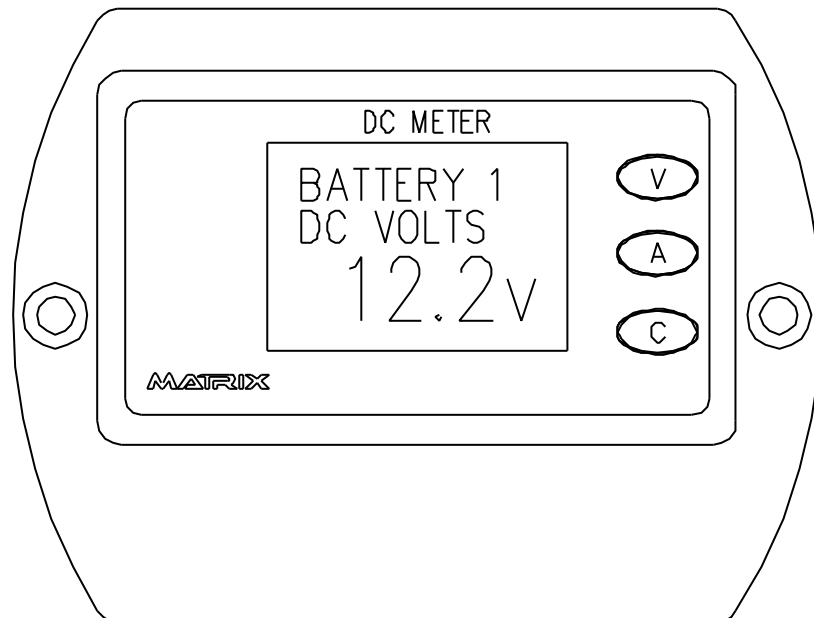


# **BEP 600-DCM V3.2 CONTOUR MATRIX DC MONITOR**

## **INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



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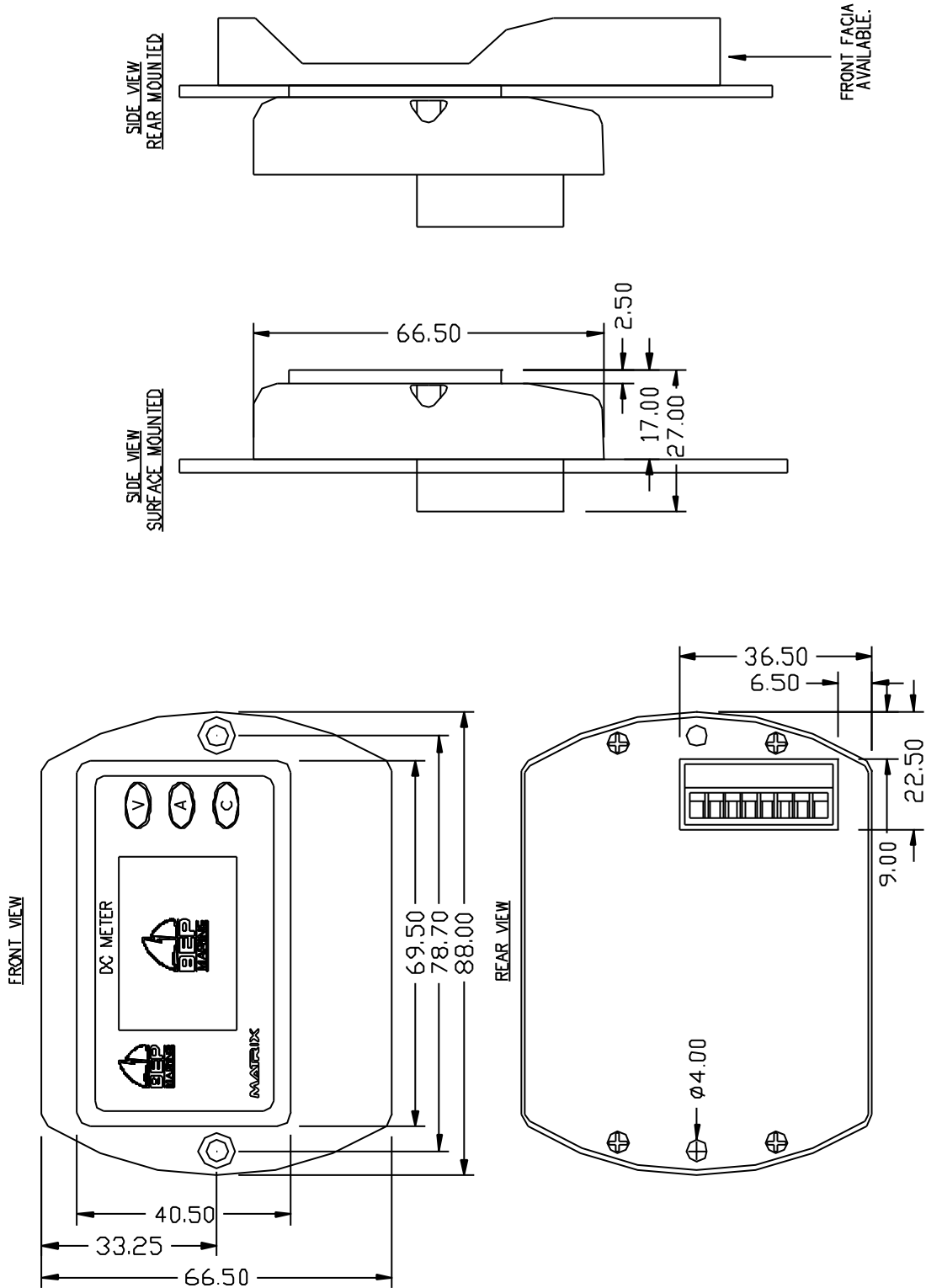
# 1 Features

The 600-DCM3.2 Battery Monitor offers the following features:

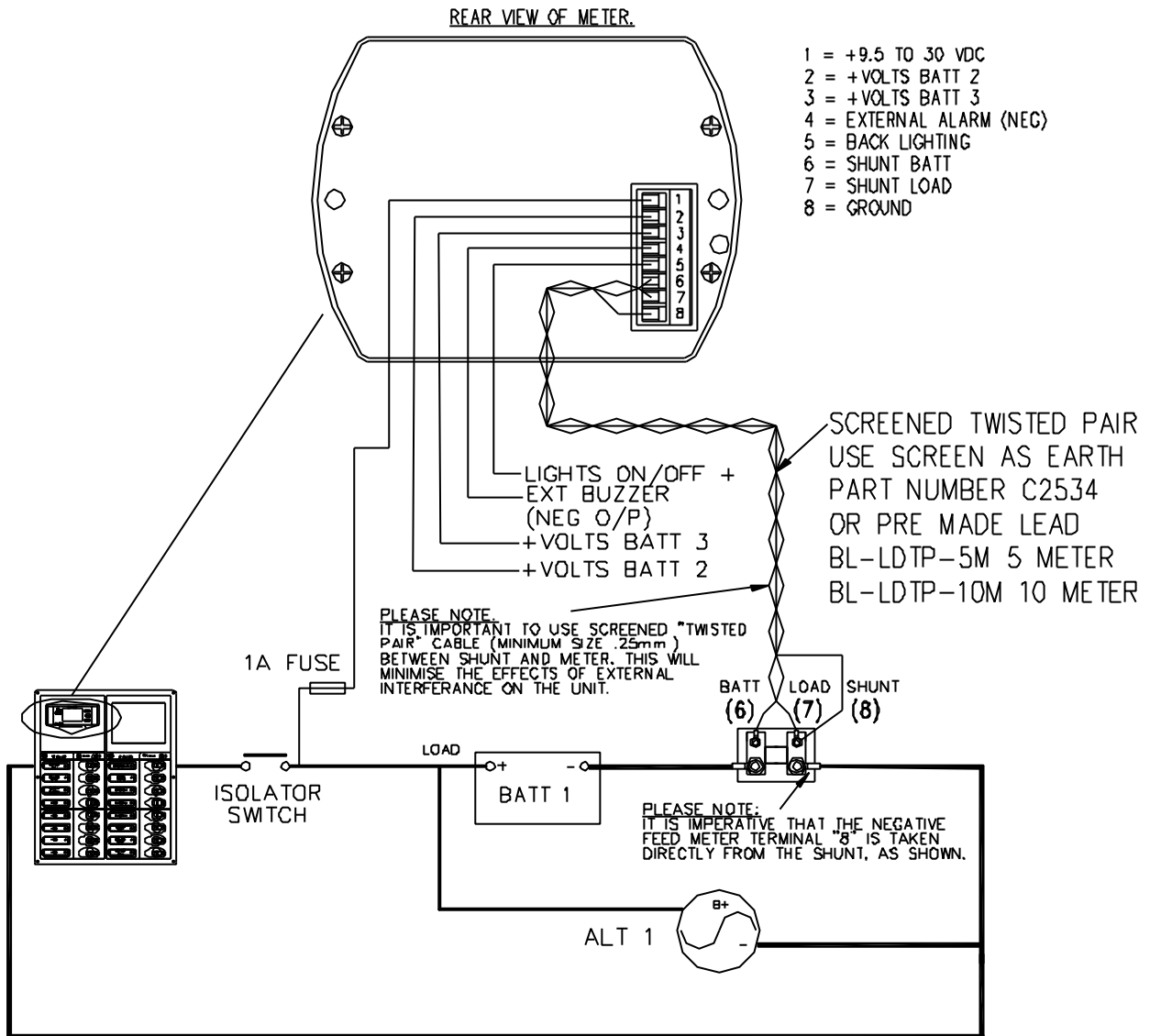
- 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an Amp resolution in the range of +/- 0-50A
- The Matrix Monitors use a dot Matrix LCD allowing for Full screen information on Function selected.
- Voltage monitoring for up to 3 battery banks.
- 12 custom selectable legends eg: Start Battery, House Battery etc.
- Hi/Low voltage alarm on all 3 banks.
- Amps charge and discharge on house bank only.
- Meter supplied with a 450-50mV shunt.
- Capacity remaining in amp hours and percentage.
- Software utilises Peukert's exponent.
- Suitable for use on battery banks 60-3000 Amp hours.
- Low amp hour alarm.
- **New additional function for 2004**
- The bilge monitor function monitors bilge pump functions 24 hours, 7 days a week. Stores bilge pump operations and accumulated time. Resettable when leaving the boat.
- **Function only available when third voltmeter position is not used.**

The 600-DCM3.2 is designed to be surface mounted or recessed into a 2.5mm panel

## 2 Dimensions

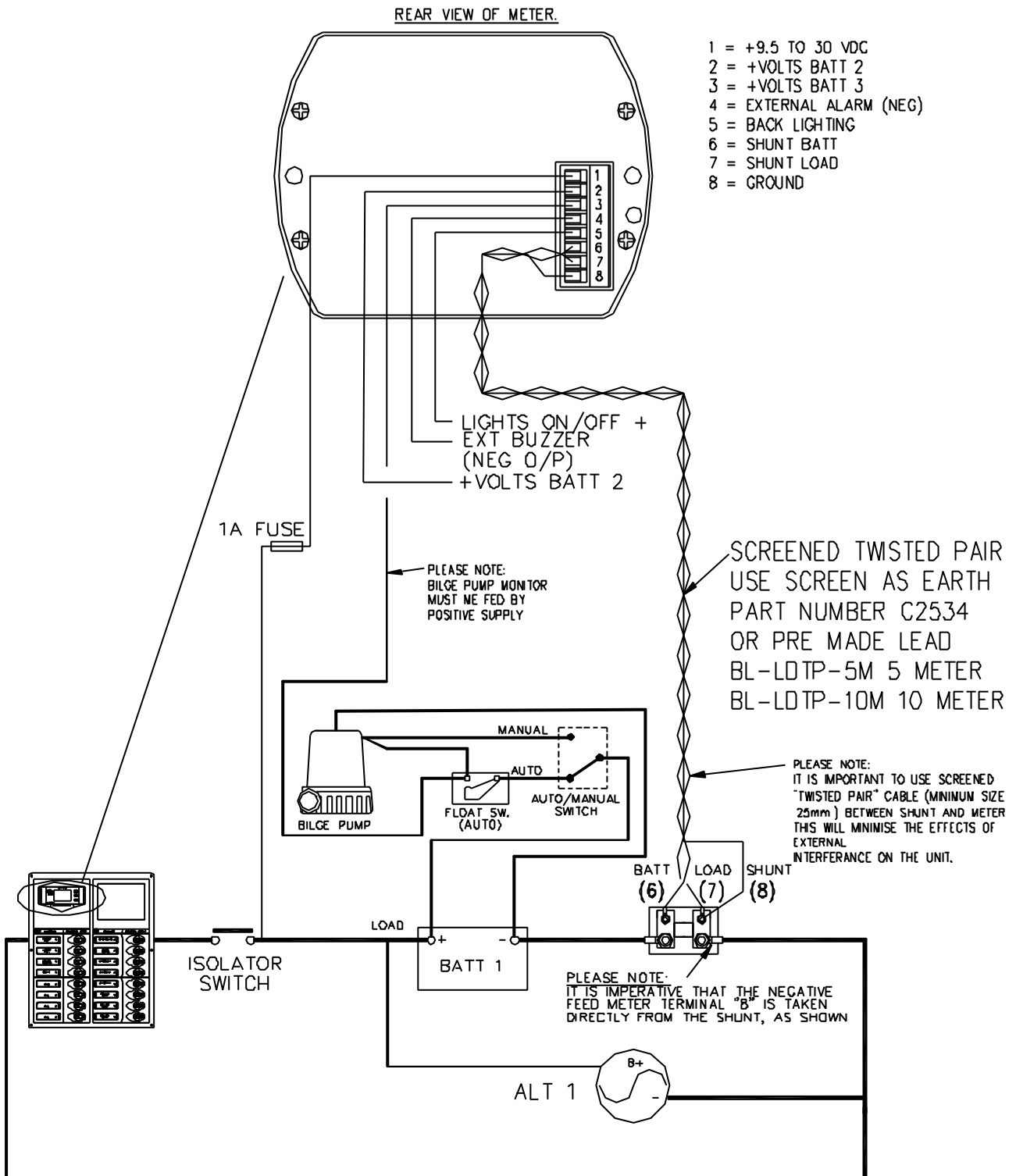


### 3 Installed with 3 voltage monitors



NOTE:  
 ABOVE CHARGING AND LOAD CIRCUIT IS  
 ONLY A SIMULATED EXAMPLE, ITS' ONLY  
 PURPOSE IS TO SHOW METER CONNECTIONS.

## 4 Installed with bilge pump monitor





## 5 Plug Information

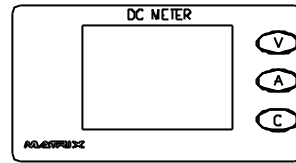
1. POWER SUPPLY / BATTERY BANK 1  
+10 to +35V DC supply from battery bank 1 through a 1A fuse (for meter protection).
2. BATTERY BANK 2  
+10 to +35 DC Volts from Battery bank 2 through a 1A fuse.
3. BATTERY BANK 3 ***OR*** POSITIVE FEED FROM BILGE PUMP  
+10 to +35 DC Volts from Battery bank 3 through a 1A fuse.  
***OR***  
Positive feed from pump side of the bilge pump float switch.
4. EXTERNAL ALARM  
Can be wired to an external alarm (negative signal).
5. BACK LIGHTING  
Can be connected to a +10V to +35V DC supply to bring the back lighting on constantly.
6. SHUNT BATTERY  
One core of Screened twisted pair to the battery side of the shunt.
7. SHUNT LOAD  
The other core of Screened twisted pair to the load side of the shunt.
8. GROUND  
Use the screen of the twisted pair to go back to the load side of the shunt.

**NOTE: If inputs 2 and/or 3 are not being used then low volts alarm needs to be brought down to zero, or inputs 2 and/or 3 can be looped into input 1.**

## 6 Operations

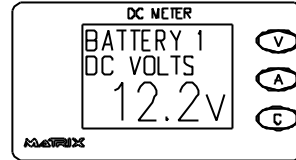
### Apply Power

Power-up screen will show for 5 seconds



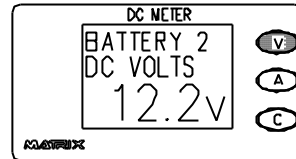
### After 5 seconds

First screen shows the Supply Battery Volts.



### Press button V

The second screen shows 2<sup>nd</sup> Battery volts.

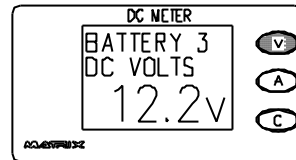


### Press button V again (3RD position as volt monitor)

The third screen shows the 3rd battery volts.

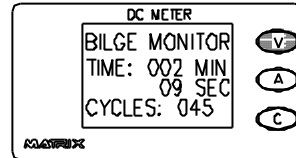
### Press button V again (3RD position as bilge monitor)

The third screen shows the bilge monitoring information.



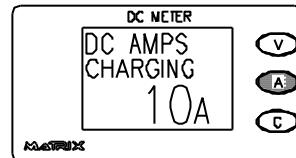
- In bilge monitor function press and hold “C” to reset the monitor back to zero.

To exit Bilge monitoring mode and resume battery monitoring press “V” to return to supply battery volts.



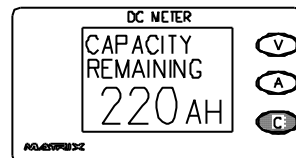
### Press button A

This screen shows either charging OR discharging Amps.



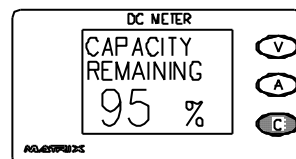
### Press button C

This screen shows Capacity Remaining in Amp Hours. This will count down when Discharging. And count up when Charging.



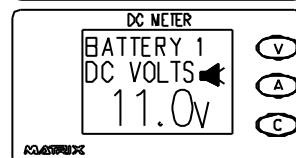
### Press button C again while viewing Capacity

This screen will display the remaining Amp hours in percentage.



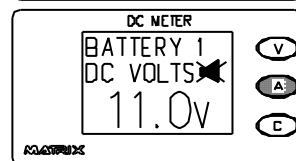
### Alarm Enabled

When alarms are enabled in the monitor setup the alarm symbol will display as shown.



### To permanently mute an alarm

Press the A button for 2 seconds, the display will show the mute symbol as shown, repeat to reactivate the alarm.



## 7 Factory settings

The 600-DCM3.2 is factory preset with the following settings:

- Battery Capacity            220AH
- Charge Efficiency            85%
- High Volts Alarm            15.00V
- Low Amp Hours              100AH
- Low Volts Alarm            11.00V
- Peukert's Exponent        1.25
- Reset capacity              5 amps

Amp Hours display is battery capacity remaining

### *Peukert's Discharge Rates Calculation*

This is an exponent, which changes the discharge current to an effective discharge related to battery capacity. Most marine batteries are Capacity rated at the 20-hour rate. Ie: A battery discharged for 20 hours to a terminal voltage of 10.5v = Amp hours.

$$C = A \times T_{20} \qquad C = 5 \times 20 = 100 \text{ Amp Hours.}$$

$$C = \text{Battery capacity} \qquad A = \text{Amps discharge} \qquad T_{20} = \text{Time 20 hours}$$

$$\text{Peukert's Equation} \qquad A^n \times T = C$$

C = is battery capacity at 20hrs discharge

A = is discharge current in Amps

T = is discharge time in hours

n = is related to battery construction & is relatively constant for any given battery with in a similar discharge time.

Exponent "n" can be calculated for any given battery bank by comparing two discharge cycles.

First fully charge battery bank from shore power/genset & discharge at 50% of expected average load (Note time & amps) to 10.5volt terminal voltage (12v system). Recharge fully & discharge at 150% of expected average load. Use the following equation.

$$n = \frac{\text{Log } t_2 - \text{Log } t_1}{\text{Log } A_1 - \text{Log } A_2}$$

n = Exponent

t1 = The hours of first discharge at amps A 1

t2 = The hours of 2nd discharge at amps A 2

Example:            8G4D 180A/Hr  
                          Discharge 1 = 24 hours @ 7.8 Amps  
                          Discharge 2 = 8 hours @ 20.7 Amps

$$n = \frac{\text{Log } t_2 - \text{Log } t_1}{\text{Log } A_1 - \text{Log } A_2} = \frac{\text{Log } 8 - \text{Log } 24}{\text{Log } 7.8 - \text{Log } 20.7} = \frac{0.9 - 1.38}{0.89 - 1.32} = \frac{0.48}{0.43} = 1.1$$

Program this exponent in to Peukerts.

NB: 0.01 change to Peukerts can make a reasonable change to calculated discharge. Alter in small steps.

For example, 100 Amps for 1 hour = 100Amp hours. Using Peukert's exponent of 1.25,  $100^{1.25} = 316$  Amp hours. A 25% exponent change makes 316% change.

Calculating exponent "n" from discharge cycles is the only way to achieve an accurate discharge exponent. This meter comes with a factory set exponent of 1.25, which is a "rough average for deep cycle flooded lead acid.

If you do not wish to calculate "n" use the tables below to select a typical "n" for your battery type.

<b>VALVE REGULATED GELLED BATTERIES</b>			
Model	Volts	20 Hr rating	"n"
8GGC	6	180	1.14
8GU1	12	43	1.20
8GU24	12	70	1.13
8GU27	12	86	1.12
8GU30H	12	95	1.12
84D	12	180	1.11
8G8D	12	225	1.10

<b>ENDURANT (US BATTERIES) FLOODED BATTERIES</b>			
Model	Volts	20 Hr rating	"n"
R220	6	225	1.24
L16	6	350	1.28
US105	12	85	1.23
US130	12	130	1.24
US240	12	216	1.17

Full charge analysis sheet					
Type	Absorb	Amps	Float	Amps	A/Hrs (NZ)
L16	14.47	11.00	13.50	3.00	350
R220	14.53	6.60	13.50	3.10	220
US105	14.60	3.00	13.60	1.60	90
148/17	14.58	3.30	13.60	1.60	90
US130	14.50	3.00	13.80	2.00	115
US240	14.40	7.40	13.80	4.40	210
"A/Hrs NZ" -means estimated A/Hrs in NZ conditions					

If after some time or use (6-12months) the accuracy seems to be degrading (possibly due to battery condition, temperature, age – charging regime) it will be time to recalculate “n”.

#### Amp hour capacity reset

Amp Hour Capacity reading is reset to Max Battery Capacity when the following conditions occur.

The Battery Voltage is greater than 13.5V (factory default).

The Charge Current is less than 5A (factory default).

See note (a)

Conditions 1 & 2 must be met for 5 minutes.

(a). This should be changed to 4% of amp/hour rating of battery bank ie 220amp/hour bank =  $220 * 4\% = 8.8$  use 9amps

#### Charge efficiency

Charging Efficiency is set at 85% (factory default) ie the battery will only accept 85% of the charge current.

This is a difficult parameter to set as after 75% recharge the efficiency will fall off to 0% at full charge. The

overall efficiency will change with temperature, battery condition, charging current/voltage and discharge level.

Trial and error with general usage is the only way to find this efficiency.

#### Actual capacity

Actual capacity is the present state of charge of Battery bank 1 when the monitor is installed/set up.

#### Voltage calibration

Factory set, this should not need to be changed.

#### Amps Calibration

Factory set, Amps Calibration if necessary should be performed under maximum possible load after zeroing amps at no load.

#### Reset capacity

Reset capacity provides the option to reset the capacity to the programmed value (YES) or to leave it at the current monitored level (NO)

#### Bilge monitor function

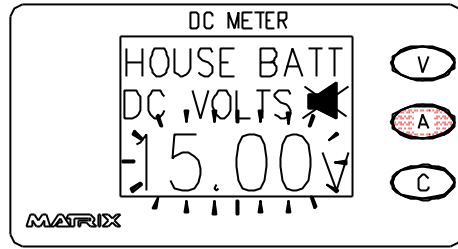
The bilge monitor function will be automatically set up when the “Bilge monitor” label is selected for Battery 3 label.

While in bilge monitoring mode, the “C” button to reset the bilge monitor.

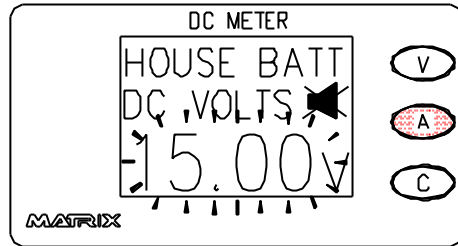
To exit the bilge monitor and resume battery monitoring, press the “V” button to return to V1 “Source voltage”.

## 8 Alarms and Alarms mute

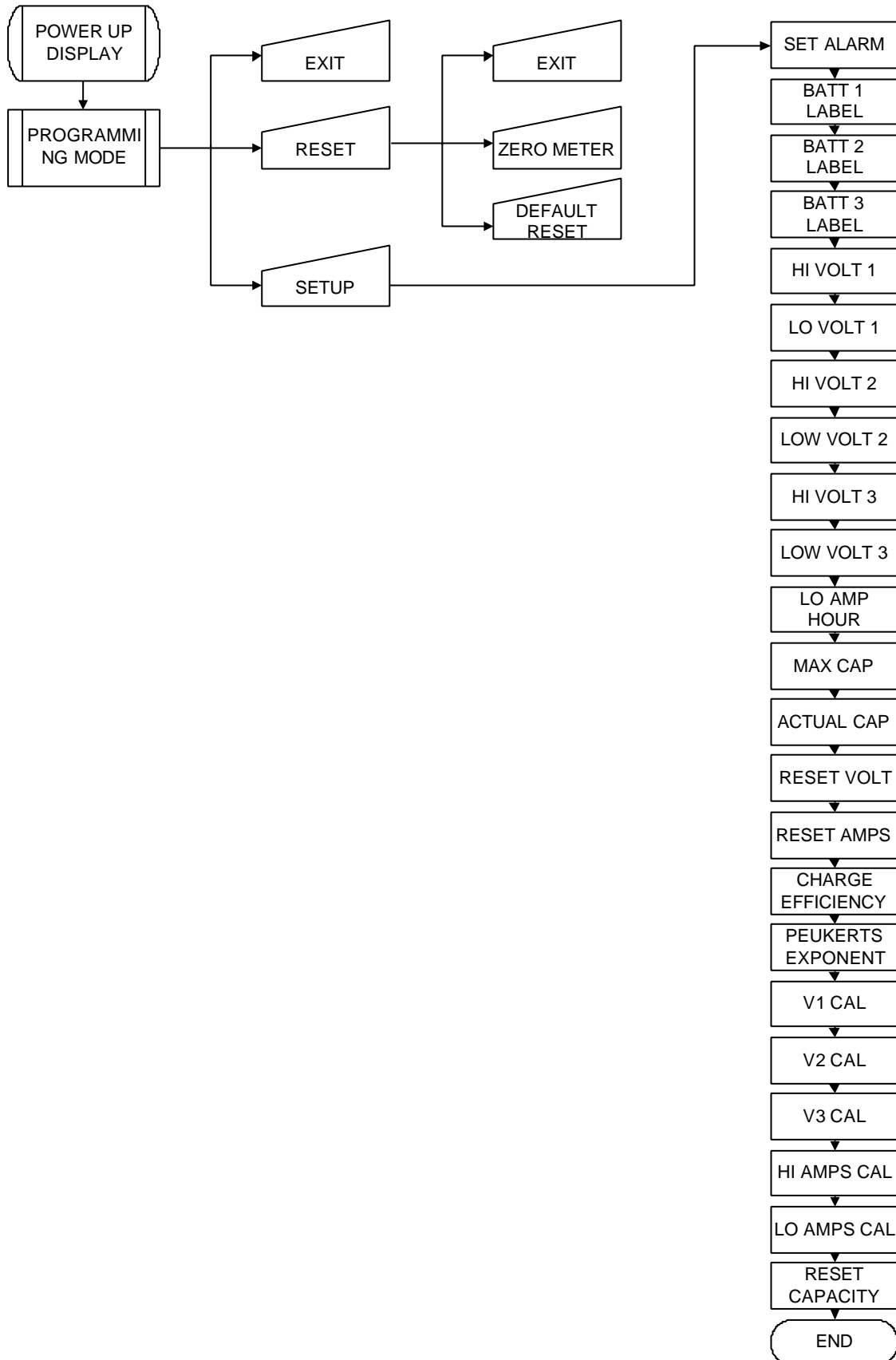
When an alarm condition occurs, the alarm will sound and the corresponding display will flash.



To permanently mute any alarm, press the A button for 2 seconds. The display will show the alarm mute symbol. The alarm mute mode will remain set even when the power is removed.



## 9 Programming Menu Flow Diagram



## 10 Setup and Programming

### To enter programming mode

Hold buttons V & C down simultaneously for approx. 3 seconds the display will read

EXIT  
RESET  
SETUP

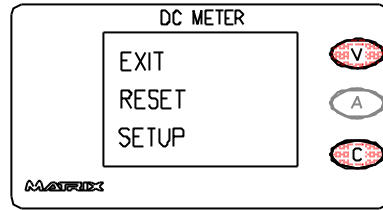


Figure 1

Press 'V' to exit programming mode.  
Press 'A' to enter amps zero and reset mode.  
Press 'C' to enter Setup mode.

### Amps Zero (figure 2)

While in programming mode screen (figure 1):

Press 'A' to enter amps zero and reset mode  
Press 'V' to exit.

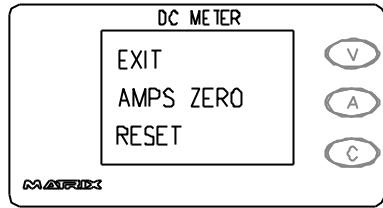


Figure 2

To set amps zero point press button A.  
"AMPS ZERO" will flash for approx 2-3 seconds, zero point has now been set. The screen will return to the programming mode screen (figure 1)

### Factory Reset mode (figure 2)

While in programming mode screen (figure 1)  
Press 'A' to enter "amps zero" and "reset" mode screen (figure 2)  
Press 'V' to exit.

To reset the unit back to factory settings press and hold button C until "RESET" begins to flash, release button C, The display will continue to flash for approx 2-3 seconds. Unit is now reset to factory settings. The screen will return to the programming mode screen (figure 1)

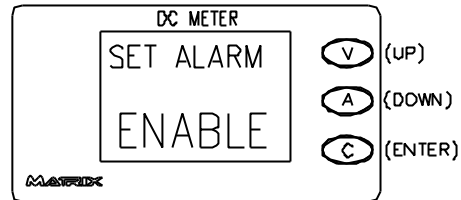


## 11 Setup Mode

Use Up (V) / Down (A) buttons to change value then press C to proceed to the next set up screen.

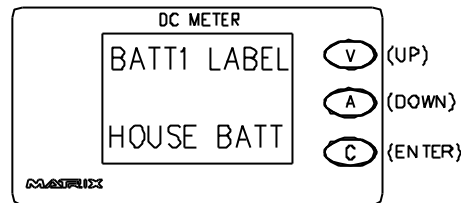
### Set Alarm

Enable/Disable all alarms  
Default: Enabled



### Battery 1 label

Label battery bank 1 options are  
House Batt, House 1, House 2,  
Start Batt, Stbd Start, Port Start,  
Aux Batt, Radio, Genset



### Battery 2 label

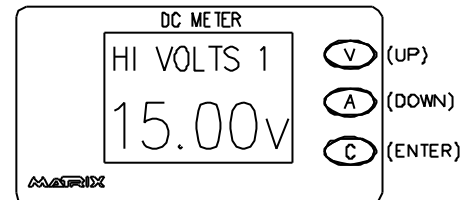
As per Battery 1 label

### Battery 3 label

As per Battery 1 label except includes  
"Bilge monitor"  
Refer to page 9

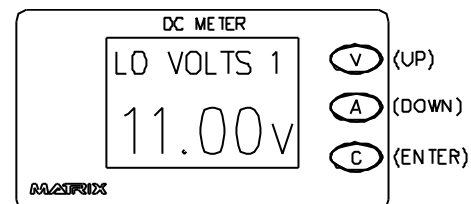
### High voltage 1 alarm

Default: 15.0 Volts  
Up/Dn to select value, 0.1V steps  
Range: 10.0-32.0 Volts



### Low voltage 1 alarm

Default: 11.0 Volts  
Up/Dn to select value, 0.1V steps  
Range: 0.0-32.0 Volts



### High voltage 2 alarm

As per High voltage 1

### Low voltage 2 alarm

As per Low voltage 1

### High voltage 3 alarm

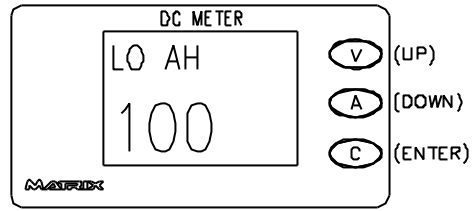
As per High voltage 1

### Low voltage 3 alarm

As per Low voltage 1

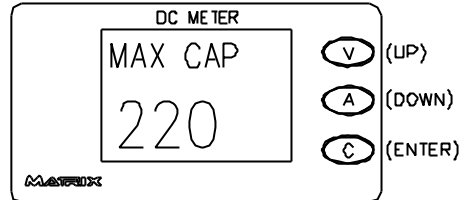
Low amp hours alarm

Default: 100 Amp Hours  
 Up/Dn to select value, 10AH steps  
 Range: 0-1000AH



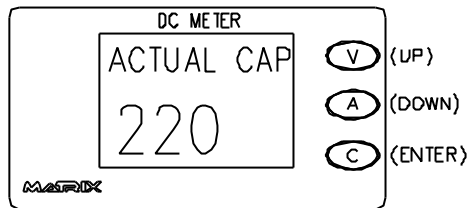
Maximum capacity

Default: 220 Amp Hours  
 Up/Dn to select value, 10AH steps  
 Range: 60-3000AH



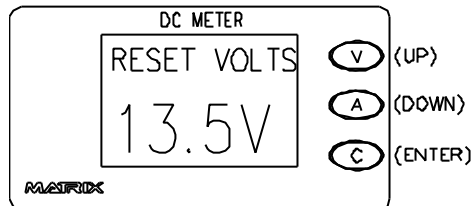
Actual capacity

Up/Dn to select value, 1AH steps  
 Range: 0-3000AH  
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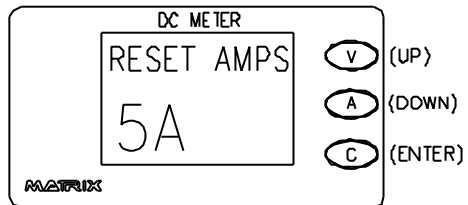
Amp hour capacity reset voltage

Default: 13.5V  
 Up/Dn to select value, 0.1V steps  
 Range: 10.0-30.0V  
 Refer to page 9



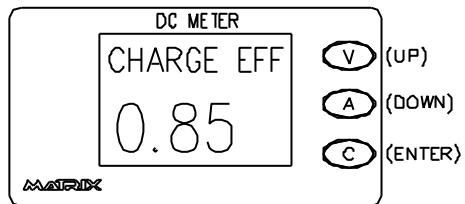
Amp hour capacity reset amps

Default: 5A  
 Up/Dn to select value, 1A steps  
 Range: 0-50AH  
 Refer to page 9



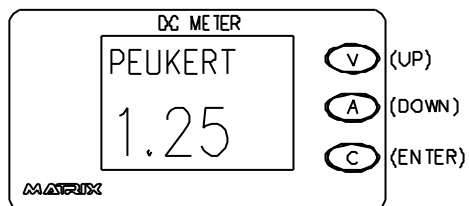
Charge efficiency

Default: 85% flooded lead acid  
 Use 90% for Valve regulated gel  
 Up/Dn to select value, 0.01AH steps  
 Range: 0-1.0 (multiple by 100%)  
 Refer to page 9



Peukerts exponent

Default: 1.25  
 Up/Dn to select value, 0.01 steps  
 Range: 1.00-1.50  
 Refer to page 7



Voltage 1 calibration

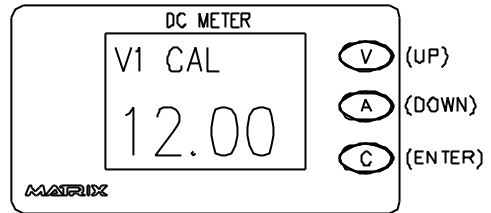
Adjust this setting to actual battery

Voltage. To calibrate

Up/Dn to select value, 0.01V steps

Range: 0-32V

Refer to page 9



Voltage 2 calibration

As per Voltage calibration 1

Voltage 3 calibration

As per Voltage calibration 1

Low and High Amp calibration

**Note: The load must be applied before entering this screen.**

Adjust this reading to correspond with the known load that is applied to the system.

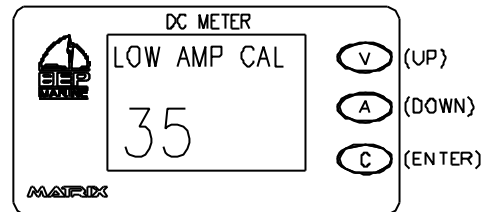
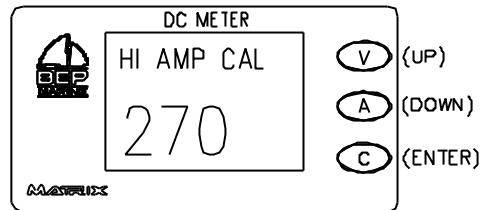
For Low Amp Cal, the known load must be in the range +/- 0-50A. For High Amp Cal the known load must be within the range +/- 50-450A.

**Note: You only need to do one range of calibration.**

Up/Dn to select value.

Range: +/-450A (Max)

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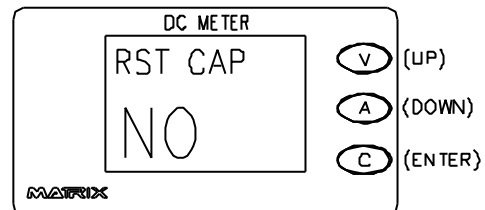


Reset Capacity

NO

YES

Refer to page 12



## 12 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When calibrating the amps load, the display cannot be changed.  
A: You will need to do a factory Reset, Amps zero and then apply a load of more than 10A before you enter the amps calibration screen in the set up menu.

Q: Screen displays: (DC Amps discharge over range)  
A1: This could be normal because you have exceeded the meter rating of 225A  
A2: You will need to do a factory reset then apply a load of more than 10A, before you enter the amps calibration screen in the set up menu.

Q: With no load, there is still an amps reading.  
A: The Zero has drifted, you will need to carry out a Zero reset, with no load on the system.

Q: The A/Hrs are not what I would expect.  
A1: The batteries could be sulfated.  
A2: Re-calculate Peukert's exponent as described on page 7 & 8.

Q: The current display is unstable.  
A: Check that a screened twisted pair cable has been used from the shunt to the meter and that it is installed correctly.

Q: Meter has no amps reading.  
A: Check screen wiring on shunt cable; screen from load side (not battery side) of shunt to terminal 8 at the meter.

Q: "Reset all" is on the display  
A: If "reset all" comes up on the screen at any time, the meter has detected a fault. Disconnect power from the unit and then reconnect. "If reset all" remains on the screen please contact your local BEP agent.





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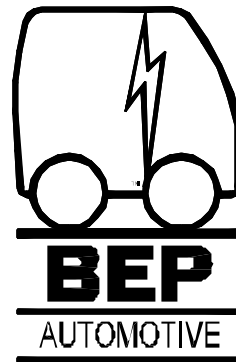
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