



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROADSTART UNITS

MODEL NO: **RS1.V5, RS102.V4, RS103.V3**

Thank you for purchasing a Sealey product. Manufactured to a high standard, this product will, if used according to these instructions, and properly maintained, give you years of trouble free performance.

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. NOTE THE SAFE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS & CAUTIONS. USE THE PRODUCT CORRECTLY AND WITH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY AND WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FUTURE USE.



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Instruction  
Manual



Warning:  
Explosive  
Material



Wear eye  
Protection



Warning:  
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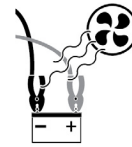
Wear  
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Warning:  
Electricity



Protect  
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Use in  
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Keep away  
from sources  
of ignition:  
Battery could  
explode

### 1. SAFETY

#### **IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION: KEEP YOUR ROADSTART HEALTHY**

Read and understand the general safety and operating instructions before use. The following information is intended to help you keep the product in top working order.

**NOTE - The battery in this unit is a consumable item and its ability to accept charge will reduce over time. We will warranty it against mechanical and electrical defect for a period of one year - this does not cover fair wear and tear.**

If the battery is not properly charged before first use, or regularly conditioned, its capacity will diminish. Under these circumstances we will not replace the battery even if it is less than one year old.

**You can help prolong the lifecycle of the battery by following a few simple guidelines.**

Plug in your new Roadstart to the mains transformer and make an **INITIAL** charge lasting 72 hours.

Ensure the unit is fully charged before storage.

**DO NOT** leave the Roadstart for longer than 2 months without putting it on charge.

**DO NOT** attempt to start a vehicle when the Roadstart battery voltage is reduced to less than 7.25Volts.

**DO NOT** drop or roughly handle the Roadstart - this will break or disjoin the battery terminals rendering the battery useless and the warranty void.

**DO NOT** use any other charger, other than the one supplied, to recharge the battery.

**DO NOT** obstruct the ventilation grilles and protect against water ingress - these RoadStart units are fitted with ventilation grilles to help disperse any gases produced during the charging procedure.

**IMPORTANT:** To reduce the risk of a battery explosion, follow these instructions and those published by the battery manufacturer and the manufacturer of any equipment you intend to use in the vicinity of the battery. Remember to review warning marks on all products and on engines.

**Modern vehicles contain extensive electronic systems. You are required to check with the vehicle manufacturer, for any specific instructions regarding the use of this type of equipment on each vehicle.**

**No liability will be accepted for damage/injury, where this product is not used in accordance with all instructions.**

#### 1.1. PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

- ✓ Ensure there is another person within hearing range, or close enough to come to your aid should a problem arise, when working near a lead-acid battery.
- ✓ Have fresh water and soap nearby in case battery acid contacts skin, clothing or eyes.
- ✓ Wear safety eye protection and protective clothing. Avoid touching eyes while working with a battery.
- ✓ Wash immediately with soap and water if battery acid contacts skin or clothing. If acid enters eye, flush eye immediately with cool, clean running water for at least 15 minutes and seek immediate medical attention.
- ✓ Remove personal metallic items such as rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches. A lead-acid battery can produce a short-circuit current high enough to weld a ring or the like to metal, which may cause severe burns.

#### 1.2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Familiarise yourself with the applications, limitations and potential hazards of the RoadStart.
- ✓ Keep the unit in good working order and condition. Replace damaged parts immediately.
- ✓ Use only recommended parts. To use unapproved parts may be dangerous and will invalidate your warranty.
- ✓ The RoadStart must only be opened and checked by qualified service personnel. **DO NOT** disassemble the unit for any reason.
- ✓ Keep children and unauthorised persons away from the work area.
- ✓ Keep work area clean and tidy and free from unrelated materials.
- ✓ Ensure that there is adequate lighting.
- ✓ If the RoadStart receives a sharp knock or blow, it must be checked by a qualified service agent before being used.
- ✓ When not in use re-charge every two months.
- ✗ **DO NOT** smoke or allow a spark, or flame in the vicinity of the battery or engine.
- ✗ **DO NOT** drop any metal item onto the battery as it may spark or short circuit the battery, which could cause an explosion.
- ✗ **DO NOT** use RoadStart to recharge dry cell batteries that are commonly used with home appliances. These batteries may explode and cause personal injury and damage to property.
- ✗ **DO NOT** charge or boost a frozen battery.
- ✗ **DO NOT** use attachments other than those recommended. To do so may risk damage to the unit and other equipment and possible personal injury.

- ✗ **DO NOT** pull or carry the unit by its cables and do not pull the negative and positive clamps from the battery terminals.
- ✗ **DO NOT** operate in vicinity of flammable liquids or gases.
- ✗ **DO NOT** recharge the unit with plugs or attachments that are damaged. Replace such items immediately.
- ✗ **DO NOT** use this product to perform a task for which it is not designed.
- ✗ **DO NOT** store the unit in damp or wet locations or where the temperature may exceed 50°C.
- ✗ **DO NOT** submerge the unit in water.
- ✗ **DO NOT** use whilst under the influence of drugs, alcohol or intoxicating medication.
- ✗ **DO NOT** leave the unit in a totally discharged state for an extended period of time as this may result in permanent damage.
- ✗ **DO NOT** cross-connect the power leads from the RoadStart to the battery. Ensure that positive is to positive and negative is to negative.

✓ Ensure that the unit is fully charged before storage.

1.3. **ELECTRICAL SAFETY (with respect to mains chargers)**

- **WARNING!** It is the user's responsibility to check the following:  
You must check the AC adaptor to ensure that it is safe before using. **You must** inspect the power supply lead, plugs and all electrical connections for wear and damage.  
**You must** ensure the risk of electric shock is minimised by the installation of appropriate safety devices. An RCCB (Residual Current Circuit Breaker) should be incorporated in the main distribution board. We recommend that an RCD (Residual Current Device) is used with all electrical products.  
It is particularly important to use an RCD with portable products that plug into an electrical supply not protected by an RCCB. If in doubt consult a qualified electrician. You can obtain a Residual Current Device through your Sealey stockist.  
**You must** read and understand instructions concerning electrical safety.
- 1.3.1. The **Electricity At Work Act 1989** requires all portable electrical appliances, if used on business premises, to be tested by a qualified person, using a Portable Appliance Tester (PAT), at least once a year.
- 1.3.2. The **Health & Safety at Work Act 1974** makes owners of electrical appliances responsible for the safe condition of the appliance and the safety of the appliance operator. If in any doubt about electrical safety, contact a qualified electrician.
- 1.3.3. **DO** ensure that the insulation on all cables and the product itself is safe before connecting to the mains power supply.
- 1.3.4. **DO** ensure that cables are always protected against short circuit and overload.
- 1.3.5. **DO** regularly inspect power supply, leads, plugs for wear and damage and power connections to ensure that none is loose.
- 1.3.6. **DO** check product voltage is the same as power supply to be used and check that all fused plugs are fitted with the correct capacity fuses.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

### RS1.V5 & RS102.V4

Composite case with integral battery clip storage and carry handle. LED battery condition and charge indicators. Test cycle button gives the true battery indication. 230V Charger with automatic power cut-off prevents damage to battery whilst charging from the mains. Fitted with 12V power socket that will accept any 12V device with a vehicle accessory socket plug. Supplied with mains charger.

### RS103.V3

Composite case with integral clip storage and carry handle. Two batteries connected in parallel give high peak and cranking currents. LED battery condition indicators. Fitted with 12V power socket that will accept any 12V device with a vehicle accessory socket plug. Supplied with mains charger.

## 3. SPECIFICATION

Models:	RS1.V5	RS102.V4	RS103.V3
Cold Cranking Amps:	300A	600A	1000A
Peak Amps:	1000A	1600A	3200A
Voltage:	12V	12V	12V
Auxiliary Output:	12V	12V	12V
Cable & Clamp Length:	0.5mtr	1.0mtr	1.8mtr
Weight:	8.9kg	9kg	17.08kg

### (Key to figs.1 & 2)

- 1) POSITIVE BATTERY CLAMP
- 2) FLEXIBLE HEAVY DUTY COPPER CABLE
- 3) CHARGING POINT
- 4) 12VDC OUTPUT SOCKET
- 5) TEST BUTTON
- 6) AMBER LED CHARGING INDICATOR
- 7) RED POWER LEVEL LED INDICATORS
- 8) GREEN FULLY CHARGED LED INDICATOR
- 9) FLEXIBLE HEAVY DUTY COPPER CABLE
- 10) NEGATIVE BATTERY CLAMP
- 11) SAFETY STORAGE HOLSTER
- 12) HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC CASE
- 13) SAFETY STORAGE HOLSTER



## 4. CHARGING

**WARNING! YOU MUST FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**



### 4.1. **Charging method for Roadstart mobile power systems**

4.1.1. The first method is to use the AC chargers provided for each unit. This is the preferred method as it is automatic and does not require the user to monitor the progress of the charge. Furthermore whenever the unit is not in use it can safely be left connected to the charger.

### 4.2. **Reading the power level indicators (See figs.4 & 5)**

The charge level of each unit can be seen at any time by pressing the test button and noting the number of red power level lights that are illuminated. When all three power level lights are illuminated the unit is fully charged and is ready to be used. If only two red lights are illuminated the unit is in a 50% charge status and could be used to operate most 12 volt accessories. If the unit is required for starting it should be charged until all three red lights are illuminated. If there is only one red light illuminated the unit is low and must be recharged. If the amber charging light begins to flash on 12V models this means that the battery voltage has dropped to 7.25V or below and the unit will not work until it is fully recharged.

### 4.3. **Initial Charging Procedure**

4.3.1. Before first use, these roadstart units should be charged for a minimum of 72 hours.

- **WARNING! Use supplied adaptor, cables and connectors. Unauthorised parts may damage the unit and will invalidate the warranty. Ensure you strictly apply the safety regulations as stated in Section 1.**

### 4.4. **To recharge with the AC charging adaptor**

**Only charge with the adaptor supplied with your specific model. See below. The adaptors are not interchangeable.**

4.4.1. **RS1.V5 & RS102.V4** Use the charger supplied, see fig.7. Plug the AC charger cable into the charge input socket of the unit. This socket is situated on the back of the unit at the top of the label. See fig.1.

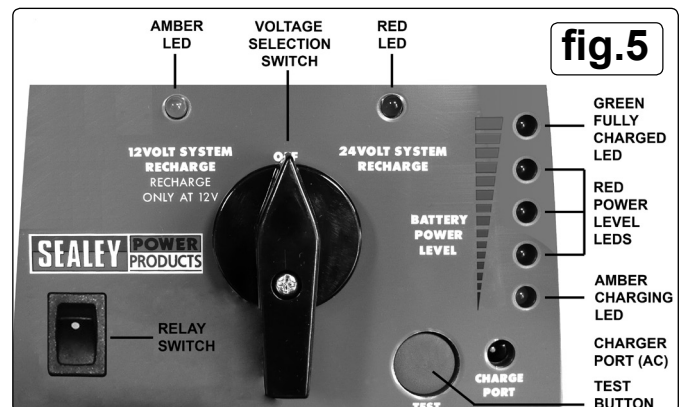
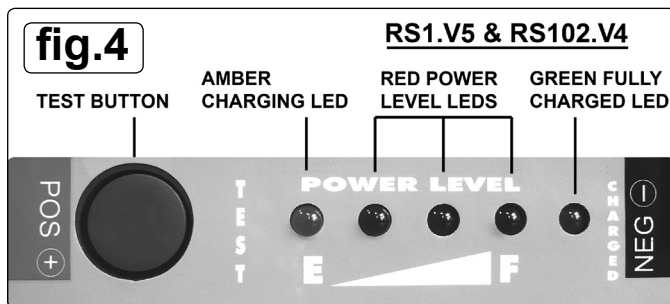
4.4.2. **RS103.V3** Use the charger supplied, see fig.6. The adaptor charging jack is inserted into the charge port, located beneath the LED power indicators. See fig.5.

4.4.3. Ensure the power clamps are in the appropriate holsters.

4.4.4. Plug the charger itself into any 230 Volt AC wall outlet. The amber 'Charging' indicator will illuminate, see figs.4 & 6. The unit will now charge automatically and the power level lights will indicate the level of charge. When the green 'Charged' LED comes on (see figs.4 & 5) charge for a further 3 to 6 hours to achieve full capacity. When not in use these Roadstart can be left connected to the charger.

### 4.5. **Recharging with the 2-pin European adapter.**

When using the Roadstarts in a European country remove the 3-pin UK plug by pushing the button on the adapter and turning anti-clockwise, replace with the 2-pin plug, placing it on the transformer and turning clockwise until fully home. See fig.6.



## 5. OPERATION

- **WARNING! YOU MUST FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**



### 5.1. **Preparation and precautions**

- **WARNING! ENSURE THAT THE ROADSTART AND VEHICLE VOLTAGES ARE THE SAME.**

5.1.1. Apply the vehicle hand brake and place in neutral gear (or "Park" if automatic transmission).

5.1.2. Turn ignition and electrical accessories off.

5.1.3. Use in a well ventilated area and wear protective eye shields and clothing.

**NOTE:** A defective battery may not accept a charge from the portable power source.

- **WARNING! DO NOT** allow the red and black clamps to touch each other. Ensure that clamps are connected correctly before use.
- **WARNING! Modern vehicles contain extensive electronic systems. You are required to check with the vehicle Manufacturer for any specific instructions regarding the use of this type of equipment on each vehicle.**

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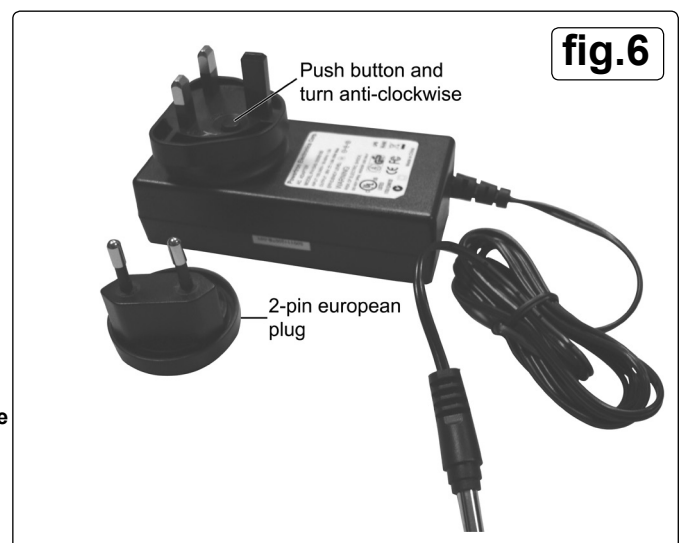
### **Emergency Jump Starter**

**NOTE:** For optimum performance, the unit should not be stored below 10°C when using the unit as a jump starter.

**IMPORTANT:** These RoadStart units are suitable to jump start a vehicle even if the vehicle's battery is discharged (voltage is greater than 0.7V).

5.1.4. Turn off the vehicle ignition.

5.1.5. Attach the RED (positive +) clamp to the positive terminal of the battery.



**Note:** On vehicles with multiple batteries connect positive clamp to positive battery terminal which is connected to vehicle electrical system.

5.1.6. Ensure that all cables are clear of moving belts and rotating fans.

5.1.7. Maintain a safe distance from the battery whilst jump starting.

5.1.8. Turn on the ignition to start the vehicle.

**NOTE:** If the vehicle does not start after 6 seconds, allow the RoadStart unit to cool for 3 minutes, before attempting to jump start the vehicle again. If this is not done, the unit could sustain damage.

5.1.9. When the vehicle has started, **DO NOT** leave the RoadStart connected to the vehicle, quickly disconnect the BLACK (negative -) clamp first from the vehicle chassis.

5.1.10. Remove the RED (positive +) clamp from the battery terminal.

5.1.11. Return the clamps to the side storage pockets.

## 5.2. **Alternative Vehicle Power Supply**

5.2.1. When a vehicle battery is disconnected, the memory systems in radios, electronic ignition systems and alarms are frequently lost.

5.2.2. When replacing a battery the RoadStart unit can be used as an alternative power supply by connecting a dc extension lead (not supplied) into the vehicle's accessory socket.

5.2.3. This will prevent loss of memory in the systems.

☐ **WARNING!** The positive battery cable will be live and **MUST** be insulated (e.g. in a heavy duty plastic bag).

## 5.3. **Multipurpose Power Supply**

5.3.1. These RoadStart units can be used as a multipurpose power supply to power up any equipment with a built-in 12V dc male adaptor.

5.3.2. The dc outlet on the RoadStart units is equipped with overload protection.

5.3.3. The twin battery model RS103.V3, when used with an inverter, can operate equipment usually powered by either 110V ac or 230V ac.

**NOTE:** *The inverter power draw must not exceed 300 Watts.*

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Unit works well but no change in light status when the adaptor is connected to the RoadStart unit.	Possible defective battery or faulty breaker. Use a device such as a light with a dc plug to check that it works. If the light works, the power source breaker is serviceable and the battery is defective.
When the adaptor is plugged into the RoadStart unit all LEDs light. When the adaptor is unplugged and the test button depressed, no LEDs light.	Roadstart unit battery defective which could have been caused by intense use without a cool-down period.
Roadstart unit is fully charged but delivers no power.	Check where the wires meets the jaw on the unit clamps. Ensure they are well crimped. If the unit has a power switch, ensure that it is in the ON position.
When trying to use an accessory via the dc outlet, a clicking sound is heard inside the RoadStart unit.	The accessory is drawing too much current, resulting in the internal circuit breaker switching between ON and OFF.

## 7. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION	ANSWER
How many jump starts can a fully charged RoadStart do before needing to be recharged?	Between 1 and 20 depending upon operating factors such as temperature, general condition of the vehicle, engine type and size.
Can the RoadStart be recycled?	Yes, in accordance with national and local authority regulations.
What is the ideal in-use storage temperature of the RoadStart?	Room temperature. The RoadStart will also operate at temperatures below zero, its power however will be lessened. Intense heat will activate self-discharge.
I have a regular 10 amp battery charger, can I use it to recharge the RoadStart?	No. Only the supplied adaptor and charger can be used.
Is the RoadStart fool proof?	No. All jump starting instructions must be followed carefully.
Can I replace the internal batteries?	Yes, but note that the batteries are not covered by warranty as they are consumable items



#### **Environmental Protection**

Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, accessories and packaging should be sorted, taken to a recycling centre and disposed of in a manner which is compatible with the environment. When the product becomes completely unserviceable and requires disposal, drain off any fluids (if applicable) into approved containers and dispose of the product and the fluids according to local regulations.

#### **WEEE Regulations**

Dispose of this product at the end of its working life in compliance with the EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). When the product is no longer required, it must be disposed of in an environmentally protective way. Contact your local solid waste authority for recycling information.

#### **Battery Removal**



Place the RoadStart unit front side down.

Remove all the screws holding the casing together and lift off the back half of the unit.

Disconnect the wires from the two battery terminals, taking care to avoid accidental arcing of the terminals.

Lift the battery out of the casing.

#### **Disposal**

Take the battery to a recycling centre that handles sealed, lead-acid batteries.

If there is no recycling centre in the area, contact the local environmental agency for disposal instructions.

Dispose of batteries according to local authority guidelines.

Under the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009, Jack Sealey Ltd are required to inform potential purchasers of products containing batteries (as defined within these regulations), that they are registered with Valpak's registered compliance scheme. Jack Sealey Ltd's Batteries Producer Registration Number (BPRN) is BPRN00705.

**NOTE:** It is our policy to continually improve products and as such we reserve the right to alter data, specifications and component parts without prior notice.

**IMPORTANT:** No liability is accepted for incorrect use of this product.

**WARRANTY:** Guarantee is 12 months from purchase date, proof of which will be required for any claim.



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