

COMBINER 100 12 Volt Model C100

FOR ALTERNATORS UP TO 100 AMPS.

SUMMARY

The Combiner 100 is a precision voltage-sensing relay (13.0 volts) which connects two batteries together when either is receiving a charge. When the charging ceases, it disconnects so that each battery operates independently and prevents accidental discharge of the starting battery. Supplemental battery banks can be added by using an additional combiner for each bank. It eliminates manual switching every time you start the engine to parallel batteries for charging. Never again forget to switch it back. No diodes so no voltage drop, and batteries get a full charge.

FEATURES

Suitable for alternators up to 100 amps, up to 18 volts.
 80 amps continuous rating, 400 amps closing current,
 Nearly UNLIMITED warranty*
 Waterproof
 Ignition rated for explosive atmospheres
 No voltage drop so batteries reach full charge
 Electronic thermal monitoring with shutdown & restart
 Minimal wasted power, no heat sink or cooling required
 Can be used on alternators with internal regulators
 Protects alternator against overload from low batteries
 No special wiring for alternators with external sense
 Simple basic installation, two battery wires and ground
 Comes with all cables for basic hookup
Green LED indicates when combined
Red LED indicates thermal overload or low voltage.
 Draws no current when batteries are not being charged
 Draws less than 150 milliamps from the alternator when charging is in progress
 No diodes to burn out if accidentally shorted
 Optional external remote for **off, automatic, on**
 Remote **"ON"** can be used for assisted engine starting
 Withstands ambient temperature to over 175 F (80 C) for exposed or engine compartment mounting

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

DANGER: On all alternator/regulator circuits with an external sense wire it is critical that the sense wire can never be disconnected from the alternator output. Damaging, self-destruct voltages may be produced. Installation of a **Zap-Stop** will **not** protect against damage if this happens.

WARNING: If there are switches which can disconnect the alternator output from the battery a **Zap-Stop** or similar protection diode can reduce the chance of alternator damage and it is recommended for all installations. Switching off the output from the alternator should be avoided when the engine is running.

Since the connections made in the battery circuits can carry hundreds of amps, it is imperative that you have low

resistance connections. This means having clean metal to metal contact, the right size ring terminals, properly crimped terminals (preferably soldered also), and secure mechanical fastenings.

BASIC INSTALLATION

1. Connect the **BLACK** ground wire to the common negative of your battery banks. Shorten if necessary.
2. The **RED** cables connect to the positive terminals of the batteries. **SHORTENING THESE POWER CABLES WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.** Extending is OK.

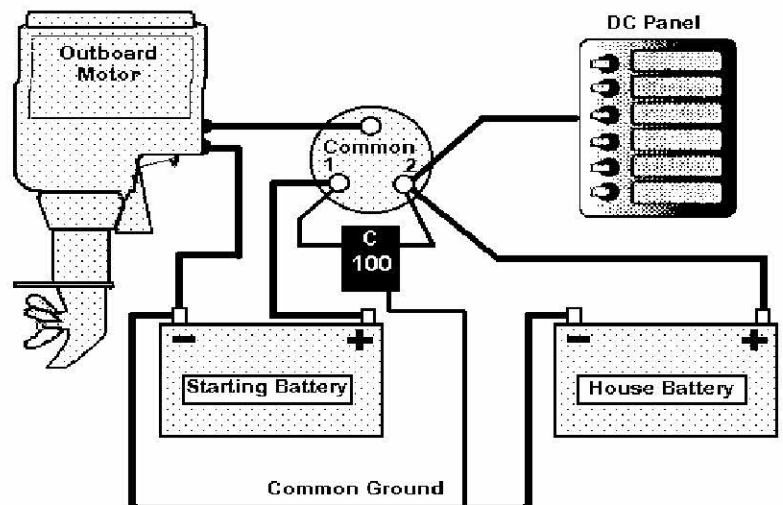
The connection does not have to be made right on the battery terminals but any wire or cables between the battery and the combiner must be heavy enough to carry the combiner current in addition to any existing loads. Make sure the second red lead is not touching ground when you connect the first since the combiner sometimes closes momentarily when initially connected.

3. That completes the basic installation. Any other wires are not normally used and should be secured and the ends insulated. See Appendix

SAMPLE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Single engine powerboats:

With the Combiner 100 you can use an (optional) **OFF-1-BOTH-2** switch to select the engine power source and leave the DC loads permanently on battery 2. Starting power is normally supplied from the starting battery in position 1 but battery 2 or both can be selected in an emergency. In all



cases, both batteries are being charged when the engine is running.

WARNING: If you use this circuit, turning the switch to "OFF" while the engine is running may damage your alternator. If not using a switch, the motor connects directly to the starting battery.

