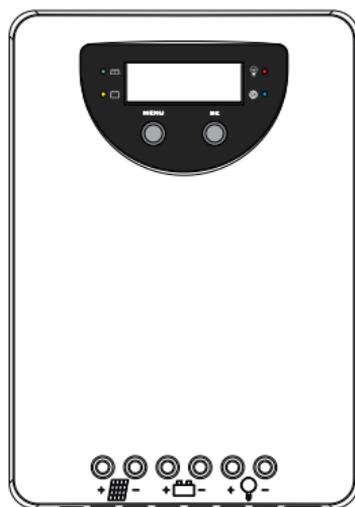




# RHC series MPPT Solar Controller

12/24V , 20/40/60 A



## User Manual

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Thank you for purchasing our RHC Series Solar PV Charge Controller. Your support and trust in us are much appreciated. Please take time to read this manual, this will help you make full use of the many advantages this controller can provide your PV-System with. This manual presents important recommendations for installing, operating and monitoring. Read it with special care in your own interest and please pay attention to the safety recommendations herein indicated.

## 1. Safety instructions and waiver of liability

### 1.1 Safety Instructions

The following symbols are used throughout this manual to indicate potentially dangerous conditions or mark important safety instructions. Please take care when meeting these symbols.



**WARNING:** Indicates a potentially dangerous condition. Use extreme caution when performing this task.



**CAUTION:** Indicates a critical procedure for safe and proper operation of the controller.



**CAUTION:**

- 1) There are no user serviceable parts inside the controller. Do not disassemble or attempt to repair the controller.
- 2) Keep children away from batteries and the charge controller.

### 1.2 Liability Exclusion

The manufacturer shall not be liable for damages, especially on the battery, caused by use other than as intended or as mentioned in this manual or if the recommendations of the battery manufacturer are neglected. The manufacturer shall not be liable if there has been service or repair carried out by any unauthorized person, unusual use, wrong installation, or bad system design.

## 2. Overview

RHC series solar controller is based on an advanced maximum power point tracking (MPPT) technology developed, dedicated to the solar system, the controller conversion efficiency up to 98%.

It comes with a number of outstanding features, such as:

- A combination of multiple tracking algorithms enables tracking the maximum power point quickly and accurately
- Innovative Max Power Point Tracking(MPPT) technology, tracking efficiency >99.9%
- Full digital technology, high charge conversion efficiency up to 98%
- LCD display design, read operating data and working condition easily
- Real-time energy statistics function
- 12/24V automatic recognition
- Flexible System battery selection: Liquid, Gel, AGM and Lithium
- Extends battery life through accurate remote temperature sensor
- Controller is protected against over-temperature due to built-in power reduction function
- Four stages battery charging process: MPPT, boost, equalization, float
- Dual automatic protection to avoid exceeding the rated charging power and current
- Multiple load control modes: Always on, Dusk to Dawn, Evening and Manual
- IoT wireless communication or Bluetooth communication functions optional
- Optional APP version for Bluetooth communication
- With the wireless communication function of the IoT, the controller can be connected remotely through IoT/GPRS
- Monthly charging data can be calculated and displayed by grouping and graphs
- Based RS-485 standard Modbus protocol with RJ11 interface to maximize the communication needs of different occasions.
- Perfect EMC & thermal design
- Full automatic electronic protect function for increased charge controller availability

### 2.2 MPPT

#### MPPT profile

The full name of the MPPT is maximum power point tracking. It is an advanced charging way which could detect the real-time power of the solar Module and the maximum point of the I-V curve that make the highest battery charging efficiency.

#### Current Boost

Under most conditions, MPPT technology will "boost" the solar charge current.

MPPT Charging : Power Into the controller (Pmax)=Power out of the controller (Pout)

$$I_{in} \times V_{mp} = I_{out} \times V_{out}$$

\* Assuming 100% efficiency. Actually, the losses in wiring and conversion exist.

If the solar module's maximum power voltage (Vmp) is greater than the battery voltage, it follows that the battery current must be proportionally greater than the solar input current so that input and output power are balanced. The greater the difference between the Vmp and battery voltage, the greater the current boost. Current boost can be substantial in systems where the solar array is of a higher nominal voltage than the battery as described in the next section.

## High Voltage Strings and Grid-Tie Modules

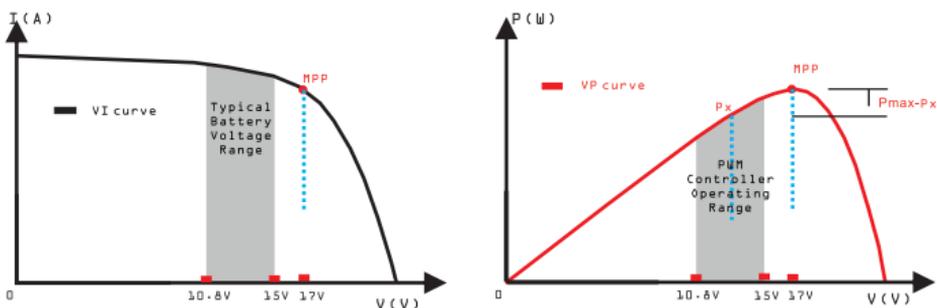
Another benefit of MPPT technology is the ability to charge batteries with solar arrays of higher nominal voltages. For example, a 12 Volt battery bank may be charged with a 12-, 24- Volt nominal off-grid solar array. Grid-tie solar modules may also be used as long as the solar array open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) rating will not exceed the maximum input voltage rating at worst-case (coldest) module temperature. The solar module documentation should provide  $V_{oc}$  vs. temperature data.

Higher solar input voltage results in lower solar input current for a given input power. High voltage solar input strings allow for smaller gauge solar wiring. This is especially helpful and economical for systems with long wiring runs between the controller and the solar array.

## An Advantage Over Traditional Controllers

Traditional PWM controllers connect the solar module directly to the battery when recharging. This requires that the solar module operate in a voltage range that is usually below the module's  $V_{mp}$ . In a 12 Volt system for example, the battery voltage may range from 10.8-15 Vdc, but the module's  $V_{mp}$  is typically around 16 or 17V.

Because traditional controllers do not always operate at the  $V_{mp}$  of the solar array, energy is wasted that could otherwise be used to charge the battery and power system loads. The greater the difference between battery voltage and the  $V_{mp}$  of the module, the more energy is wasted.



**Nominal 12 Volt Solar Module I-V curve and output power graph.**

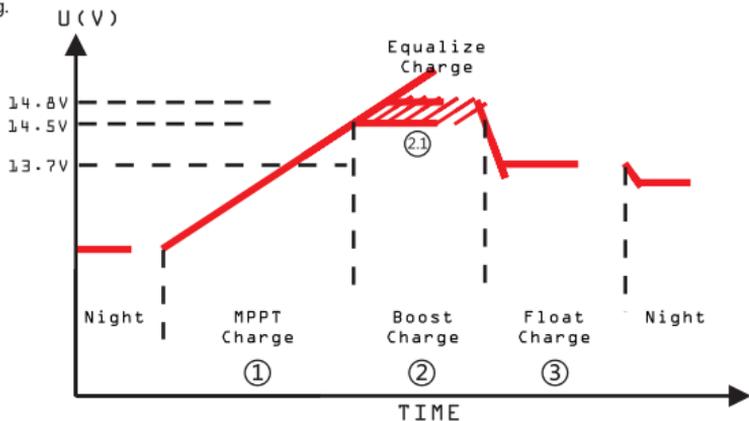
Contrast with the traditional PWM controller, MPPT controller could play a maximum power of the solar panel so that a larger charging current could be supplied. Generally speaking, the controller's energy utilization efficiency is 15%~20% higher than PWM controller.

## Conditions That Limit the Effectiveness of MPPT

The  $V_{mp}$  of a solar module decreases as the temperature of the module increases. In very hot weather, the  $V_{mp}$  may be close or even less than battery voltage. In this situation, there will be very little or no MPPT gain compared to traditional controllers. However, systems with modules of higher nominal voltage than the battery bank will always have an array  $V_{mp}$  greater than battery voltage. Additionally, the savings in wiring due to reduced solar current make MPPT worthwhile even in hot climates.

## 2.3 MPPT—Four Charging Stage

RHC series controller has a 4-stage battery charging algorithm for rapid, efficient, and safe battery charging.



### 1. MPPT Charge

In this stage, the battery voltage has not yet reached boost voltage and 100% of available solar power is used to recharge the battery.

### 2. Boost Charge

When the battery has recharged to the Boost voltage setpoint, constant-voltage regulation is used to prevent heating and excessive battery gassing. The Boost stage remains 120 minutes and then goes to Float Charge. Every time when the controller is powered on, if it detects neither over discharged nor overvoltage, the charging will enter into boost charging stage.

#### 2.1. Equalize Charge

Certain types of batteries benefit from periodic equalizing charge, which can stir the electrolyte, balance battery voltage and complete chemical reaction. Equalizing charge increases the battery voltage, higher than the standard complement voltage, which gasifies the battery electrolyte. If it detects that the battery is being over discharged, the solar controller will automatically turn the battery to equalization charging stage, and the equalization charging will be 120mins. Equalizing charge and boost charge are not carried out constantly in a full charge process to avoid too much gas precipitation or overheating of battery.

### 3. Float Charge

After the Boost voltage stage, the controller will reduce the battery voltage to Float voltage setpoint. When the battery is fully recharged, there will be no more chemical reactions and all the charge current transmits into heat and gas at this time. Then the controller reduces the voltage to the floating stage, charging with a smaller voltage and current. It will reduce the temperature of battery and prevent the gassing, also charging the battery slightly at the same time. The purpose of Float stage is to offset the power consumption caused by self consumption and small loads in the whole system, while maintaining full battery storage capacity.

In Float stage, loads can continue to draw power from the battery. In the event that the system load(s) exceed the solar charge current, the controller will no longer be able to maintain the battery at the Float setpoint. Should the battery voltage remains below the boost reconnect charging voltage, the controller will exit Float stage and return to Bulk charging.



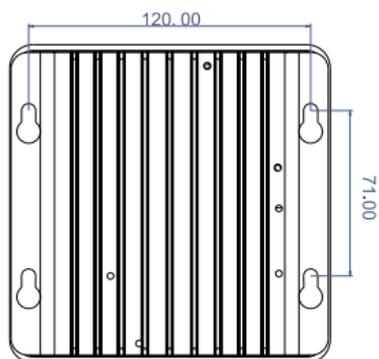
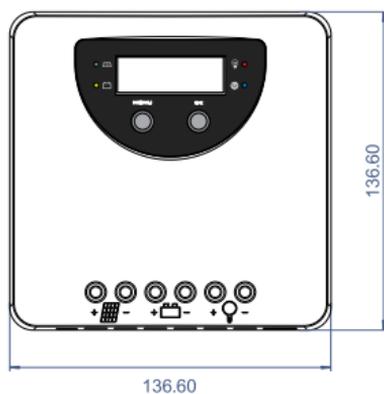
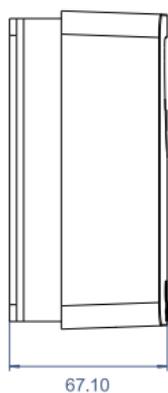
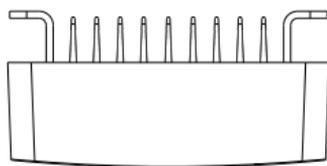
**WARNING: Risk of explosion!**

Equalizing flooded battery can produce explosive gases, so well ventilation of battery box is necessary.

### 3. Dimensions

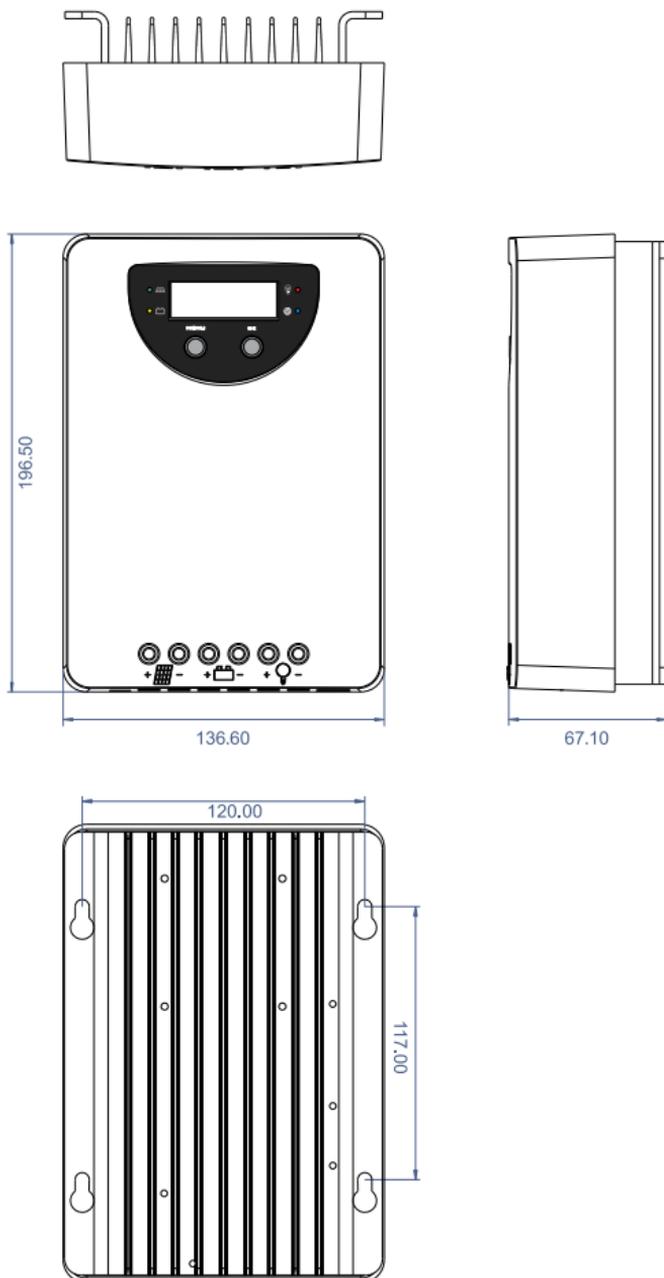
#### 3.1 The dimensions of RHC2010

Unit:mm



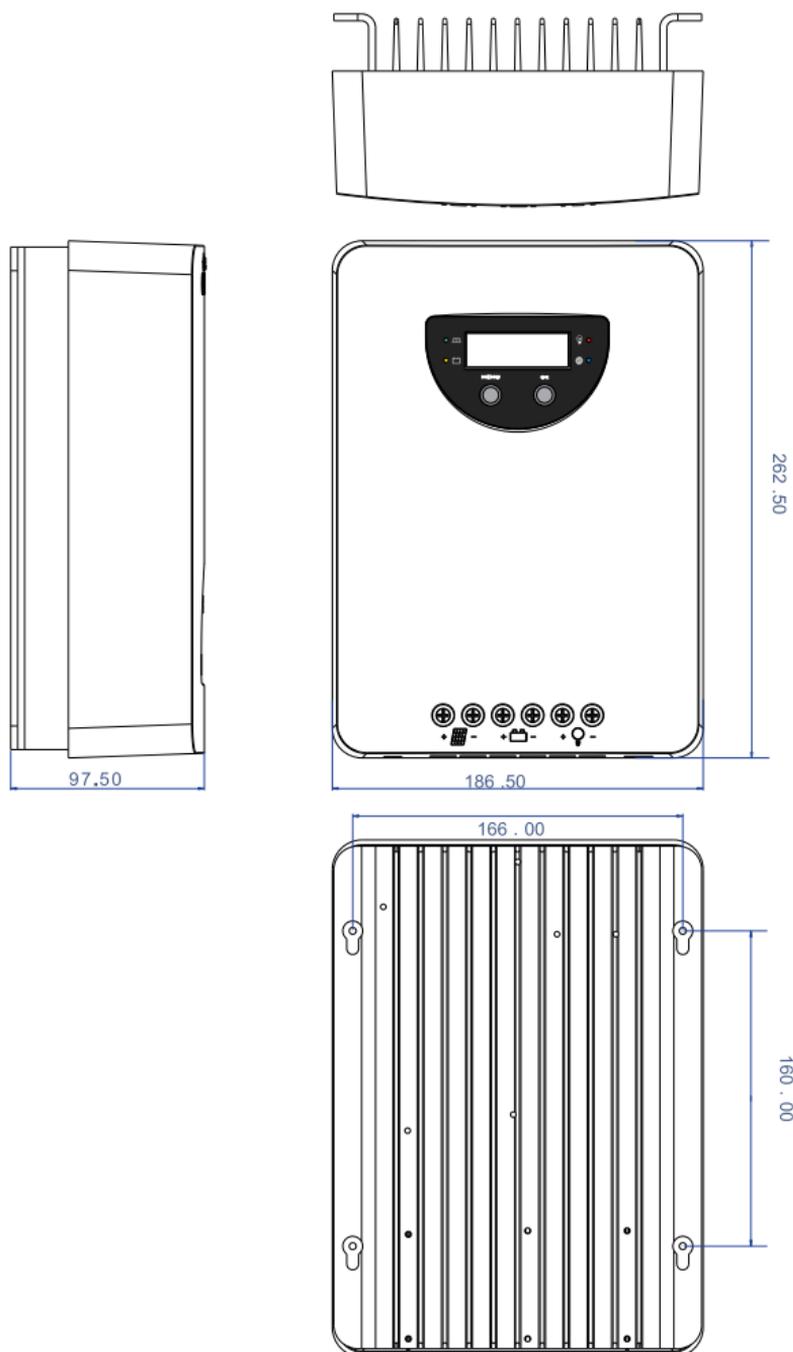
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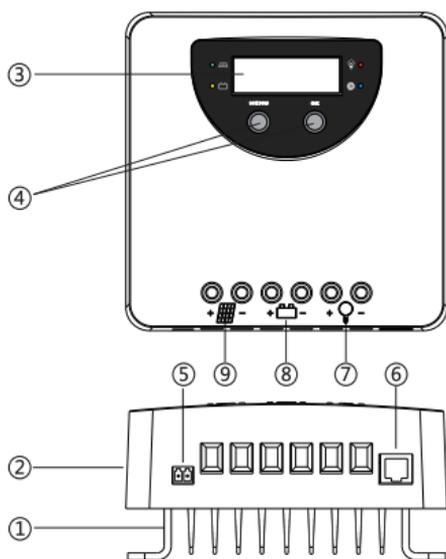
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## 4. Structure & Accessory

### 4.1 Structure & Characteristics



- ① Heat Sink  
—dissipate controller heat
- ② Plastic Case  
—Internal protection
- ③ LED & LCD  
— Display settings and operating status, system parameters
- ④ Key: MENU、OK  
—Set and view the operating parameters
- ⑤ Temperature Sensor Port  
—Collect temperature information, Temperature compensation.
- ⑥ RJ11 interface  
—Connecting monitoring devices
- ⑦ Load Terminals  
—Connected load.
- ⑧ Battery Terminals  
—Connect the battery.
- ⑨ Solar module terminals  
—Connected solar modules.

### 4.2 Temperature Sensor

To collect battery temperature data for temperature compensation so the controller can accurately charge the battery. The temperature sensor is connected via interface 5.

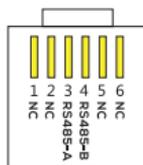
If the external temperature sensor is not connected or damaged, the controller defaults to the internal temperature information.

The controller is shipped with an 80 mm long cable temperature sensor. Should a sensor with a longer cable be required than this needs to be ordered separately.

### 4.3 RS485

The charger is equipped with a RS485 port with RJ11 sockets, the RJ11 interface is defined as follows:

Pin No.	Definition
1	NC
2	NC
3	RS485-A
4	RS485-B
5	NC
6	NC



RJ11(6P2C) for controller

 Protocol applicable to this controller: Modbus Communication Protocol V3.9



The RS485 interface on this charger is not galvanically isolated and can not be grounded. Do not short circuit unused pin (Note NC).

## 4.4 Option Accessories

### 4.4.1 Bluetooth Communication

Two options are available:

1. BT inside
2. BT external (Cyber-BT), and connected via RJ11 connector.

Bluetooth communication has the following characteristics :

1. Support Android/iOS mobile phone App
2. Realizes wireless monitoring function of PV charge controller
3. Use high performance, ultra-low power consumption Bluetooth dedicated chip
4. Adopt Bluetooth 4.2 and BLE technology



Refer to Bluetooth APP instructions for detailed operation of mobile APP.

### 4.4.2 Wireless Communication for Internet of Things

The controller equipped with the Internet of Things wireless communication capability has the following characteristics:

1. For the wireless Internet of Things communication functionality the controller can be remotely accessed through IoT/GPRS.
2. A variety of options are available for remote monitoring and real-time control through WeChat App /PC program.
3. Real-time monitoring of PV voltage, PV charging current, battery voltage, battery current, load voltage, load current and other system parameters as well as charge controller status.
4. Real-time automatic fault alarm.



Please contact our Sales Team for more details about the IoT wireless communication.

## 5. Installation



**CAUTION:** Please read **all** instructions and precautions in the manual before proceeding with the installation! It is recommended to remove the protective film cover from the LCD screen before operation.

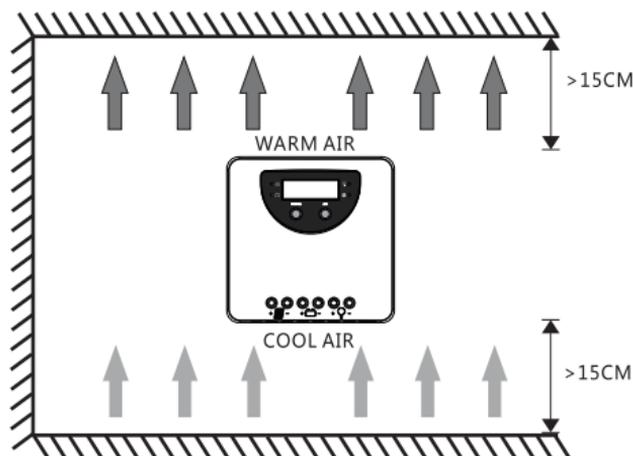
### 5.1 Installation Notes

- (1) This charge controller must only be used in PV systems in accordance with requirements given in this user manual and the specifications of other system components provided by their manufacturers. No energy source other than a PV generator may be connected to the PV charge controller referred herein.
- (2) PV-modules must always be disconnected prior to the installation and adjustments of the charge controller; Make sure the circuit breaker, fuse or disconnects of battery terminal are turned off.
- (3) Double check whether battery voltage meets the voltage range of Charge Controller.
- (4) Batteries store a large amount of energy, never short circuit a battery under any circumstances. We strongly recommend connecting a protection fuse directly to the battery terminal for protection in case of short circuiting the battery.
- (5) Batteries can produce flammable gases. Avoid provoking any sparks, using fire or any exposed flame close to any batteries, ever. Make sure that the battery room is well ventilated to disperse any gases.
- (6) Only use insulated tools and avoid placing (any) metal objects near/close to batteries.
- (7) Be extremely cautious when working with batteries. Wear eye protection by all means. Have fresh water available to immediately wash and clean any contact with battery acid. Get immediately medical aid in case of any hazard that may occur. Never install/handle with batteries alone.
- (8) Avoid touching or short-circuiting wires or terminals. Be aware that voltages on given system components, terminals or wires can be a multiple of battery voltage. Only use insulated tools, stand on dry ground, and keep your hands always dry and protected by proper (approved) electrician gloves when working on PV-Systems.
- (9) Prevent any water, ever, from penetrating the controller, outdoor installation must avoid any direct sunlight and penetration of any water (e.g. rain) and humidity.
- (10) After installation make sure that all connections are properly tighten, eliminate any electrical loose connections to eliminate by all means any hot electrical connection spots.

## 5.2 Mounting Location Requirements

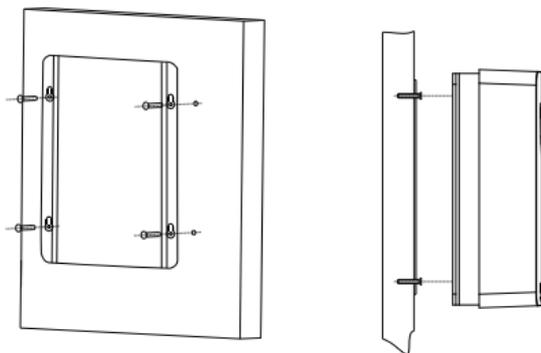
Do not subject the PV charge controller to direct sunlight or any other heat sources. Protect the PV charge controller from any dust, dirt and moisture. Mount it flat to a vertical wall. Must be a non-flammable material. Maintain a minimum clearance of 15 cm below and around the controller to ensure unhindered air circulation. Mount the PV charge controller not too far from the batteries (for accurate voltage sensing least lessening).

Mark the position of the PV charge controller fastening holes on the wall, drill 4 holes and insert dowels, fasten the PV charge controller to the wall with the cable openings facing downwards.



## 5.3 Fix the controller

Drill 4 mounting holes in the wall according to "installation position" and fix the four screws(M5), then aim the controller's fixing holes at the screws and mount the controller on.



## 5.4 Connection



**WARNING:** The PV-module/array can produce open-circuit voltages in excess of 100 Vdc when exposed to sunlight. Pay highest attention to this fact.



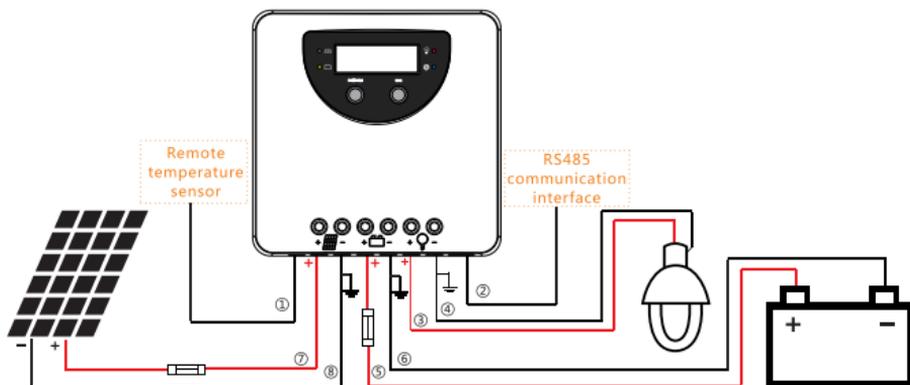
**WARNING:** Risk of explosion! In case the battery's positive and negative terminals or leads get ever in touch, i.e. short-circuited, a fire or explosion hazard might get triggered. Always pay maximum when handling batteries and related circuits.



**CAUTION:** 1. If no temperature sensor is connected to the controller, the battery temperature value will display the internal temperature.

2.If a power inverter is used the system, directly connect the inverter to the battery. Do not connect it to the controller's load terminals.

We strongly recommend connecting a fuse directly to the battery terminal to protect from any short circuit in the battery circuit. PV-modules generate current whenever light shines on them. The generated current is directly proportional to the light intensity. Even low levels of light, will deliver the PV-Modules no load, full voltage. It is thus utterly advisable to protect PV-modules from any incident light during installation; Never touch uninsulated cables (ends), only use electric insulated tools, and make sure that the wire cross section is adequate for the PV module operating currents. Connections must always be conducted in the sequence as described below.



1st step: Connect accessories

(1) Connect the remote temperature sensor cable

Connect the remote temperature sensor cable to the interface and place the other end close to the battery.

(2) Connect the accessories for RS485 or IoT communication.

2nd step: Connect loads

Connect the load cable with the correct polarity of the right-hand side pair of terminals on the solar charge controller (with the lamp symbol). To avoid the presence of any tension on the cable/wires, please connect these first to the load before connecting them to the charge controller.

3rd step: Connect the battery

Connect the battery cables observing the correct polarity to the center pair of terminals (make sure you identify the battery marking/symbol on the controller casing!) of the PV charge controller. Pay greatest attention to polarity. Never, ever invert the plus+ and minus- poles).

1) Should your system be nominal 12 Vdc, make sure the battery voltage is between the 5 and 15.5 Vdc voltage range;

2) for 24 Vdc nominal voltage, the battery voltage should be within the 20 to 31 Vdc range;

3) Voltages are identifiable when the controller is set to a lithium battery.

If the polarity is correct, the LCD on the controller will begin to display those.

4th step: Connect the solar module

When connecting the PV-Module make sure to cover it from incident sun light. Double check the PV-Module will not exceed the maximum permissible input current of the Charge Controller (please refer to the section Technical Data). Connect the solar module connection cable to the correct polarity of the left pair of terminals on the solar charge controller (with the solar module symbol).

5th step: Final work

Tighten all cables connected to the controller and remove all the remains around the controller (leaving a void of minimum 15 cm).

## 5.5 Wiring Specifications

Wiring and installation methods must comply with national and local electrical code/specifications.

The wiring specifications of the PV-system battery must be selected according to rated currents. Please check following table for wiring specifications:

Model	Rated charging current	Rated discharging current	Solar wire diameter (mm <sup>2</sup> /AWG)	Battery wire diameter (mm <sup>2</sup> /AWG)	Load wire diameter (mm <sup>2</sup> /AWG)
RHC2010	20A	20A	6/10	6/10	6/10
RHC4010	40A	30A	10/8	10/8	6/9
RHC6010	60A	30A	16/5	16/5	6/9

 The indicated cable/wire sizes are for reference only. If longer runs between the PV array and the controller or between the controller and the battery are required, than larger capacity cables must be used to reduce voltage drop and improve system performance.

## 5.6 Grounding

Be aware that the negative terminals of controller are interconnected and therefore bear the same electrical potential. If any grounding is required, always do this on the negative wires/terminals.



**CAUTION:** For common-negative system, such as motorhome, it is recommended to use a common-negative controller; but if in a common-negative system, some common-positive equipment is used, and the positive pole is grounded, the controller may get damaged.

## 6. Operation

### 6.1 LED indicator

Solar LED



Load LED

Battery LED



Communication LED

LED	Status	Function
Green (PV Panel)	On	Solar panel is connected, no charged.
	Fast flash(0.1/0.1s)	MPPT charging
	Flash(0.5/0.5s)	Equal or Boost Charging
	Slow flash(0.5/2s)	Float Charging
Yellow (Battery)	On	Battery is normal.
	Off	Over voltage protection
	Fast flash(0.1/0.1s)	Low voltage protection
	Slow flash(0.5/2s)	Battery voltage is low.
Red (Load)	On	Load is on.
	Off	Load is off.
	Fast flash(0.1/0.1s)	Short circuit or over current protection
	Slow flash(0.5/2s)	Over temperature protection
Blue (Communication)	Off	No communication
	Fast flash(0.1/0.1s)	Normal communication

## 6.2 Key function



Mode	Operating
Browse interface	Short press OK.
Static display	Press the MENU and OK key at the same time for 1s, the LCD screen will lock the interface. Press the MENU and OK key again for 1s, the LCD interface will unlock and start scrolling.
Setting parameter	Press the MENU key for 1s to enter the setting mode when the icon  appears on the display interface, and exit automatically after 30s or press the MENU.
Load On/Off	When the controller is working in street lamp mode, press the MENU key for 3s to turn on the load, press the MENU key again or 1min later the load will be turned off.

## 6.3 LCD Display

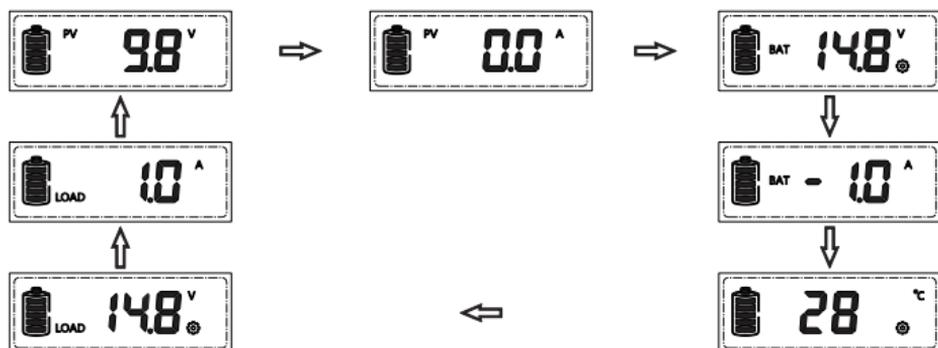


### 6.3.1 Status Description

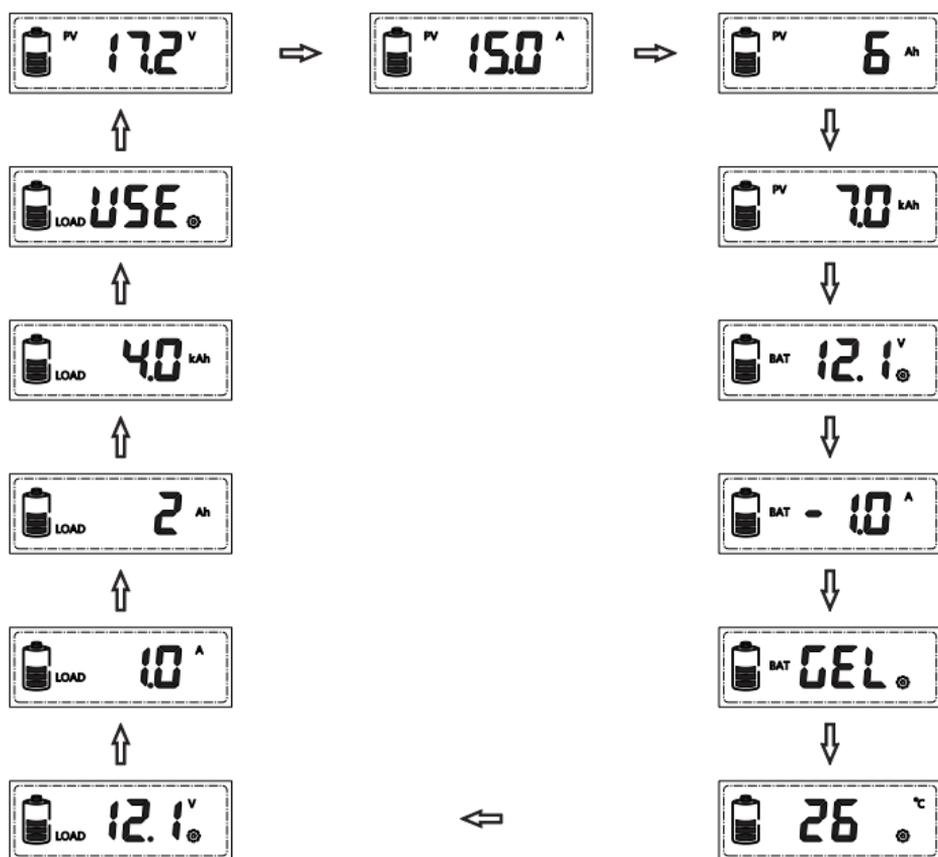
Item	Icon	Status
PV array		Charging
	PV <b>72</b> V	PV voltage
	PV <b>30</b> A	PV current
	PV <b>6</b> Ah	PV ampere hours of the day
Battery		Battery capacity
	BAT <b>12.3</b> V	Battery voltage(Programmable LVD)
	BAT <b>10</b> A	Battery current
	BAT <b>GEL</b>	Battery type(Programmable)
	<b>26</b> °C	Temperature(Can clear Bluetooth Device Password)
Load	LOAD <b>12.1</b> V	Load voltage(Programmable LVR)
	LOAD <b>10</b> A	Load current
	LOAD <b>3</b> Ah	Load ampere hours of the day
	LOAD <b>60</b> kWh	The total discharge ampere hours of the load
	LOAD <b>USE</b> 	Load mode(Programmable)

 PV array charge ampere hours and load ampere hours are off after power failure.  
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### 6.3.2 The interface automatically cycles in the displayed sequence



### 6.3.3 Press OK to browse the interface



### 6.3.4 Fault indication

Status	Icon	Description
Short circuit		Load off, fault icon display, the LCD screen displays E1.
Over current		Load off, fault icon display, the LCD screen displays E2.
Low voltage		Load off, battery level shows empty, fault icon display, battery frame flashes, the LCD screen displays E3.
Over voltage		The charge and discharge are off, battery level shows full, fault icon display, battery flashes, the LCD screen displays E4.
Over temperature		The charge and discharge are off, fault icon display, icon °C flashing, the LCD screen displays E5.
Controller does not correctly identify system voltage		Controller does not correctly identify system voltage.

## 6.4 Parameters setting

When the icon  appears in the display interface, it means that the parameters can be set. Press the MENU key for 1s, then icon  flashes, press OK to change the parameter; when the setting is finished, you can wait 30 seconds to exit the setting mode automatically, or you can press the MENU to exit the setting mode.

### 6.4.1 Low voltage protection



When the LCD shows as displayed at left, press the MENU key for 1s, the icon  flashes, now you can set the controller's low voltage protection.

#### 1. Lithium Battery

Low voltage protection setting range:

12/24V: 9.0-30.0V (default: 10.6V)

12/24V: 9.0-60.0V (default: 21.0V).

#### 2. Liquid, Gel and AGM Battery

Low voltage protection setting range :

10.8~11.8V/21.6~23.6V(default: 11.2/22.4V).

### 6.4.2 Low voltage reconnect



When the LCD shows as displayed at left, press the MENU key for 1s, the icon  flashes, you can set the controller's low voltage reconnect.

#### 1. Lithium Battery

Low voltage reconnect setting range is:

12/24V: 9.6-31.0V (default: 12.0V)

12/24V: 9.6-62.0V (default: 22.4V).

#### 2. Liquid, Gel and AGM Battery

Low voltage reconnect setting range :

11.4~12.8/22.8~25.6V (default : 12/24V).



The low voltage recovery voltage(LVR) should be higher than the low voltage protection voltage(LVD) at least 0.6/1.2/1.8/2.4V. If it is desired to improve LVD, than LVR must improved first.

### 6.4.3 Clear Bluetooth Device Password



When the LCD shows as displayed at left, press the MENU key for 1s, the icon  flashes, you can press OK to clear the Bluetooth device password set by the mobile app.

 For device passwords, please refer to Bluetooth APP instructions.

#### 6.4.4 Battery type



When the LCD shows as displayed at left, press the MENU key for 1s, the icon  flashes, now you can set the battery type.

Display	Battery type
GEL	GEL(Default)
AG-	AGM
LI	Lithium
LI9	Liquid

##### 1.Charging Voltage Parameters(Liquid, GEL, AGM)

When choosing Liquid, GEL or AGM for battery type, the parameters of boost, equalization and float charge voltage can be set by IoT, RS485 or bluetooth APP. The range of parameters is as follows.

The following voltage parameters are 25°C/12V system parameters, in a 24V system displayed values are multiplied by a factor of 2.

Charging stage	Boost	Equalization	Float
Charging Voltage Range	14.0~14.8V	14.0~15.0V	13.0~14.5V
Default charging voltage	14.5V	14.8V	13.7V

##### 2.Charging Voltage Parameters(Lithium)

The controllers are suitable for all kinds of lithium batteries. When choosing lithium battery type, the overcharge protection and overcharge recovery voltage of lithium battery can be set by IoT, RS485 or bluetooth APP.

Charge target voltage range: 12/24V: 10.0-32.0V (default:14.4V)

12/24V: 10.0-64.0V (default:29.4V)

Charge recovery voltage setting range: 12/24V: 9.2-31.8V (default:14.0V)

12/24V: 9.2-63.8V (default:28.7V)

Note:



(Overcharge Recovery Voltage+1.5V)≥Lithium Overcharge Protection Voltage≥(Overcharge Recovery Voltage+0.2V)

Parameter setting out of range is not supported.



Warning: The required accuracy of BMS shall be at least 0.2V. If tolerance is larger than 0.2V, manufacturer will not assume any liability for any consequent system malfunction.

#### 6.4.5 Load mode



When the LCD shows as displayed at left, press the MENU key for 1s, the icon  flashes, now you can set the load mode.

Display	Load mode
0	Always on Mode: The load output is always switched on.
1	Dusk to Dawn Mode: The load output is switched on between sunset and sunrise.
23456789	Evening Mode: The load output will be switched on for 2~9hours after sunset.
USE	Manual Mode: The load output can be switched on and off manually by pressing MENU shortly.

##### 1.Always on Mode

When the controller is set to always On mode, no matter the charging or discharging state, the load is always powered on (except in when in protection state).

## 2. Street Lamp Function

When the load is set to Dusk to Dawn or Evening mode, the Day/Night threshold voltage and the Day/Night delay time can be set by IoT, RS485 or bluetooth APP, and the load can be turned on or off by the test function during the day charging process.

### 2.1 Day/Night threshold voltage

The controller recognizes day and night based on the solar array open circuit voltage.

This day/night threshold voltage can be modified according to local light conditions and the solar array used.

Day/Night threshold setting range: 3.0~10.0/6.0~20.0V(Default: 8/16/24V)

### 2.2 Day/Night delay time

In the evening, when the solar array open circuit voltage reaches the setting day/night detect voltage, you can adjust the day/night delay time to make the load turn on a little bit later.

Day/Night delay time setting range: 0~30min(Default: 0min)

### 2.3 Test Function

When the controller is working in Dusk to Dawn or Evening mode, press the MENU key for 3s to turn on the load. Press the MENU key again or the load turns off automatically after 1 minute.

If the controller is operating in always on mode, the test function does not work.

## 3. User-define Mode

① If the load mode is selected "USE", then you can switch on and off the load output manually by pressing MENU shortly.

② The default switching state of the load in manual mode can be changed by IoT, RS485 or bluetooth APP. At the same time, the output to the load can be turned on or off.



1. If the controller turns off the load due to low voltage protection, overcurrent protection, short-circuit protection or over temperature protection, the load will turn on automatically when the controller recovers from protection state.

2. Please note: Pushing the MENU button can still activate the function of the key, even during of the above four kinds protection states.

# 7. Troubleshooting, Protections and maintenance

## 7.1 Trouble shooting

Faults	Reason	Troubleshooting
 E1	Short Circuit	Switch off all loads, remove short circuit, load will be reconnected after 1 minute automatically
 E2	Over Current	Reduce the load, the controller will resume work after 1minute.
 E3	Battery voltage is too low	Load will be reconnected when battery is recharged.
 E4	Battery voltage is too high	Check if other sources overcharge the battery or battery parameter is set correctly. If not, controller is damaged.
 E5 <sup>°C</sup>	Over temperature	After the temperature decreases, the controller will work normally.
 PV BAT LOAD <b>888</b> V/A°C LAN @###	Battery voltage is abnormal at start-up	Charge or discharge the battery so that the battery voltage is within the normal operating range(8.5~15.5V or 20~31V).

## 7.2 Protection

Protection	Description
PV Over Current	The controller will limit charging power to the rated level. Over-sized PV array will not be able to operate at maximum power point.
PV Short Circuit	When PV short circuit occurs, the controller will stop charging. Remove it to resume normal operation.
PV Reverse Polarity	Fully protection against PV reverse polarity, no damage to the controller. Correct the connection to resume normal operation.
Battery Reverse Polarity	Fully protection against battery reverse polarity, no damage to the controller. Correct the connection to resume normal operation.
Battery Over voltage	Should there are other energy sources to charge the battery, when the battery voltage exceeds 15.8 / 31.3V (Overcharge protection voltage of lithium battery equals target voltage plus 0.2V), the controller will stop charging to protect the battery from overcharging damage.
Battery Over discharge	When battery voltage drops to the low voltage disconnect setting, the controller will stop discharging to protect the battery from over discharging damage.
Load Over Current Protection	If the load current exceeds the maximum load current rating 1.25 times, the controller will disconnect the load.
Load Short Circuit Protection	Once the load short circuit happens , the load short circuit protection will trigger automatically.
Over Temperature Protection	The controller detects the internal temperature through internal sensor, when the temperature exceeds the setting value, the charging current will decrease, and consequently, the controllers temperature; Should controllers temperature rise and approach over temperature protection threshold, the controller will stop its operation and resume after temperature lowers/returns to an acceptable level.
Damaged Remote Temperature Sensor	Should the temperature sensor be short-circuited or damaged, the controller will be charging or discharging at the internal temperature automatically to prevent the battery damaged from overcharging or over discharged.

## 7.3 Maintenance

For best system performance, the following inspections and maintenance tasks are recommended to be carried out for at least two times a year.

- Make sure no block on air-flow around the controller. Clear up any dirt and fragments on radiator.
- Check all the naked wires to make sure insulation is not damaged. Repair or replace some wires if necessary.
- Tighten all terminal screws to the indicated torque; Inspect for loose, broken, or burnt cable/wire connections.
- Check and confirm that LCD is consistent with required. Pay attention to any troubleshooting or error indication. Take corrective action if necessary.
- Make sure all system components are effectively and tightly connected to ground.
- Check all terminals for any corrosion signs, damaged insulation, increased temperature or carbonization/discolored signs.
- Check for any dirt, nesting insects and any corrosion signs. Implement corrections actions as early as possible.



**WARNING** : Risk of electric shock!

Make sure that all the power is turned off before above operations, and then follow the corresponding inspections and operations.

## 8. Technical Data

	Item	RHC2010	RHC4010	RHC6010
Battery Parameters	Max Charging Current	20A	40A	60A
	System Voltage	12/24V automatic recognition		
	MPPT Charging Voltage	before boost or equalization charging stage		
	Boost Voltage	14~14.8/28~29.6V @25°C(default: 14.5/29V)		
	Equalization Voltage	14~15.0/28~30V@25°C(default: 14.8/29.6V)(Liquid, AGM)		
	Float Voltage	13~14.5/26~39V @25°C(default: 13.7/27.4V)		
	Low Volt. Disconnect	10.8~11.8V/21.6~23.6V(default: 11.2/22.4V)		
	Reconnect Voltage	11.4~12.8V/22.8~25.6V ( default: 12.0/24.0V)		
	Overcharge Protect	15.8/31.3V		
	Max volt on Bat. terminal	35V		
	Temp. Compensation	-4.17mV/K per cell (Boost, Equalization) , -3.33mV/K per cell (Float)		
	Charging target voltage	10.0~32.0V(Lithium, default: 14.4V)		
	Charging recovery voltage	9.2~31.8V(Lithium, default: 14.0V)		
	Low voltage disconnect	9.0~30.0V(Lithium, default: 10.6V)		
	Low voltage reconnect	9.6~31.0V(Lithium, default: 12.0V)		
Battery Type	Gel, AGM, Liquid, Lithium ( default: Gel)			
Panel Parameters	Max volt on PV terminal <sup>1</sup>	100V(-20°C), 90V(25°C)		
	Max input power	260/520W	520/1040W	750W/1500W
	Day/Night threshold	3.0~10.0/6.0~20.0V(Default: 8/16V)		
	MPPT tracking range	( Battery Voltage + 1.0V ) ~Voc*0.9 <sup>2</sup>		
Load	Output Current	20A	30A	30A
	Load mode	Always on, Street lamp, User-defind Mode(default: Always on)		
System Parameters	Max tracking efficiency	>99.9%		
	Max charge conversion	98.0%		
	Dimensions	136.6*136.6*67.1mm	196.5*136.6*97.1mm	262.5*186.5*97.5mm
	Weight	830g	1.3Kg	2.5Kg
	Self consumption	≤12mA		
	Communication	RS485(RJ11 interface)		
	Optional	IoT , Cyber-BT		
	Grounding	Common Negative		
	Power terminals	6AWG(16mm <sup>2</sup> )		
	Ambient temperature	-20 ~ +55°C		
	Storage temperature	-25 ~ +80°C		
	Ambient humidity	0 ~ 100%RH		
	Protection degree	IP32		
Max Altitude	4000m			

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