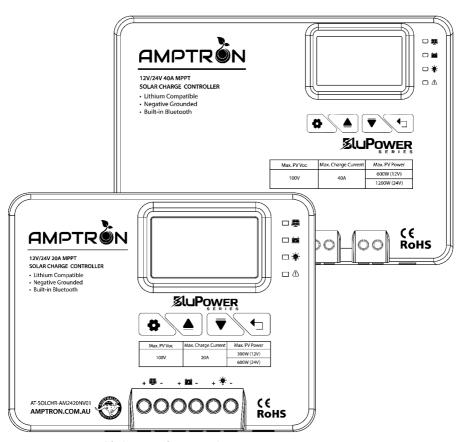


## **USER MANUAL**

### MPPT CHARGE CONTROLLER

# Negative Grounded AM2420N / AM2430N AM2440N / AM4860N



\*We may modify these specifications without prior notice.



# **Warnings and Tools Icon Chart**

| lcons | Name                    | Description   |
|-------|-------------------------|---|
|       | High Voltage            | High voltage device.<br>Installation should be performed<br>by an electrician.                |
|       | High Temperature        | This device will produce heat.<br>Mount device away from other<br>items.                      |
|       | Environmental<br>Hazard | Electronic Equipment. Do not put in landfill.   |
| Å     | Wire Cutter             | A wire cutter is needed for cutting and stripping wires prior to connection.                  |
|       | Multimeter              | A multimeter is needed for testing equipment and verifying polarity of cables.                |
|       | Anti-static Glove       | Anti-static gloves are recommended to prevent controller damage caused by static electricity. |
| ~0    | Electrical Tape         | Electrical tape is recommended to safely insulate spliced or bare wires.                      |
|       | Screwdriver             | A common size screwdriver is needed to attach wires to the controller.                        |



### **Safety Tips**

- Review this manual thoroughly before attempting installation.
- Beware of any nearby electrical equipment that may interfere with installing this
  device.
- Solar panels can generate high voltages and currents, make sure your solar panels are completely covered from sunlight during installation. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified electrician.
- Connecting wires to this device can generate sparks, please wear proper insulation gear while installing this device.
- To avoid damage to the battery or controller, use proper fuses in wiring. Please contact a professional if you need help with fuse sizing.
- · Always keep children away from this device.
- Use the correct gauge wires, refer to the below table for recommended wire sizes for various current loads.

| Solar Input Current           | 5A  | 10A | 20A | 30A | 40A | 60A |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Wire Cross Section Area (mm²) | 1.5 | 2.5 | 5   | 8   | 10  | 12  |
| Wire AWG                      | 15  | 13  | 10  | 8   | 7   | 6   |



#### **Product Features**

This MPPT solar charge controller is a device for solar charge regulation and direct current output load control.

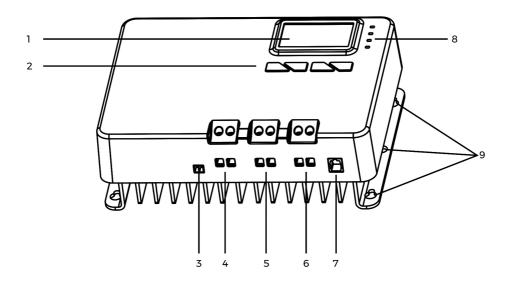
These MPPT charge controllers have features as follows:

- By continuously checking solar panel power output changes, the controllers employ multiple MPPT charge algorithms in combination to boost charging efficiency in different weather and temperature conditions.
- Built-in buffer allows the rated power input to be exceeded by a maximum of 25%.
- Charging modes available for most common deep-cycle battery types, including AGM, Sealed, Flooded and GEL lead acid, and Lithium.
- Auto recognition of 12V/24V battery system voltage by AM2420N/AM2430N/ AM2440N model; auto recognition of 12V/24V/36V/48V battery system voltage by AM4860N model. Lithium battery excluded from this feature.
- Supports recording of system running data including power generated and power utilized for up to 300 days, compatible with monitoring App through IOS and Android.
- Allows mobile phone APP operation for monitoring and parameters settings via built-in Bluetooth communication module. An APP PVChargePro is provided for mobile phone monitoring and operation. You can search for "PVChargePro" and download the APP at the IOS APP Store and Google Play Store.
- Provides multiple load control mode options for light based, time based and manually adjusted scenarios. Low no-load loss.
- Industrial grade design with reverse polarity protection for solar panels, battery, and load.



### **Device Diagram**

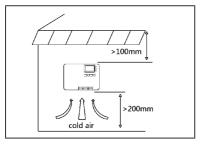
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| # | Description                                    | # | Description                          |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | LCD Display Screen                             | 6 | DC Load Terminals                    |
| 2 | Function Keys ([SETTING], [UP], [DOWN], [ESC]) | 7 | RS485 Communication Port             |
| 3 | External Temperature Sensor<br>Terminal        | 8 | LED Indicator (PV, BAT, LOAD, FAULT) |
| 4 | Solar Terminals                                | 9 | Installation Mounting Holes          |
| 5 | Battery Terminals                              |   |                                      |

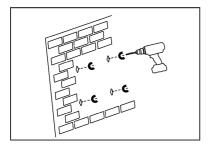
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### **Mounting Instructions**



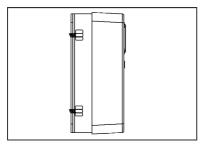
Step 1:

Find a cool, dry and weather safe location for installation.



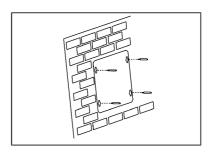
Step 3:

Drill holes in the marked mounting hole locations.



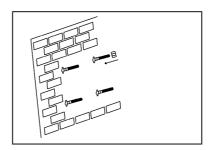
Step 5:

Mount the controller into the pilot screws and fasten the screws.



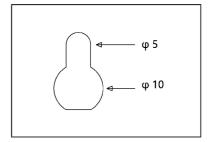
Step 2:

Mark the controller's mounting holes on the mounting surface.



Step 4:

Insert pilot screws in the mounting holes.

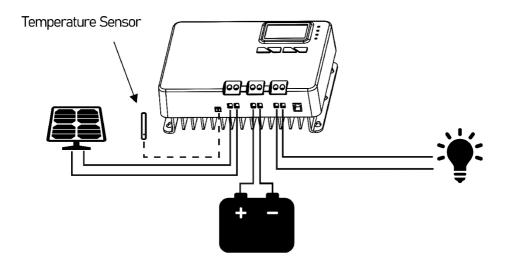


Step 6:

Continue to wire the battery, solar DC load and other accessories to the controller.



### **Wire Connection Sequences**



During installation of your MPPT controller, please follow the order of connections below:

- Connect the positive battery wire followed by the negative battery wire.
- Make sure your solar panels are fully covered to prevent electrical shock.
- Connect the positive solar array output wire followed by the negative solar array output wire.
- Connect DC load wires to the DC load output (if applicable).
- Connect the external temperature sensor to its terminal shown above.
- Download APP PVChargePro and turn on the Bluetooth function in your mobile phone to connect the APP with the controller.



# **LED Light Signal Interpretation Chart**

| LED Name | LED Display  | Signal Indication   |
|----------|--------------|---|
|          | Off          | Solar Input Not Charging *PV LED is generally off during night time |
|          | Double Flash | Solar Input Charge Detected   |
| PV       | Single Flash | Solar Input Reverse Polarity  |
|          | Steady On    | MPPT Charge Mode  |
|          | Fast Flash   | Equalize or Boost Charge Mode                                       |
|          | Slow Flash   | Float Mode  |
|          | Single Flash | Battery Input Reverse Polarity                                      |
| BATTERY  | Fast Flash   | Battery Over Voltage  |
| DALLERI  | Slow Flash   | Battery Over Discharged   |
|          | Steady On    | Battery On  |
|          | Off          | No DC Load Connected/<br>Load Off                                   |
| LOAD     | Fast Flash   | DC Load Short Circuit   |
|          | Steady On    | DC Load On  |
|          | Off          | No Errors   |
| FAULT    | Steady On    | System Error – Check<br>Error Code                                  |

Check the fault light to spot if a system error may be present.



# **LED Flash Rhythm Chart**

| Flash Status | Indication | Description   |
|--------------|------------|---|
| Steady On    | on<br>off  | LED light on  |
| Off          | on<br>off  | LED light off   |
| Fast Flash   | on off     | LED light blinks at frequency<br>of 2Hz (twice every second           |
| Slow Flash   | on off     | LED light blinks at frequency<br>of 0.5Hz (once every two<br>seconds) |
| Single Flash | on off     | LED light blinks for 0.1 second after every 2 seconds                 |
| Double Flash | on off     | LED light blinks for 0.1 second twice after every 4 seconds           |



### **LCD Display Interface Overview**

**Active Functions** 

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CHG\_V
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Display Unit

### **LCD Display Interface**

Charge Status

| Display Section         | Display Layout            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Charge Status           |                           |
| Charge Mode & Parameter | BOOST FLOAT CHG_V LDV_V   |
| Active Functions        | <b># 12V24V36V48V ≥</b> ■ |



### **Status Information**

| Status Icon | Indication                 | Status     | Description                           |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>#</b>    | Solar Charge               | Flowing    | Solar Power Charging Battery          |
|             | Indication                 | Off        | Solar Power Not Charging<br>Battery   |
|             | DC Load                    | Flowing    | DC Load Drawing Power                 |
|             | Indication                 | Off        | DC Load Off                           |
| MPPT        |                            |            | MPPT Charge Mode                      |
| BOOST       | Charge Mode                | Steady On  | Boost Charge Mode                     |
| FLOAT       | Charge Mode                |            | Float Charge Mode                     |
| ILOXI       |                            | Off        | Not Charging                          |
| CHG_V       | Voltage                    | On         | Setting Charge Voltage                |
| Oliu_V      | Setting                    | Off        | Charge Voltage Has Been Set           |
| LDV_V       | Over                       | On         | Setting Discharge Voltage             |
|             | Discharge Volt<br>Settings | Off        | Discharge Voltage Has Been Set        |
|             |                            | Steady On  | Daylight Detected                     |
|             | Solar Icon                 | Off        | No Daylight Detected                  |
|             |                            | Fast Flash | Solar System Over Voltage             |
| ôô          | Battery Icon               | Steady On  | Battery Connected and<br>Functional   |
|             |                            | Off        | No Battery Connection                 |
|             |                            | Fast Flash | Battery Over-Discharged               |
|             | - I State                  | Flash      | DC Load Short Circuit or<br>Over-Load |
|             | Load Status                | On         | Load On                               |
|             |                            | Off        | Load Off                              |



# **Key Functionality Chart**

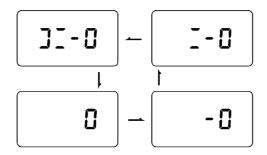
| Function Key | System Mode | Input       | Input Function                                     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| ø            | View Mode   | Short Press | Enter SET mode                                     |
|              | View Mode   | Short Press | View Previous Page                                 |
|              | View Mode   | Short Press | View Next Page                                     |
| 4            | View Mode   | Short Press | DC Load On/Off<br>(Manual Control<br>Program Only) |

| Function Key | System Mode | Input       | Input Function                  |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 8            | Mode        |             | Save Data & Exit<br>SET Mode    |
| i Qi         | Mode        | Short Press | Next Setting                    |
|              | Set Mode    | Short Press | Increase Parameter<br>Value     |
|              | Set Mode    | Short Press | Decrease Parameter<br>Value     |
| 5            | Set Mode    | Short Press | Exit SET Mode<br>Without Saving |

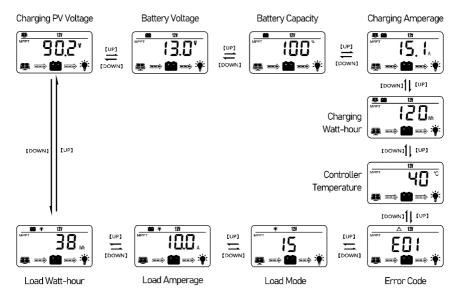


### **LCD Display & Cycles**

Pre start-up display while the MPPT controller turns on, this usually lasts several seconds while the controller detects the operating environment.



### **LED Screen Display Cycle**

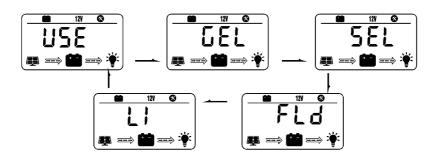


 The battery voltage view will be displayed by default. Use the up and down arrow keys to cycle through different views. The battery voltage view will resume upon 30 seconds of inactivity. The error code view will be displayed when an error is detected. The backlight in the screen will be on for 20 seconds with any button operation.



### **Setting Battery Mode**

Enter SET mode by pressing the Setting key in any view page other than Load Mode. Use the up and down arrow keys to select battery mode, then long press the Setting key to save.



| Abbreviations | <b>Battery Types</b> | Description  |  |
|---------------|----------------------|--|--|
|               | Flooded Battery      |  |  |
| FLD           | Sealed/AGM Battery   | Auto-recognition with default parameters set for each type of batteries. |  |
|               | Gel Battery          | ior cach type of batteries.  |  |
| LI            | Lithium Battery      | Some parameters can be customized.                                       |  |
| Use           | Advanced User Mode   | Most parameters can be customized.                                       |  |

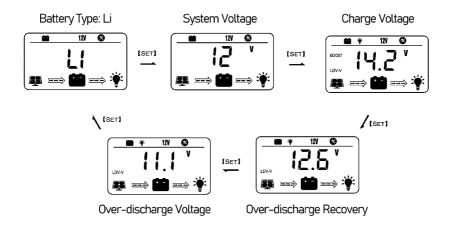
### **Advanced Battery Settings**

In Lithium or User mode, short press the Setting key again to cycle through each parameter view.

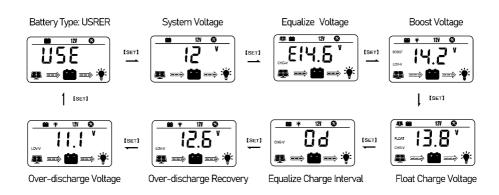
Use the up and down arrow key to adjust parameter values, then long press Setting key to save.



### For Battery Type: Li



### For Battery Type: USER





### **Load Mode Settings**

Enter Load SET Mode by pressing the Setting key in Load Mode view only. Use the arrow key to cycle through load modes before long pressing SET to save and exit. Short pressing SET will exit without saving.



| Mode | Definition            | Description                                     |
|------|-----------------------|---|
| 0    | Daylight Auto-Control | DC load turns on when no daylight is detected   |
| 1~14 | Daylight On/Timer Off | DC load turns on when no daylight is detected   |
| 15   | Manual Mode           | DC load turns on/off by pressing the Return key |
| 16   | Testing Mode          | DC load turns on and off in a quick succession  |
| 17   | Always On             | DC load stays on                                |



### **Error Code Chart**

| Code | Error                           | Description & Quick Troubleshoot  |
|------|---------------------------------|---|
| E00  | No Error                        | No action needed  |
| E01  | Battery<br>Over-dis-<br>charged | Battery voltage is too low.<br>DC load will be turned off until battery<br>re-charges to recovery voltage   |
| E02  | Battery                         | Battery voltage has exceeded controller limit.<br>Check battery bank voltage for compatibility<br>with controller   |
| E04  | Over-voltage                    | DC load short circuit   |
| E05  | Load Short<br>Circuit           | DC load power draw exceeds controller<br>capability. Reduce load size or upgrade to a<br>higher load capacity controller  |
| E06  | Load Overload                   | Controller exceeds operating temperature limit.<br>Ensure the controller is placed in a<br>well-ventilated cool, dry place.   |
| E08  | Overheating                     | Solar array amperage exceeds controller rated input amperage. Decrease the amperage of solar panels connected to the controller or upgrade to a higher rated controller |
| E10  | Solar Over-<br>amperage         | Solar array voltage exceeds controller rated input voltage. Decrease the voltage of solar panels connected to the controller  |
| E13  | Solar<br>Over-voltage           | Solar array input wires connected with reverse polarity. Disconnect and re-connect with correct wire polarity   |
| E14  | Solar                           | Battery connection wires connected with reverse polarity. Disconnect and re-connect with correct wire polarity  |

<sup>\*</sup>Please contact Amptron for technical support on additional troubleshooting.



### **Controller Specification**

The variable "n" is adopted as a multiplying factor when calculating parameter voltages, with the rule for "n" being: if battery system voltage is 12V, n=1; 24V, n=2; 36V, n=3; 48V, n=4.

For example, the equalize charge voltage for a 12V FLD (Flooded) battery bank is 14.8V\*1=14.8V. The equalizing charge voltage for a 24V FLD (Flooded) battery bank is 14.8V\*2=29.6V.

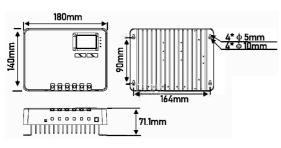
| Parameter                     | Value                |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Model No.                     | AM2420N              | AM2430N   | AM2440N   | AM4                   | 860N                   |  |  |
| System Wiring Grounded        | Negative Grounded    |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Battery System Voltage        | A                    | 12V/24V<br>uto (FLD/GEL/SLI<br>Manual (Li/User) | 12V/24V/36V/48V<br>Auto (FLD/GEL/SLD)<br>Manual (Li/User)<br>Auto (FLD/GEL/SLD)<br>Manual (Li/User) |                       |                        |  |  |
| No-load Loss                  | 12r                  | na (12V), 10ma (2                               | 12ma (12V), 10ma (24V),<br>8ma (36V), 6ma (48V)   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Max Solar Input Voltage       | <100Voc              |   |   | <150Voc               |                        |  |  |
| Rated Solar Charge<br>Current | 20A                  | 30A   | 40A   | 60A                   |                        |  |  |
| Max Solar Input Power         | 300W/12V<br>600W/24V | 450W/12V<br>900W/24V                            | 600W/12V<br>1200W/24V   | 900W/12V<br>2600W/36V | 1800W/24V<br>3200W/48V |  |  |
| Light Control Voltage         | 5V*n                 |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Light Control Delay Time      | 10s                  |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Max Load Output<br>Current    | 20A                  |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Operating Temperature         | -35°C ~ +45°C        |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| IP Protection                 | IP32                 |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Net Weight                    | 1.0 kg               | 2.0 kg  | 2.0 kg  | 3.0                   | kg                     |  |  |
| Communication Port            | RS485                |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Operating Altitude            | ≤ 3000 meters        |   |   |                       |                        |  |  |
| Controller Dimension          | 180*140*71<br>mm     | 245*180*82.5<br>mm                              | 280*210*90<br>mm  |                       |                        |  |  |



| Parameter                          | Battery Parameters |            |              |                      |                  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Battery Types                      | FLD                | SEL        | GEL(default) | USER<br>(adjustable) | LI (adjustable)  |  |  |
| Equalize Charge Voltage            | 14.8V*n            | 14.6V*n    |              | Default              |                  |  |  |
| Boost Charge Voltage               | 14.6V*n            | 14.4V*n    | 14.2V*n      | Default: GEL         | Default: 14.2V*n |  |  |
| Float Charge Voltage               | 13.8V*n            |            |              | Default: GEL         |                  |  |  |
| Boost Charge Recovery<br>Voltage   |                    | 13.2V*n    |              | Default: GEL         |                  |  |  |
| Over-discharge Recovery<br>Voltage |                    | 12.6V*n    |              | Default: GEL         |                  |  |  |
| Over-discharge Voltage             | 11.1V*n            |            |              | Default: GEL         | Default: 11.1V*n |  |  |
| AutoTemperature<br>Compensation    |                    | -3mV/2V/°0 | 2            | Default: GEL         |                  |  |  |



### **Product Dimensions**



#### AM2420N Model

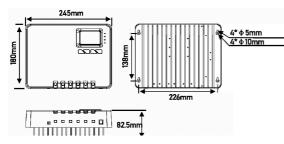
Product Dimensions: 180\*140\*71.1mm

Installation Area Dimensions: 164\*90mm

Installation Hole Size: φ5mm&φ10mm

Connection Socket Size:

7.5\*7.5mm



#### **AM2430N & M2440N Model**

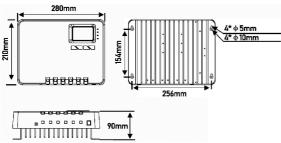
Product Dimensions: 245\*180\*82.5mm

Installation Area Dimensions: 226\*138mm

Installation Hole Size: φ5mm&φ10mm

Connection Socket Size:

7.5\*7.5mm



#### AM4860N Model

Product Dimensions:

280\*210\*90mm

Installation Area Dimensions:

256\*154.5mm

Installation Hole Size:

φ5mm&φ10mm

Connection Socket Size:

7.5\*7.5mm