** 



No.	Definition
1)	Transmitting terminal TX
2	Receiving terminal RX
3	Power supply grounding /Signal grounding
4	Power supply grounding /Signal grounding
(3)	Power supply positive
6	Power supply positive

### **ERROR CODE LIST**

Code on LCD screen	Corresponding error
E0	Normal Operation
E1	Battery LVD
E2	Battery Overcharge
E3	Battery LVD Warning
E4	Load Short Circuit
E5	Load Overcurrent
E6	Controller Overheat
E8	Solar Overcurrent
E10	Solar input voltage too high

#### **SAFTY PRECAUTIONS**

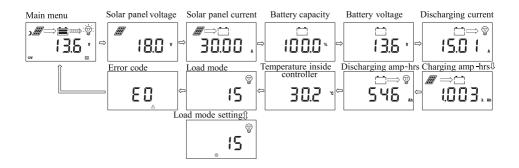
- 1) When connected to a 24 V system, the solar panel terminal voltage may exceed the limit for human safety. If operation is to be performed, be sure to use insulation tools and keep your hands dry.
- 2) Check and Verify polarity of solar and battery wires before installation. Reverse polarity may lead to damage of components and personal injury.
- 3) Installation of this controller as part of a remote solar power system is to be performed by qualified technicians in accordance with the National Electric Code.

Wear proper PPE when installing or servicing the system.

- Use insulated tools, voltages present with solar and battery can be harmful to people! 4) Overcurrent protection devices (circuit breakers, in-line fuses, etc.) must be used in appropriately sized for the conductor. Consult NEC if needed.
- 5) Batteries may produce explosive gas when charging. Install the batteries in a well ventilated and secure location.
- 6) Install the controller in an indoor location. Prevent exposure to elements and water.
- 7) Follow the safety and programming advice provided by the battery manufacturer.
- 8) Do not dismantle the controller. There are no user serviceable components inside.

### LCD SCREEN MENU NAVIGATION

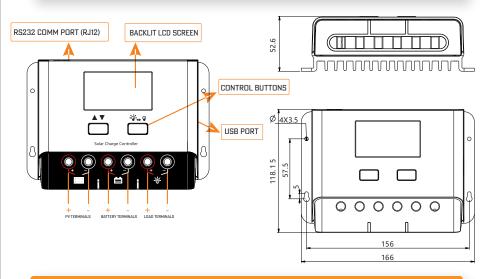
1). Continuously press  $\nabla\Delta$  ,the screen will display the following in order: "main menu"---"solar panel voltage"---" solar panel current"---"battery capacity"---"battery voltage"---"discharging current"---"charging amp-hrs"---" temperature inside controller"---" load mode"---" load mode settings"---"error code", and then back to "main menu". If the keys are not operated for 12s, the system will automatically return to display the "main menu".



# PARAMETER DETAILS

	SOL-3	BO-NC	SOL-4	IO-NC
Rated Current	30A		40A	
System Voltage	12V / 24V Nominal Auto-detect			
Rated Power @ 12V	450W		600W	
Rated Power @ 24V	900W		1200W	
Standby Power Draw	22mA @ 12VDC / 1		6mA @ 24VDC	
Max Open Circuit Voltage	27.5VOC / 55VOC			
Max Battery Voltage	<34V			
	Default Charging Set Points			
	Flooded	Sealed	Gel	Lithium
High Voltage Disconnect	16V / 32V			
Equalization	14.8	14.6	-	-
Boost	14.6	14.4	14.2	14.4
Float	13.8	13.8	13.8	-
Low Battery Recovery		13.2V		
LVD Recovery	12.6V (Settable with Keys)			
Low Voltage Disconnect	11V (Settable with Keys)			
Equalization Interval	30 0	lays	-	-
Equalization Duration	1 ho	ours	-	-
Boost Charge Duration	2 Hours			-
Temp Comp	-3mV / *C / 2V			-
Light Control Voltage	On 5V, Off 6V			
Light Control Delay	10 Min			
Operating Temperature	-25*C to 55*C			
IP Protection Rating	IP30			
RS232 Communication		Yes		

### CHARGE CONTROLLER PHYSICAL LAYOUT



### **MECHANICAL DETAILS**

Hole dimensions:

External dimensions: 166.0×118.2×52.6 (mm)

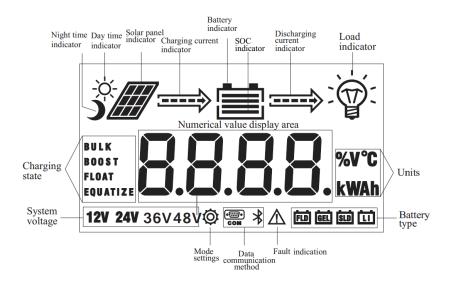
6.5" x 4.65" x 2.1"

156×57.5 (mm)

6.14" x 2.26"

Weight: 1.54 Pounds

# **LCD SCREEN INDICATORS**



### LOAD CONTROL MODES

- 1. Dusk to Dawn lighting mode (Mode 0) (10 min adjustable delay)
- 2. Timed Lighting control (Modes 1 14)
  - Light turns on at dusk and runs for set amount of time (see table)
- Manual mode (15): In this mode, the load is toggled with buttons on the controller,
- 4. Debugging mode (16): When the solar panel voltage is higher than the "light control off" voltage, switch off the load immediately; when the solar panel voltage is lower than the "light control on" voltage, switch on the load immediately.
- 5. Normal on (17): The energized load keeps in output state.

LED Display	Mode	LED Display	Mode
0	D2D control mode	9	Light control + time control (9 hours)
1	Light control + time control (1 hour)	10	Light control + time control (10 hours)
2	Light control + time control (2 hour)	11	Light control + time control (11 hours)
3	Light control + time control (3 hours)	12	Light control + time control (12 hours)
4	Light control + time control (4 hours)	13	Light control + time control (13 hours)
5	Light control + time control (5 hours)	14	Light control + time control (14 hours)
6	Light control + time control (6 hours)	15	Manual mode
7	Light control + time control (7 hours)	16	Debugging mode(default)
8	Light control + time control (8 hours)	17	Normal on mode

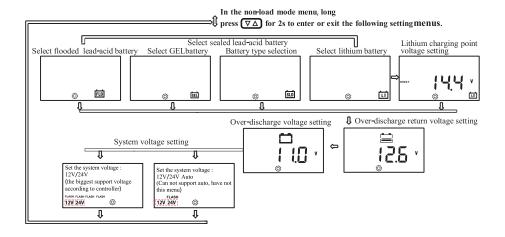
### LOAD MODE SETTING ADJUSTMENT

IMPORTANT: The charge controller ships in Lighting Control mode- if it is desired to opertate a normal load, the load mode must be switched to Mode 17!

- 1) Scroll through the main menu screens with the  $\nabla \Delta$  key, stop on the load mode screen, indicated by the light bulb in the top right corner, followed by a number in the middle of the screen.
- 2) Hold the 🔽 key until the number flashes.
- 3) Once flashing, tap the wey to cycle through the load modes until the desired selection is indicated.
- 4) After the desired mode is indicated, hold down the  $\nabla \Delta$  until the flashing stops.
- 5) The load mode has been changed.

### **SETTINGS MENU MAP**

2). When "load mode" is displayed, long press ♥△ to enter into the load mode setting. Press to adjust the mode, and long press ♥△ for 2s to save and exit; or else, the system



### **BATTERY VOLTAGE SET POINTS MENU**

In the non-load mode menu:

- 1) When  $abla \triangle$  is long pressed, the first menu entered is for battery type selection. the selection flashing will be the current battery type. Press to select among FLD/GEL/SLD/LI.
- 2) After selection, short press  $\overline{\nabla}$  to enter into LVD-Recovery and LVD set points Or if using Lithium battery type, to enter charge voltage set points menu for lithium battery.
- 3) After parameters have been set, long press  $\nabla \triangle$  for 2 s to save and exit.

Parameters shall be set according to the following rule: over-discharge voltage < over-discharge return voltage ≤under-voltage warning < float charging voltage < boost charging return ≤equalizing charging voltage < overcharge voltage; and two adjacent values shall have a difference greater than 0.5 V.

# **COMMON PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

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Symptoms	Causes and Solutions	
LCD screen does not light up	Verify connection to batteries is solid.	
LCD screen is garbled or incomplete.	Temperature may be too low for LCD. Batt. connection absent when solar is pres.	
No charging with sunlight present	Check ALL solar wiring is correct polarity. Check that ALL solar connections are solid. Check that solar voltage exceeds battery volt.	
The load does not come online after the sun has gone down with the load working mode in lighting	The load will be switched on automatically after 10 minutes (set by the user).	
The battery icon flashes quickly, and there is no output.	System overvoltage. Check whether the battery voltage is too high.	
The battery icon flashes slowly, and there is no output.	Battery LVD. The Battery is empty.	
The load icon flashes quickly, and there is no output.	The load's power exceeds the current rating or it's short-circuited. After checking for faults, long press the key or wait until it recovers automatically.	
The load and the encircling light ring stays lit, and there is no output.	Verify load connections are solid.	
Other issues?	Check whether wiring is sound and reliable, and system voltage is correctly recognized.	
The charging and discharging amp -hrs displays: 9999.K Ah	The decimal point flashes indicating that the displayed value has reached its upper limit.  Long press 🍑 to reset it.	

