



# RCH-20 Charger for Tron TR20 GMDSS /PLUS

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# **1. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

### **General information**

RCH-20 is designed to charge the NiMH battery pack for the Tron TR20 GMDSS and Tron TR20 PLUS handheld VHF radios.

It is a dual slot intelligent rapid charger with microprocessor control.

It will fully charge an empty battery pack in less than 4 hours.

It is designed to operate from 12 –24 VDC or 115 / 230VAC with an external adapter.

It is equipped with mounting holes for wall mounting or mounting on a table or shelf.



# 2. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

#### General

Dual slot rapid charger with trickle charging. Wall and table mountable.

Operating voltage:	12 - 24VDC (30VDC max) 115/230VAC with external mains adapter.
Current consumption:	< 600mA @12VDC
Charging current: Trickle charge	450 – 500mA (Rapid charge) approx 10mA
Charge termination method:	$\Delta V$ , $\Delta t$ and timeout.
Charging time:	< 4 hours on a fully discharged NiMH battery (X-80059)
Operating temperature range:	0 to +40°C.
Size: Weight :	155mm wide x 69mm height x 83mm depth Approx. 300g



### **3. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

### **Precautions and Warnings**

#### **Batteries**

The rechargeable battery is of NiMH type with a capacity of 7.2V/1500mAh. The following should be noticed:

- Do not short-circuit, solder, crush, disassemble or incinerate the battery pack. This may result in fire, explosion and severe burn hazard.
- Avoid charging batteries below 0 °C or above 40 °C.

#### **Connectors and cables**

When handling connectors and cables, notice the following warnings:

• Do not force plugs in place, as this may damage the pins in the plugs.

#### Storage and safe handling

Storage temperature range is from  $-30^{\circ}$ C to  $+70^{\circ}$ C and operating temperature is from 0 °C to  $+40^{\circ}$ C.

Cleaning of the equipment can be done with a cloth soaked in a mixture of ordinary dishdetergent and water.



### **4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Operation

The charger RCH-20 is a dual slot quick charger. The charger will accept a complete radio or the battery alone (see fig 4). If two batteries are present, the charger will automatically start fast charging the second battery when the first battery is fully charged. The first battery will then be trickle charged to keep it fully charged.



Fig. 1

The charger operates from 12 – 24 VDC or from 115 / 230 VAC using an appropriate adapter.

When using DC supply, the DC cable (80084) should be used. The connector is a standard 5.5mm AC adaptor type.

To prevent problems with wrong polarity the RCH-20 is designed to be independent of the power supply polarity.

The charger has two LED indicators, one for each battery. They have the following functions: No battery detected

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Flashing orange	
Flashing red	
Continuous red	
Continuous green	

- Battery detected, trickle charging
- Fast charging

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Battery fully charged, trickle charging

#### Notes on charging

The battery pack, 80059, is of NiMH type. To get the most out of your battery pack, a few precautions should be taken.

Always charge the battery to full charge when charging.



- All rechargeable batteries lose charge while stored. The rate is dependent on the temperature. When stored at 25°C a fully charged battery will have more than 50% capacity after a few months, while at 45°C it might be down at 50% after approx one month.
- Although it is possible to charge the battery while the Tron TR20 is switched on it is recommended to charge with the radio switched off. Otherwise the current consumption of the radio may confuse the charger to terminate before full charge is reached.
- If the battery has been totally discharged (below the Tron TR20 switch off threshold), or stored for a long time, the charger may terminate before full charge is reached. In this case do as follows:
  - Insert the battery and charge for a few minutes.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Discharge the battery by inserting it into the radio, and press PTT a few times.
  - o Start charging.
- Never short-circuit, solder, reverse charge, crush, disassemble or incinerate. This may result in fire, explosion and severe burn hazard.
- Avoid charging under 0°C or over 40°C.



## **5. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

### Introduction

The Charger consists of 1 printed circuit board.

• Main board (80011)

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The charger can be divided into following functional blocks:

- Switch mode regulator
- Current measurement circuit
- Voltage measurement circuit
- Temperature measurement circuit
- Charge control circuits

#### Switch mode regulator

The supply voltage is supplied trough the bridge rectifier D5, to make the charger independent of supply polarity.

The microcontroller (IC1) with software controls all functions in the charger, including the switch mode regulator. The microcontroller operates on 5V, supplied from voltage regulator (IC3).

The switch mode regulator delivers the charging current to the batteries. The switching transistor (Q2 or Q1) is controlled by the PWM (Pulse Width Modulator) output of the microcontroller. The pulse width is adjusted according to the reading from the current measurement circuit.

#### Current measurement circuit

The current flowing through the batteries will generate a voltage across the resistors R32 – R36. This voltage is amplified by IC2A, and fed to one of the A/D inputs of IC1. The reading from this A/D input is used to correct the duty cycle of the PWM output, and hence adjust the charging current.

#### Voltage measurement circuit

IC2B and IC2C are used as voltage amplifiers. The offset voltage, supplied from IC2D, is used to give the amplifiers a 0 – 5V output, which is feed to one of the A/D inputs of the microcontroller, IC1. The voltage is used by the microcontroller to detect the  $\Delta V$  slope which is used for charging termination. The voltage is measured every 120 second, and compared with the previous reading. A negative or no change will terminate the charging.

I addition a voltage above approx. 9.7 V will terminate the charging as well.

#### Temperature measurement circuit

The NiMH batteries contain a 2.2kohm NTC which is used to measure the temperature of the battery. R15 and R16 act as pull up resistors for the NTC. R30 and 31 is for future use with batteries with different chemistry and a different NTC value.

The voltage from the NTC is fed to one of the A/D inputs of IC1. The reading from this A/D input is used to detect a temperature rise in the batteries, which again will make the charger terminate charging.



#### Charge control circuits

Each battery position has a separate switch to select charging. Q3 and Q7 are used to switch charging on and off, and are controlled by output ports on IC1, to select which battery is going to be charged. In addition to the voltage and temperature reading, an internal timer is used to terminate the charging if no other termination occurs within approx 4.5 hours.

When there is no battery, or a fully charge battery is placed in the slot, the charger will send short charging pulses to each slot. This is used to detect whether a battery is present in each slot, as well as supplying trickle charge to fully charged batteries. The trickle charge is approx 10mA on average.

Status of the charging is indicated by D1 and D2, which are bicolour LED's. The function of these diodes is explained in chapter 4.



## 6. MAINTENANCE

No maintenance is necessary.



## 7. DIAGRAMS

Circuit diagram, Main board Place plan, Main board, part 1 Place plan, Main board, part 2 E-80011 KP-80011-1/2 KP-80011-2/2

**NOTE!** The place plan drawings show the maximum configuration for a printed circuit board. For components actually fitted on a printed circuit board, please refer to the parts list for that board.









## 8. PARTS LISTS

- Part list, Complete Charger
- Part list, Main Board

BOM-99920

BOM-80011



99920

### **Bill Of Material**

ltem	99920 BATTERY	CHARGER 12/24VDC FOR Tron <sup>-</sup> Manufa	cturing
version			
ltem	Name / Description	Makes no. / Additional name	Sub pos.
80011	Electronic unit, RCH-20		1
80084	DC CABLE FOR RCH-20		10
80357	LABEL FOR PACKINGBOX LADER	TR-20	11
80061	Etikett til RCH-20 batteri lader	Fascal 805, Orange/Sort txt	2
99886	BATTERILADER - BUNNDEL	Cycoloy C2100 HF Sort	3
99887	Spring, 3.0 x 2.4 x10mm, BeCu		4
99888	KONTAKTPINNE I LADER	RCH-20	5
99889	LYSLEDER I LADER	RCH-20	6
99916	Hjelpesnepp lader	Cycoloy C2100 HF Sort	7
99883	BATTERILADER, TOPPDEL	Cycoloy C2100 HF Sort	8
99890	PT.SCREW SENKH. KB30X30	EJOT-PT KB30x30 WN 1452	9

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ltem	80011 E	lectronic unit,	RCH-20	Design	
Version				Ū	
ltem	Name / Description		Makes no. / Additional name		Sub pos.
99123	CAP.EL 330uF/25V 10X10 SM	ЛD	ELNA RVH25V331MVH-10-R		C001
99123	CAP.EL 330uF/25V 10X10 SM	ЛD	ELNA RVH25V331MVH-10-R		C002
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 109	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C003
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 109	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C004
OMIT	Utgår				C005
OMIT	Utgår				C006
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 10%	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C007
99123	CAP.EL 330uF/25V 10X10 SN	ЛD	ELNA RVH25V331MVH-10-R		C008
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 10%	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C009
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 10%	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C010
93225	CHIP CAP 100nF 50V X7R 10%	% - 0805	MURATA GRM40 X7R 104 K50		C011
80031	LED SMD bicolor Red/Green, H	ISMF-C155	HP HSMF-C155		D001
80031	LED SMD bicolor Red/Green, H	ISMF-C155	HP HSMF-C155		D002
94704	DIODE ,Schottky, smd, 3A ,MB	RS340T3	Motorola MBRS340T3		D003
94704	DIODE ,Schottky, smd, 3A ,MB	RS340T3	Motorola MBRS340T3		D004
96655	BRIDGE RECTIFIER		Micro El. WO-005G		D005
94704	DIODE ,Schottky, smd, 3A ,MB	RS340T3	Motorola MBRS340T3		D006
94704	DIODE ,Schottky, smd, 3A ,MB	RS340T3	Motorola MBRS340T3		D007
80055	PIC16F73-I/SO		Microchip PIC 16F73-I/SO		IC001
99262	TS914, Quad R/R CMOS OpAn	np	2.7-16Volt, SO14, -40 to +125°C		IC002
99644	Voltage regulator 5 V , SOT223	3	National LM340MP-5.0		IC003
80032	DC Power Jack Ø=5.5, ø= 2.0 r	mm, LD-0202	Lih Sheng LD-0202		J001
99807	TERM. STRIP, 2,54mm, 2x3pin	n, l=11mm	Samtec TSW103-07TD		J002
99124	INDUCTOR POWER 100uH/1.2	2A SMD	PULSE P0752.104T		L001
99124	INDUCTOR POWER 100uH/1.2	2A SMD	PULSE P0752.104T		L002
99892	PCB I LADER		TRON VHF MkII		PCB
OMIT	Utgår				Q001
97787	P-FET, SOT-223		Siemens BSP315		Q002
99762	SI2307, P-MFET,30V, 80mOhm	n@10V, SOT-23	Siliconix SI2307DS		Q003
94443	TRANSISTOR BC 817 SOT-23		PHILIPS BC817,215		Q004
94443	TRANSISTOR BC 817 SOT-23		PHILIPS BC817,215		Q005
94443	TRANSISTOR BC 817 SOT-23		PHILIPS BC817,215		Q006
99762	SI2307, P-MFET,30V, 80mOhm	n@10V, SOT-23	Siliconix SI2307DS		Q007
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R001
93284	CR 0805 15k 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-1502		R002
93256	CR 0805 1k0 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-1001		R003
93272	CR 0805 4k7 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-4701		R004
93244	CR 0805 330R 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-3300		R005
93244	CR 0805 330R 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-3300		R006
93244	CR 0805 330R 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-3300		R007
93244	CR 0805 330R 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-3300		R008
93290	CR 0805 27k 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-2702		R009
93256	CR 0805 1k0 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-1001		R010
93294	CR 0805 39k 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-3902		R011
93284	CR 0805 15k 1%		ROHM MCR10 EZH F-1502		R012

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OMIT	Utgår				R013
93290	CR 0805 27k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-2702		R014
93264	CR 0805 2k2 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-2201		R015
93264	CR 0805 2k2 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-2201		R016
93287	CR 0805 20k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-2002		R017
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R018
93287	CR 0805 20k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-2002		R019
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R020
93294	CR 0805 39k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-3902		R021
93284	CR 0805 15k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1502		R022
93292	CR 0805 33k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-3302		R023
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R024
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R025
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R026
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R027
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R028
93280	CR 0805 10k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1002		R029
93304	CR 0805 100k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1003		R030
93304	CR 0805 100k 1%	ROH	IM MCR10 EZH F-1003		R031
97180	RC-01 1R	PHI	_IPS 2322 711 61108		R032
97180	RC-01 1R	PHI	_IPS 2322 711 61108		R033
97180	RC-01 1R	PHI	_IPS 2322 711 61108		R034
97180	RC-01 1R	PHI	_IPS 2322 711 61108		R035
97180	RC-01 1R	PHI	_IPS 2322 711 61108		R036
80052	10 MHz Ceramic resonate	or MUF	RATA CSTCC 10.00MHZ MG	3	X001

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