



BFS 2000 battery formation & testing system

Charging and discharging rectifiers



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General information

For several decades now, BENNING has been manufacturing charging/discharging rectifiers for the battery industry.

These appliances are used not only for the formation processes required in the manufacture of batteries, but also in the standard production of the batteries themselves.

What BENNING is introducing with the BFS 2000 formation and test system is a development providing a straightforward means of controlling and monitoring the formation and test cycles. Whilst saving time & energy as well.

The widest range of battery types can be tested and serviced for applications in power stations and railway applications (mobile specification).

The system consists of the system components available as listed below:

- Power converter
- Programmable control unit PSE
- Handheld control unit USR-SPS
- Measurement point multiplexor
- Master controller PSE XX/1-25
- Windows-compatible PC
- Control & analysis software

System control components

1. Power converter power output

These days, the power converter unit is normally specified as a 2-way converter with mains feedback. This avoids the situation of the energy drawn from batteries in the process of discharge being needlessly converted into heat. Rather, the energy is fed back in order to provide a supply of power for other consumers in the company.

Accordingly, your energy is used logically, and this system helps to save energy and expense.

Many possibilities are conceivable when it comes to dealing with charge/discharge currents, and this includes taking a good look at the maximum output voltage. The following

specifications are possible in the standard range:



Fig. 2: Indicator panel USR-MT

Technical data

Charging/discharge	[A]	30, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300,
currents		400, 500, 600 can be set
Current ripple	[%]	5
Current constancy	[%]	\pm 1.0 from 10 – 100 I _{nominal}

Voltage range (max)

0 0 1 /		
Charge/discharge	[V]	72, 120, 180, 270, 360
		can be set
Characteristic curves		I, U, IU, W, P-, R-constant
Voltage constancy	[%]	\pm 1 from 10 – 100 U _{nominal}
Mains connection		3 x 400 V ± 10 %
		50 Hz ± 4 %
Permissible ambient	[°C]	5 – 40 (at 80 % rel.
temperature		atm. hum.)
Operating displays		Appliance on
on front hinge panel		Charge
		Discharge
		Pause
		Fault
		Battery temperature



Fig. 1: 2-way converter with USR-SPS and indicator panel

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2. Programmable control unit PSE

The PSE programmable control unit is a microprocessorcontrolled system for process control and for the monitoring of charge/discharge programs, which also serves for logging & storage of measurement data. It should be regarded as a small computer peripheral to a central computer. It's connected to a host computer via an isolated data interface. After the "start" command has been given, it runs the charge/discharge program which feeds in via the serial interIn the PSE's maximum population configuration, it's equipped with 3 interfaces. These interfaces are provided in order to connect up the handheld control unit (USR-SPS), the mea-



surement point multiplexor (MSM) and the host computer.



Fig. 6: Master controller PSE

Fig. 3: Handheld control unit USR-SPS

3. Handheld control unit USR-SPS

Using the USR-SPS handheld control unit, the PSE can receive individual charging or discharging stage instructions - or even short programs - and carry them out, independent of the central host computer. The display shows you the present operating statuses together with the current & voltage levels in presently operating stages, and also times elapsed, together with amp hours charged up or discharged. Under control from the central host computer, the input keys can be locked and the unit will function purely as a display, in that mode.

Using the internal dip switch S2, the Master PSE's address can be modified from XX to any setting between one and 25, in order to enable automatic fault status enquiry for the connected PSE to be operated - in the case of data group systems – with just one group = max. 25 PSEs.

SDB-1/2

Master controller PSE 1-25

The Master PSE 1-25 has the function of interface distribution within a data group, featuring fault status enquiry with the connected PSE. This PSE will always be required if the duty involves addressing more than one PSE group.

5. Master controller PSE XX/1-25 4. Measurement cell multiplexor MSM (option)

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The measurement point multiplexor is an autonomous, independent small computer for logging and storage of measurement data and readings corresponding to individual-cell voltages or individual-electrolyte temperatures.

All measurement levels are stored independent of the PSE or of the host computer. If necessary, values can be transmitted to the host computer, on request.

The MSM is housed in an enclosed casing and can be installed directly at the battery charging centre. It's connected to the PSE and to the host computer via an interface and a data cable. This makes it possible to keep the cable which runs from the battery to the MSM to a short length.

Two sizes are available. The MSM 60 is designed for a maximum of 60 measurement channels, whilst the MSM 140 is designed for a maximum of 140 measurement channels.

The Master PSE is a microprocessor-controlled interface converter with 2 structurally separated, serial data interfaces for the setting up of a data group between several PSEs and a host computer.

Master PSE XX

The Master PSE XX is used for converting the RS 485 interface (as defined according to the EIA standard) to RS 232. The following parameters can be programmed using the internal dip-switch S1:

- a) Baud rate, word length and parity mode of RS 232 interface
- b) Baud rate of RS 485 interface (SDB 1/2)

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6. Host computer

The following configuration is required:

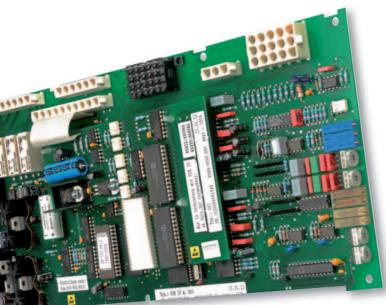
- Windows-compatible PC
- Serial interface (com)



The program software enables the control and monitoring of formation and test systems: up to a maximum of 625 appliances, which can be combined in groups of 25 each. A wide range of different characteristics, such as la IU, IUa IUIa, Wa, PUa, can be covered. It is also possible to work through a range of gradients with rising or falling current.

In the process of logging individual cells' readings, a maximum of 10 measurement times per program step can be selected as desired. You can also have responses actuated, such as movement onto the next step — or termination of the program presently running — once your preset measurement points have been reached.

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