

# VOLTACON UK LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS



## DC to DC Battery Chargers



# Orion-Tr Smart DC-DC charger non-isolated

360/400 Watt

With 3-stage battery charge algorithm

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**Orion-Tr Smart non-isolated  
12/12-30**



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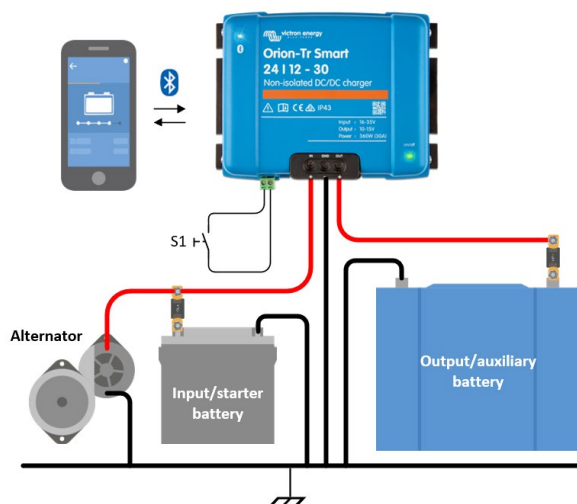
## IP43 protection

When installed with the screw terminals oriented downwards.

## Screw terminals

No special tools needed for installation.

## Input fuse (not replaceable)



Orion-Tr Smart Chargers non-isolated 360 - 400 Watt	12/12-30 (360W)	12/24-15 (360W)	24/12-30 (360W)	24/24-17 (400W)
Input voltage range (1)	10-17V	10-17V	20-35V	20-35V
Under voltage shut down	7V	7V	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	7,5V	7,5V	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V			
Output noise	2mV rms			
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	15A	30A	17A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	40A	25A	45A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A	60A	40A
Cont. output power at 25°C	430W	430W	430W	480W
Cont. output power at 40°C	360W	360W	360W	400W
Efficiency	87%	88%	88%	89%
No load input current	< 80mA	< 100mA	< 100mA	< 80mA
Standby current	Less than 1mA			
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)			
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing			
DC connection	Screw terminals			
Maximum cable cross-section	16 mm² (AWG6)			
Weight	12V input and/or 12V output models: 1,8 kg (3 lb)		Other models: 1,6 kg (3.5 lb)	
Dimensions hwxwd	130 x 186 x 80 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 3.2 inch)			
Standards: Safety Emission Immunity Automotive Directive	EN 60950 EN 61000-6-3, EN 55014-1 EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 55014-2 ECE R10-5			
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Note 2: The Orion-Tr Smart is not equipped with a VE.Direct port.				

# Orion-Tr Smart DC-DC charger isolated

250 / 400 Watt

With 3-stage battery charge algorithm

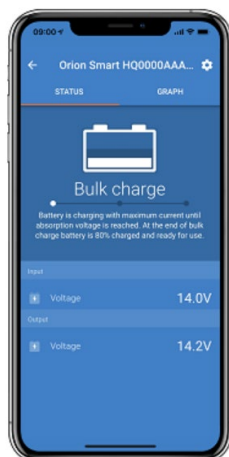
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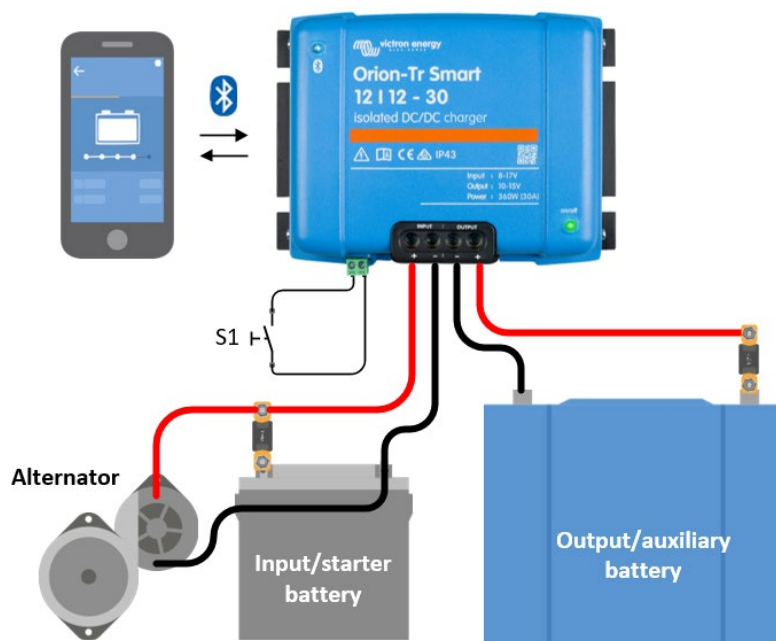
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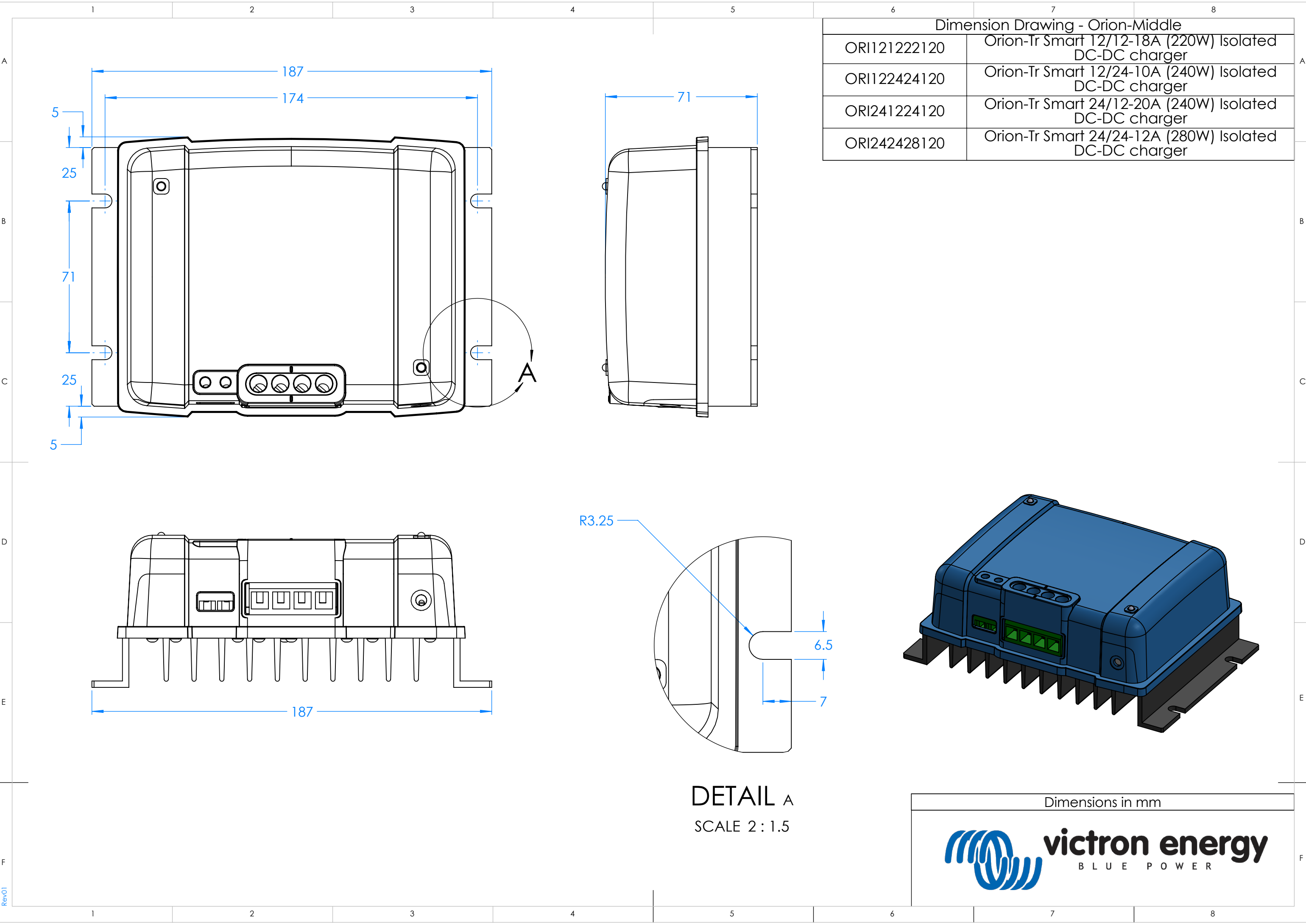
No special tools needed for installation.

## Input fuse (not replaceable)

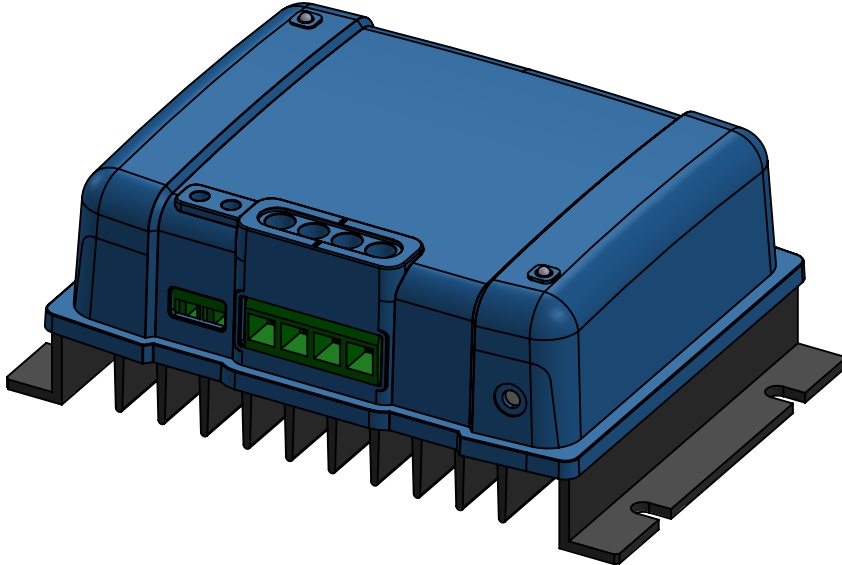


Orion-Tr Smart Chargers Isolated 220 - 280 Watt	12/12-18 (220W)	12/24-10 (240W)	24/12-20 (240W)	24/24-12 (280W)
Input voltage range (1)	8-17V	8-17V	16-35V	16-35V
Under voltage shut down	7V	7V	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	7,5V	7,5V	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V			
Output noise	2mV rms			
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	18A	10A	20A	12A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	25A	15A	25A	15A
Short circuit output current	40A	25A	50A	30A
Cont. output power at 25°C	280W	280W	300W	320W
Cont. output power at 40°C	220W	240W	240W	280W
Efficiency	87%	88%	88%	89%
No load input current	< 80mA	< 100mA	< 100mA	< 80mA
Standby current	Less than 1mA			
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case			
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)			
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing			
DC connection	Screw terminals			
Maximum cable cross-section	16 mm <sup>2</sup> AWG6			
Weight	1,3 kg (3 lb)			
Dimensions h x w x d	130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)			
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Input voltage range (1)	10-17V	10-17V	20-35V	20-35V
Under voltage shut down	7V	7V	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	7,5V	7,5V	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V	12,2V	24,2V
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Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V			
Output noise	2mV rms			
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	15A	30A	17A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage minus 20%	40A	25A	45A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A	60A	40A
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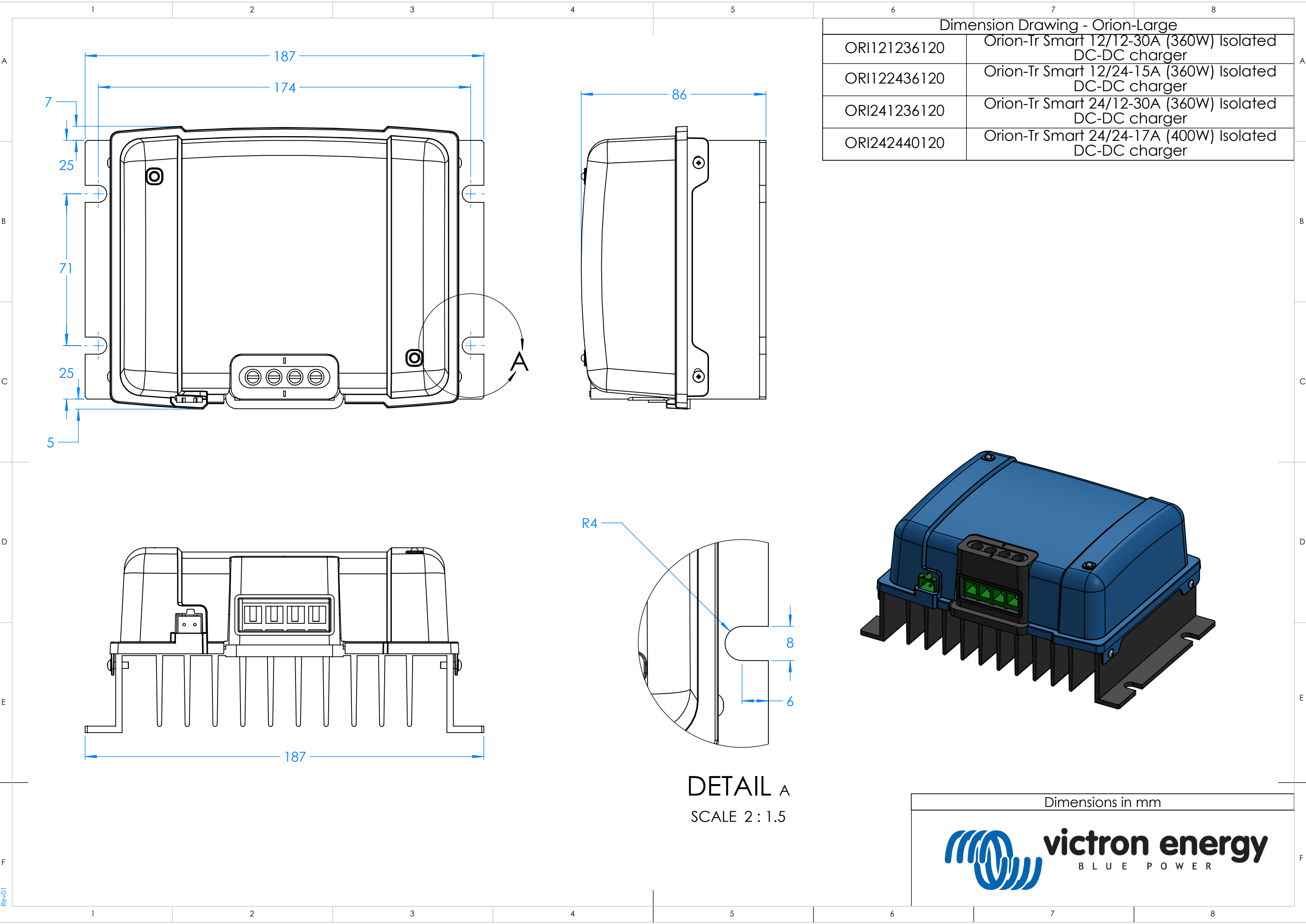


Dimension Drawing - Orion-Middle	
ORI121222120	Orion-Tr Smart 12/12-18A (220W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI122424120	Orion-Tr Smart 12/24-10A (240W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI241224120	Orion-Tr Smart 24/12-20A (240W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI242428120	Orion-Tr Smart 24/24-12A (280W) Isolated DC-DC charger



DETAIL A  
SCALE 2 : 1.5





Dimension Drawing - Orion-Large	
ORI121236120	Orion-Tr Smart 12/12-30A (360W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI122436120	Orion-Tr Smart 12/24-15A (360W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI241236120	Orion-Tr Smart 24/12-30A (360W) Isolated DC-DC charger
ORI242440120	Orion-Tr Smart 24/24-17A (400W) Isolated DC-DC charger

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Dimensions in mm

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Orion-Tr DC-DC Smart Charger Non-Isolated





# 1. General Description

The Orion Smart DC-DC chargers are specially developed DC-DC converters for controlled charging or fixed output mode. In charger mode the three-state charge algorithm will increase battery life by properly charging the battery. Especially in the case of vehicles with an alternator smart control, or voltage drop caused by long cable runs, controlled charging is indispensable. Controlled charging will also protect the alternator in lithium systems where direct charging can overload the alternator due to the low impedance of the lithium battery. In fixed output mode the output voltage will remain stable independent of the applied load or varying input voltage (within the specified range).

To ensure that the starter battery of the vehicle is always loaded with priority, the Orion Smart DC-DC charger will only provide power when the engine is running. This is possible thanks to the built-in engine shutdown detection. This also prevents the onboard voltage of the vehicle from becoming too low. It is not necessary to intervene in the system of the vehicle, install a separate motor run sensor or intervene in the CAN bus system. Apart from this detection, the Orion Smart DC-DC charger can also be activated by a forced allowed to charge feature, e.g. connected to the ignition switch.

The Orion Smart DC-DC charger is fully programmable with the VictronConnect app.

Discover all setup possibilities here:

<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/victronconnect:start>

## 2. Features

### **Smart alternator compatibility**

Vehicle manufacturers are now introducing smart ECU (Engine Control Unit) controlled alternators to increase fuel efficiency and lower emissions. Smart alternators deliver a variable output and are shut off when they're not needed. The converter has a unique engine running detection in order to be able to detect a running vehicle engine. This prevents the converter from discharging the starter battery if the alternator does not supply power. See chapter "5. Smart alternator compatibility" for more details. Configurable with Victron Connect.

### **Separation of the starter battery and the service battery**

The Orion DC-DC Smart Charger non-Isolated separates the starter battery from the service battery when the engine is not running.

### **Extensive electronic protection**

Over-temperature protection and power derating when temperature is high.

Overload protected.

Short circuit protected.

Connector over-temperature protection.

### **Adaptive three step charging**

The Orion DC-DC Smart Charger Non-Isolated is configured for a three-step charging process: Bulk – Absorption – Float.

#### Bulk

During this stage the controller delivers as much charge current as possible to rapidly recharge the batteries.

#### Absorption

When the battery voltage reaches the absorption voltage setting, the controller switches to constant voltage mode. For lead acid batteries it is important that during shallow discharges the absorption time is kept short in order to prevent overcharging of the battery. After a deep discharge the absorption time is automatically increased to make sure that the battery is

completely recharged. For lithium batteries absorption time is fixed, typically 2 hours, the fixed or adaptive mode can be chosen on the battery settings.

#### Float

During this stage, float voltage is applied to the battery to maintain it in a fully charged state. When the battery voltage drops below re-bulk voltage, due to a high load, during at least 1 minute a new charge cycle will be triggered.

### **Flexible charge algorithm**

Programmable charge algorithm, and eight preprogrammed battery settings.

Configurable with VictronConnect.

### **Adaptive absorption time**

Automatically calculates the proper absorption time.

Configurable with Victron Connect.

### **Configuring and monitoring**

Bluetooth Smart built-in: the wireless solution to set-up, monitor and update the controller using Apple and Android smartphones, tablets or other devices.

Several parameters can be customized with the VictronConnect app.

The VictronConnect app can be downloaded from:

<http://www.victronenergy.nl/support-and-downloads/software/>

Use the manual – VictronConnect - to get the most out of the VictronConnect App when it's connected to an Orion Smart:

<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/victronconnect:start>

### **Input voltage lock-out**

Shutdown if the input voltage drops below the lock-out value and continuous when the input voltage increases above the restart value.

Configurable with Victron Connect.

### **Remote on-off**

Use the remote function to enable and disable the device remotely with the remote on/off connector or using the VictronConnect app. Typical use cases include a user operated hard wired switch and automatic control by for example a Battery Management System.



### 3. Safety instructions

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** – This manual contains important instructions that shall be followed during installation and maintenance.



**Danger of explosion from sparking**

**Danger of electric shock**

- Please read this manual carefully before the product is installed and put into use.
- Install the product in a heatproof environment. Ensure therefore that there are no chemicals, plastic parts, curtains or other textiles, etc. in the immediate vicinity of the equipment.
- It is normal for the Orion Smart DC-DC charger to get hot during operation, keep any objects that are heat-sensitive away.
- Ensure that the equipment is used under the correct operating conditions. Never operate it in a wet environment.
- Never use the product at sites where gas or dust explosions could occur.
- Always provide proper ventilation during charging.
- Avoid covering the charger.
- Refer to the specifications provided by the manufacturer of the battery to ensure that the battery is suitable for use with this product. The battery manufacturer's safety instructions should always be observed.
- In addition to this manual, the system operation or service manual must include a battery maintenance manual applicable to the type of batteries used.
- Never place the charger on top of the battery when charging.
- Prevent sparks close to the battery. A battery being charged could emit explosive gasses.

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- This device is not to be used by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction.
- Use flexible multistrand copper cable for the connections. The maximum diameter of the individual strands is 0,4mm/0,125mm<sup>2</sup> (0.016 inch/AWG26).
- The installation must include a fuse in accordance with the recommendations in the table "CABLE AND FUSE RECOMMENDATIONS".





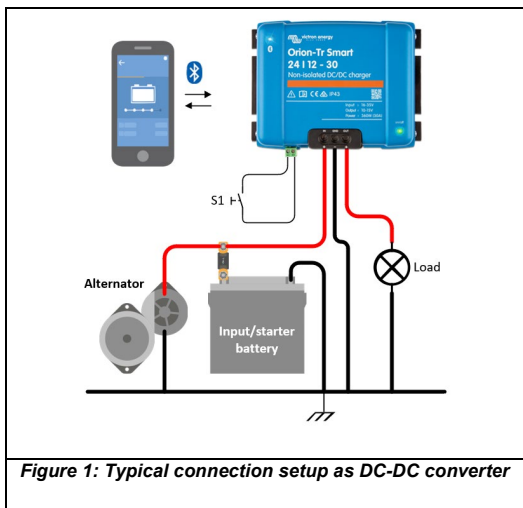
## 4. Installation

### 4.1 General

- Mount vertically on a non-flammable surface, with the power terminals facing downwards. Observe a minimum clearance of 10 cm under and above the product for optimal cooling.
- Mount close to the battery, but never directly above the battery (in order to prevent damage due to gassing of the battery).

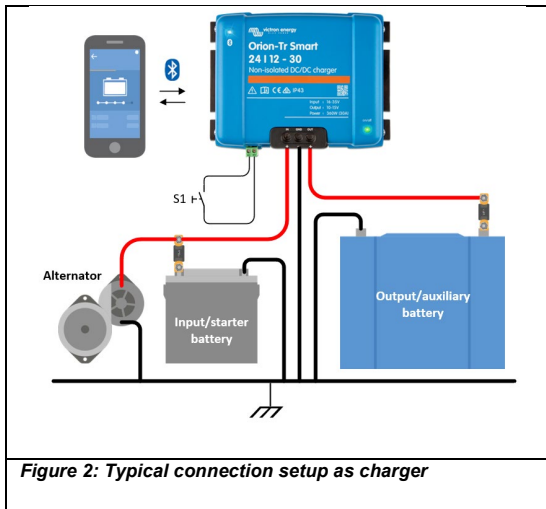
### 4.2 Connection setup for DC-DC converter mode

1. Disconnect the remote on/off (remove wire bridge).
2. Connect the input supply cables.
3. Open the VictronConnect App to setup the product.  
**(always adjust the output voltage before connecting in parallel or connecting a battery)**
4. Connect the load. The converter is now ready for use.
5. Reconnect the remote on/off to activate the product.



### 4.3 Connection setup for charger mode

1. Disconnect the remote on/off (remove wire bridge).
2. Connect the input supply cables.
3. Open the VictronConnect App to setup the product.  
**(always setup the correct charger algorithm before connecting a battery)**
4. Connect the battery to be charged.
5. Reconnect the remote on/off to activate the product.



**Figure 2: Typical connection setup as charger**

#### 4.4 Connection remote on-off

The recommended use of the remote on-off is:

- a) A switch wired between the L-H pins (On-level impedance between L-H pins:  $<500\text{k}\Omega$ )
- b) A switch wired between (input/starter) battery plus and H-pin (on level:  $>3\text{V}$ )
- c) Connection between “VE.BMS charge disconnect” and H-pin
- d) A switch between the L-pin and (input/starter) ground (on level:  $<5\text{V}$ )

Note: Voltage tolerance L & H pin:  $\pm 70\text{V}_{\text{DC}}$

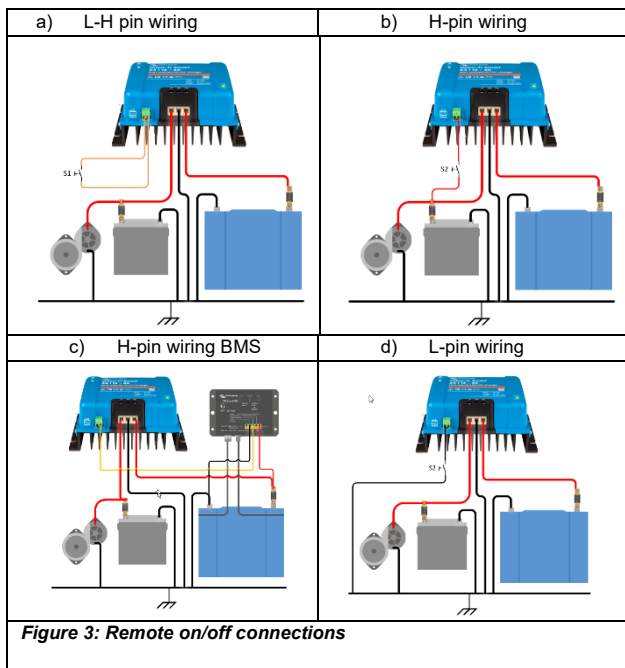
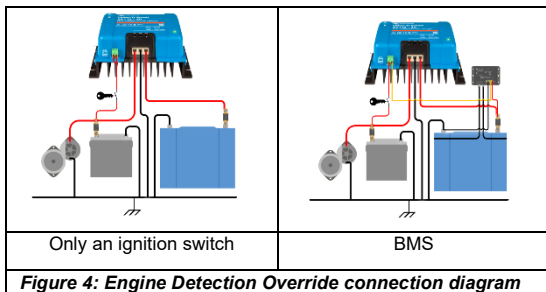


Figure 3: Remote on/off connections

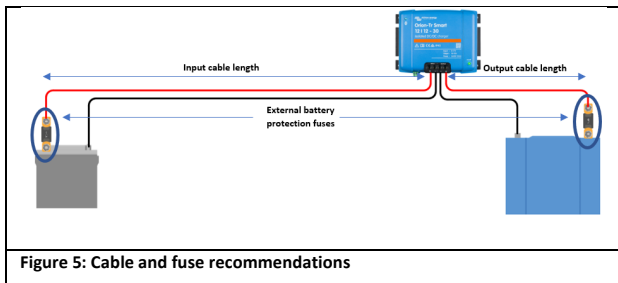
#### 4.5 Engine detection override

Applying  $>7V$  to the L-pin of the remote on/off circuit activates the “engine detection override” function. The charger is on as long as the “engine detection override” is active. With this function an external control (e.g. ignition switch, CAN bus engine on detector) can determine if charging is allowed.

The remote on/off function also needs to be activated so option a) or b) in figure 3 must also be connected. See examples in figure 4 below.



#### 4.6 Cable and fuse recommendations



Voltage rating (Input or output)	External battery protection Fuse	Minimum cable gauge				
		0.5m	1m	2m	5m	10m
12V	60A	6mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>	16mm <sup>2</sup>	16mm <sup>2</sup>
24V	30A	4mm <sup>2</sup>	6mm <sup>2</sup>	6mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>

#### 4.7 Recommended torque

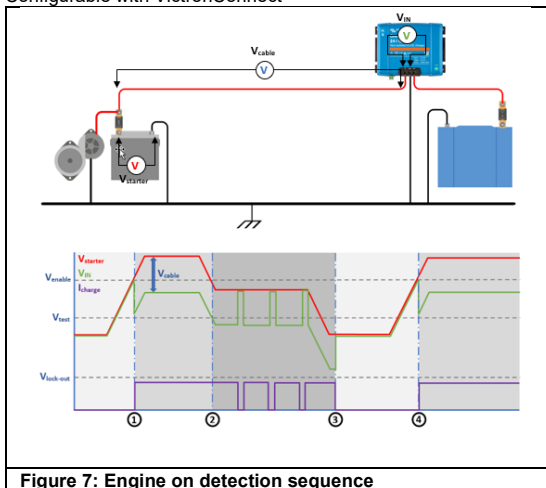


## 5. Smart alternator compatibility

The engine is running detection is based on the voltage of the starter battery. The charger is not always able to measure the exact starter battery voltage because of voltage drop over the input cable. The voltage drop is determined by variables like current, cable length and cable gauge. The “engine on detection sequence” (see figure 7) will perform periodic tests to determine the exact starter battery voltage during charging. The test result determines if the engine is running and charging can be enabled.

This feature is only active in charger mode and when “engine detection override” is not activated. In converter mode the “input voltage lock-out” determines when the output is active.

Configurable with VictronConnect



**0 → 1:**

When the engine runs the alternator voltage will ramp-up, when  $V_{\text{starter}}$  increases above  $V_{\text{enable}}$ , charging starts.

**1 → 2:**

Due to the charge current a voltage drop will occur across the input cable ( $V_{\text{cable}}$ ), this voltage reduces the voltage at the input of the charger ( $V_{\text{IN}}$ ). While  $V_{\text{IN}}$  remains above  $V_{\text{test}}$ , charging is enabled.

**2 → 3:**

If  $V_{\text{IN}}$  drops below  $V_{\text{test}}$ , the “engine on detection sequence” is started. Every 2 minutes the charger is paused for 10 seconds to measure the voltage. Without current flow  $V_{\text{IN}}$  is equal to  $V_{\text{starter}}$ , if  $V_{\text{IN}}$  is above  $V_{\text{test}}$ , charging will resume. While remaining in this state, the test is performed every 2 minutes.

**3 → 4:**

During the detection sequence  $V_{\text{IN}}$  dropped below  $V_{\text{test}}$ , this means that the engine stopped running and charging must be stopped, the charge sequence is paused.

**4 → 5:**

$V_{\text{IN}}$  increases above  $V_{\text{enable}}$ , the charge sequences continues.



## 6. LED stated

The LEDs will change its state to warn what the Orion Smart is doing at the moment. There are two LEDs, the blue LED is dedicated to Bluetooth functionality and the green LED to product state.

### Status LED (Green LED)

- **LED off:**
  - No input voltage;
  - Remote shutdown;
  - Shutdown by the user;
  - Connector over-temperature protection
  - User defined under voltage lock-out
  - Engine off detected (when in Charger mode)
- **LED on:**
  - Output active on DC/DC Converter Mode;
  - Charger in Float State (Battery charged);
- **LED Blinking at 1.25Hz:**
  - Charger in Bulk or Absorption State (Battery is being charged);

### BLE LED (Blue LED)

- **LED off:**
  - No input voltage;
- **LED Blinking at 0.33 Hz:**
  - Error – needs to be checked on VictronConnect;
- **LED Blinking at 1.25 Hz:**
  - Connected via Bluetooth;
- **LED Blinking at 2.5 Hz:**
  - Identify;
- **LED Blinking once every 5 seconds:**
  - Charger off due to non-error conditions as:
    - Remote shutdown;
    - Shutdown by the user;
    - User defined under voltage lock-out;
    - Engine off detected (when in Charger mode);
- **LED on:**
  - All other conditions;

## 7. Specifications

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Under voltage shut down	7V	7V
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Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 20mV	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	15A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	40A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A
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Efficiency	87%	88%
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Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
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Dimensions hwxwx	12V input and/or 12V output models: 130 x 186 x 80 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 3.2 inch) Other models: 130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
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## Specifications - continuation

Orion-Tr Smart Charger non-Isolated 360 - 400 Watt	24/12-30 (360W)	24/24-17 (400W)
Input voltage range (1)	20-35V	20-35V
Under voltage shut down	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 20mV	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	17A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	45A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A
Cont. output power at 25°C	430W	480W
Cont. output power at 40°C	360W	400W
Efficiency	88%	89%
No load input current	< 100mA	< 80mA
Standby current	< 1mA	< 1mA
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case	
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)	
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
DC connection	Screw terminals	
Maximum cable cross-section	16 mm <sup>2</sup> AWG6	
Weight	12V input and/or 12V output models: 1,8 kg (3 lb) Other models: 1,6 kg (3.5 lb)	
Dimensions h x w x d	12V input and/or 12V output models: 130 x 186 x 80 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 3.2 inch) Other models: 130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
Standards: Safety Emission Immunity Automotive Directive	EN 60950 EN 61000-6-3, EN 55014-1 EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 55014-2 ECE R10-5	
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Orion-Tr Smart Charger Isolated

# 1. General Description

The Orion Smart DC-DC chargers can be used as a power supply or as a battery charger. In charger mode the three-state charge algorithm will increase battery life by properly charging the battery. Especially in the case of vehicles with a smart alternator, or voltage drop caused by long cable runs, controlled charging is indispensable. Controlled charging will also protect the alternator in lithium systems where direct charging can overload the alternator due to the low impedance of the lithium battery. In fixed output mode the output voltage will remain stable independent of the applied load or varying input voltage (within the specified range).

The Orion Smart DC-DC charger can be set up to only provide power when the engine is running. This is possible thanks to the built-in engine shutdown detection. This also prevents the onboard voltage of the vehicle from becoming too low. It is not necessary to intervene in the system of the vehicle, to install a separate motor run sensor or to intervene in the CAN-bus system. Apart from this detection, the Orion Smart DC-DC charger can also be activated by a forced allowed to charge feature, e.g. connected to the ignition switch.

The Orion-Tr Smart DC-DC Charger is fully programmable with the VictronConnect app.

Discover all setup possibilities here:

<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/victronconnect:start>

## 2. Features

### **Smart alternator compatibility**

Vehicle manufacturers are now introducing smart ECU (Engine Control Unit) controlled alternators to increase fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. Smart alternators deliver a variable output voltage and are shut down when they're not needed. The converter has a engine running detection mechanism. This prevents the converter from discharging the starter battery when the alternator does not supply power. See section 5 of this manual for more details.

### **Separation of the starter battery and the service battery**

The Orion-Tr Smart Isolated DC-DC charger separates the starter battery from the service battery when the engine is not running.

### **Extensive electronic protection**

Over-temperature protection and power derating when temperature is high.

Overload protected.

Short circuit protected.

Connector over-temperature protection.

### **Adaptive three step charging**

The Orion-Tr Smart Isolated DC-DC charger is configured for a three-step charging process:

Bulk – Absorption – Float.

#### Bulk

During this stage the controller delivers as much charge current as possible to rapidly recharge the batteries.

#### Absorption

When the battery voltage reaches the absorption voltage setting, the controller switches to constant voltage mode. For lead acid batteries it is important that during shallow discharges the absorption time is kept short in order to prevent overcharging of the battery. After a deep discharge the absorption time is automatically increased to make sure that the battery is



completely recharged. For lithium batteries absorption time is fixed, default 2 hours. The fixed or adaptive mode can be chosen on the battery settings.

#### Float

During this stage, float voltage is applied to the battery to maintain it in a fully charged state. When the battery voltage drops substantially below this level, due to a high load for example, during at least 1 minute, a new charge cycle will be triggered.

### **Flexible charge algorithm**

Programmable charge algorithm, and eight preprogrammed battery settings.

Configurable with VictronConnect.

### **Adaptive absorption time**

Automatically calculates the proper absorption time.

Configurable with Victron Connect.

### **Configuring and monitoring**

Bluetooth Smart built-in: the wireless solution to set-up, monitor and update the controller using Apple and Android smartphones, tablets or other devices.

Several parameters can be customized with the VictronConnect app.

The VictronConnect app can be downloaded from:

<http://www.victronenergy.nl/support-and-downloads/software/>

Use the manual – VictronConnect - to get the most out of the VictronConnect App when it's connected to an Orion Smart:

<https://www.victronenergy.com/live/victronconnect:start>

### **Input voltage lock-out**

Shutdown if the input voltage drops below the lock-out value and restart when the input voltage increases above the restart value.

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### **Remote on-off**

Use the remote function to enable and disable the converter

remotely with the remote on/off connector or using the VictronConnect app. Typical use cases include a user operated hard wired switch and automatic control by for example a Battery Management System. If the minus of the service battery is not at the same potential as the minus of the alternator or starter battery an isolated remote on/off cable between the BMS and the on/off port is required, see chapter 4.4 for details.

### 3. Safety instructions

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** – This manual contains important instructions that shall be followed during installation and maintenance.



**Danger of explosion from sparking**

**Danger of electric shock**

- Please read this manual carefully before the product is installed and put into use.
- Install the product in a heatproof environment. Ensure therefore that there are no chemicals, plastic parts, curtains or other textiles, etc. in the immediate vicinity of the equipment.
- It is normal for the Orion Smart DC-DC charger to get hot during operation, keep any objects that are heat-sensitive away.
- Ensure that the equipment is used under the correct operating conditions. Never operate it in a wet environment.
- Never use the product at sites where gas or dust explosions could occur.
- Always provide proper ventilation during charging.
- Avoid covering the charger.
- Refer to the specifications provided by the manufacturer of the battery to ensure that the battery is suitable for use with this product. The battery manufacturer's safety instructions should always be observed.
- In addition to this manual, the system operation or service manual must include a battery maintenance manual applicable to the type of batteries used.
- Never place the charger on top of the battery when charging.
- Prevent sparks close to the battery. A battery being charged could emit explosive gasses.

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- This device is not to be used by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction.
- Use flexible multistranded copper cable for the connections. The maximum diameter of the individual strands is 0,4mm/0,125mm<sup>2</sup> (0.016 inch/AWG26).
- The installation must include a fuse in accordance with the recommendations in the table "CABLE AND FUSE RECOMMENDATIONS".

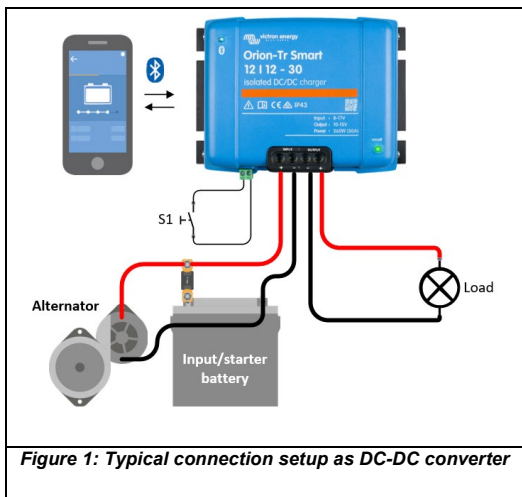
## 4. Installation

### 4.1 General

- Mount vertically on a non-flammable surface, with the power terminals facing downwards. Observe a minimum clearance of 10 cm under and above the product for optimal cooling.
- Mount close to the battery, but never directly above the battery (in order to prevent damage due to gassing of the battery).

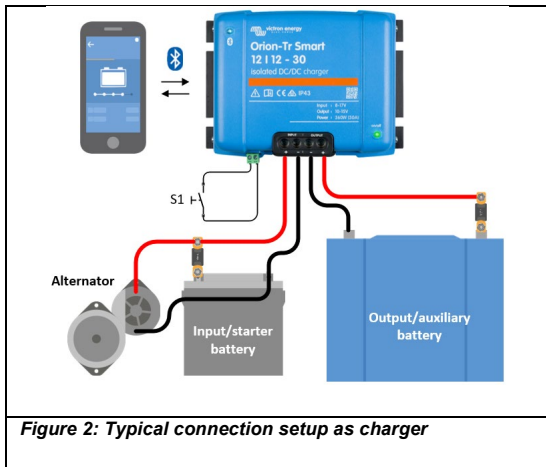
### 4.2 Connection setup for power supply mode

1. Disconnect the remote on/off (remove wire bridge).
2. Connect the input supply cables.
3. Open the VictronConnect App to setup the product.  
**(always adjust the output voltage before connecting in parallel or connecting a battery)**
4. Connect the load. The converter is now ready for use.
5. Reconnect the remote on/off to activate the product.



### 4.3 Connection setup for charger mode

1. Disconnect the remote on/off (remove wire bridge).
2. Connect the input supply cables.
3. Open the Victron Connect App to setup the product.  
***(always setup the correct charger algorithm before connecting a battery)***
4. Connect the battery to be charged.
5. Reconnect the remote on/off to activate the product.

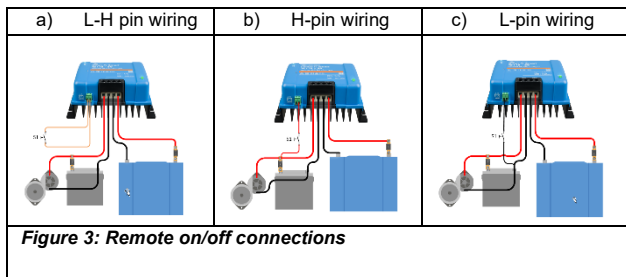


#### 4.4 Connection remote on-off

The recommended use of the remote on-off is:

- A switch wired between the L-H pins (On-level impedance between L-H pins:  $<500\text{k}\Omega$ )
- A switch wired between (input/starter) battery plus and H-pin (on level:  $>3\text{V}$ )
- A switch between the L-pin and (input/starter) ground (on level:  $<5\text{V}$ )

Note: Voltage tolerance L & H pin:  $\pm 70\text{V}_{\text{DC}}$

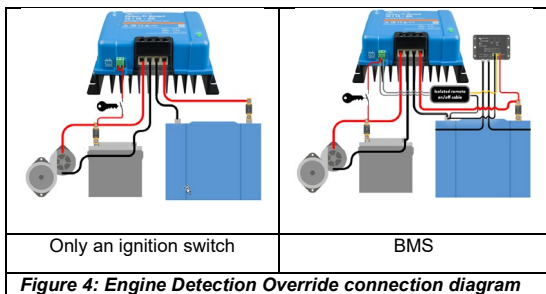


#### 4.5 Engine detection override

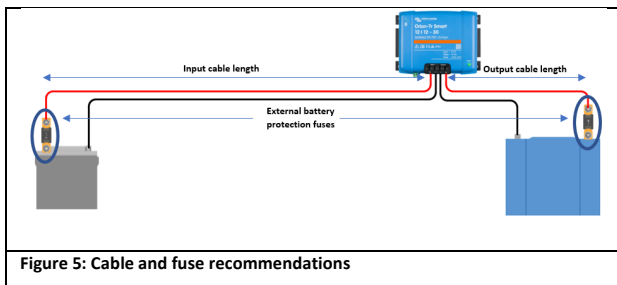
Applying  $>7\text{V}$  to the L-pin of the remote on/off circuit activates the “engine detection override” function. The charger is on as long as the “engine detection override” is active. With this function an external control (e.g. ignition switch, CAN bus engine on detector) can determine if charging is allowed.

The remote on/off function also needs to be activated so option a) or b) in figure 3 must also be connected. See examples in figure 4 below.





#### 4.6 Cable and fuse recommendations



		Minimum cable gauge		
Voltage rating (input or output)	External battery Protection Fuse	1m	2m	5m
12V	60A	10mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>	16mm <sup>2</sup>
24V	30A	6mm <sup>2</sup>	6mm <sup>2</sup>	10mm <sup>2</sup>

## 4.7 Recommended torque

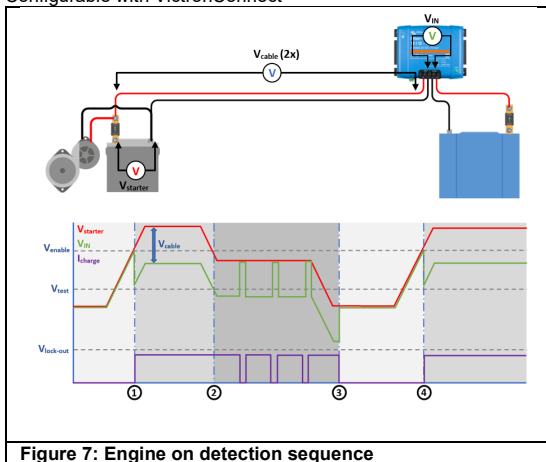


## 5. Smart alternator compatibility

The engine is running detection is based on the voltage of the starter battery. The charger is not always able to measure the exact starter battery voltage because of voltage drop over the input cable. The voltage drop is determined by variables like current, cable length and cable gauge. The “engine on detection sequence” (see figure 7) will perform periodic tests to determine the exact starter battery voltage during charging. The test result determines if the engine is running and charging can be enabled.

This feature is only active in charger mode and when “engine detection override” is not activated. In converter mode the “input voltage lock-out” determines when the output is active.

Configurable with VictronConnect



**Figure 7: Engine on detection sequence**

**0 → 1:**

When the engine runs the alternator voltage will ramp-up, when  $V_{\text{starter}}$  increases above  $V_{\text{enable}}$ , charging starts.

**1 → 2:**

Due to the charge current a voltage drop will occur across the input cable ( $V_{\text{cable}}$ ), this voltage reduces the voltage at the input of the charger ( $V_{\text{IN}}$ ). While  $V_{\text{IN}}$  remains above  $V_{\text{test}}$ , charging is enabled.

**2 → 3:**

If  $V_{\text{IN}}$  drops below  $V_{\text{test}}$ , the “engine on detection sequence” is started. Every 2 minutes the charger is paused for 10 seconds to measure the voltage. Without current flow  $V_{\text{IN}}$  is equal to  $V_{\text{starter}}$ , if  $V_{\text{IN}}$  is above  $V_{\text{test}}$ , charging will resume. While remaining in this state, the test is performed every 2 minutes.

**3 → 4:**

During the detection sequence  $V_{\text{IN}}$  dropped below  $V_{\text{test}}$ , this means that the engine stopped running and charging must be stopped, the charge sequence is paused.

**4 → 5:**

$V_{\text{IN}}$  increases above  $V_{\text{enable}}$ , the charge sequences continues.

## 6. LED stated

The blue LED is dedicated to Bluetooth functionality and the green LED to product state.

### Status LED (Green LED)

- **LED off:**
  - No input voltage;
  - Remote shutdown;
  - Shutdown by the user;
  - Connector over-temperature protection
  - User defined under voltage lock-out
  - Engine off detected (when in Charger mode)
- **LED on:**
  - Output active on DC/DC Converter Mode;
  - Charger in Float State (Battery charged);
- **LED Blinking at 1.25Hz:**
  - Charger in Bulk or Absorption State (Battery is being charged);

### BLE LED (Blue LED)

- **LED off:**
  - No input voltage;
- **LED Blinking at 0.33 Hz:**
  - Error – needs to be checked on VictronConnect;
- **LED Blinking at 1.25 Hz:**
  - Connected via Bluetooth;
- **LED Blinking at 2.5 Hz:**
  - Identify;
- **LED on:**
  - All other conditions;

## 7. Specifications

Orion-Tr Smart Charger Isolated 220-280 Watt	12/12-18 (220W)	12/24-10 (240W)
Input voltage range (1)	8-17V	8-17V
Under voltage shut down	7V	7V
Under voltage restart	7,5V	7,5V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	18A	10A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	25A	15A
Short circuit output current	40A	25A
Cont. output power at 25°C	280W	280W
Cont. output power at 40°C	220W	240W
Efficiency	87%	88%
Off load current	< 80mA	< 100mA
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case	
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)	
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
DC connection	Screw terminals	
Maximum cable cross-section	16mm <sup>2</sup> AWG6	
Weight	1,3 kg (3 lb)	
Dimensions h x w x d	130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
Standards: Safety	EN 60950	
Emission	EN 61000-6-3, EN 55014-1	
Immunity	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 55014-2	
Automotive Directive	ECE R10-5	

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Orion-Tr Smart Charger Isolated 220 – 280 Watt	24/12-20 (240W)	24/24-12 (280W)
Input voltage range (1)	16-35V	16-35V
Under voltage shut down	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	20A	12A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	25A	15A
Short circuit output current	50A	30A
Cont. output power at 25°C	300W	320W
Cont. output power at 40°C	240W	280W
Efficiency	88%	89%
Off load current	< 100mA	< 80mA
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case	
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)	
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
DC connection	Screw terminals	
Maximum cable cross-section	16mm² AWG6	
Weight	1,3 kg (3 lb)	
Dimensions h x w x d	130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
Standards: Safety Emission Immunity Automotive Directive	EN 60950 EN 61000-6-3, EN 55014-1 EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 55014-2 ECE R10-5	

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Orion-Tr Smart Charger Isolated 360 – 400 Watt	12/12-30 (360W)	12/24-15 (360W)
Input voltage range (1)	10-17V	10-17V
Under voltage shut down	7V	7V
Under voltage restart	7,5V	7,5V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	15A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	40A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A
Cont. output power at 25°C	430W	430W
Cont. output power at 40°C	360W	360W
Efficiency	87%	88%
Off load current	< 80mA	< 100mA
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case	
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)	
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
DC connection	Screw terminals	
Maximum cable cross-section	16mm <sup>2</sup> AWG6	
Weight	12V input and/or 12V output models: 1,8 kg (3 lb) Other models: 1,6 kg (3.5 lb)	
Dimensions hxxwxd	12V input and/or 12V output models: 130 x 186 x 80 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 3.2 inch) Other models: 130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
Standards: Safety Emission Immunity Automotive Directive	EN 60950 EN 61000-6-3, EN 55014-1 EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-1, EN 55014-2 ECE R10-5	

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If the output voltage is set higher than nominal by a certain percentage, the minimum input voltage at which the output voltage remains stable (does not decrease) increases by the same percentage.

Note 1) The VictronConnect App will not display current in or current out.

Note 2) The Orion-Tr Smart is not equipped with a VE.Direct port.



## Specifications - continuation

Orion-Tr Smart Charger Isolated 360 – 400 Watt	24/12-30 (360W)	24/24-17 (400W)
Input voltage range (1)	20-35V	20-35V
Under voltage shut down	14V	14V
Under voltage restart	15V	15V
Nominal output voltage	12,2V	24,2V
Output voltage adjust range	10-15V	20-30V
Output voltage tolerance	+/- 0,2V	
Output noise	2mV rms	
Cont. output current at nominal output voltage and 40°C	30A	17A
Maximum output current (10 s) at nominal output voltage	45A	25A
Short circuit output current	60A	40A
Cont. output power at 25°C	430W	480W
Cont. output power at 40°C	360W	400W
Efficiency	88%	89%
Off load current	< 100mA	< 80mA
Galvanic isolation	200V dc between input, output and case	
Operating temperature range	-20 to +55°C (derate 3% per °C above 40°C)	
Humidity	Max. 95% non-condensing	
DC connection	Screw terminals	
Maximum cable cross-section	16mm² AWG6	
Weight	12V input and/or 12V output models: 1,8 kg (3 lb) Other models: 1,6 kg (3.5 lb)	
Dimensions hxxwx d	12V input and/or 12V output models: 130 x 186 x 80 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 3.2 inch) Other models: 130 x 186 x 70 mm (5.1 x 7.3 x 2.8 inch)	
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