



# B500 Battery & Electrical System Analyzer

For Testing 6V & 12V Vehicle Batteries individually & in  
Battery Packs. Also for testing 6V, 12V, 24V and 36V  
Charging & Starter Systems

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## User Manual

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The B500 tests all 6V and 12V all lead acid batteries individually or in parallel and series battery packs.

The tester will display the battery or battery pack condition as % available capacity, rated capacity (i.e. CCA's), state of charge voltage and good, marginal or replace status.

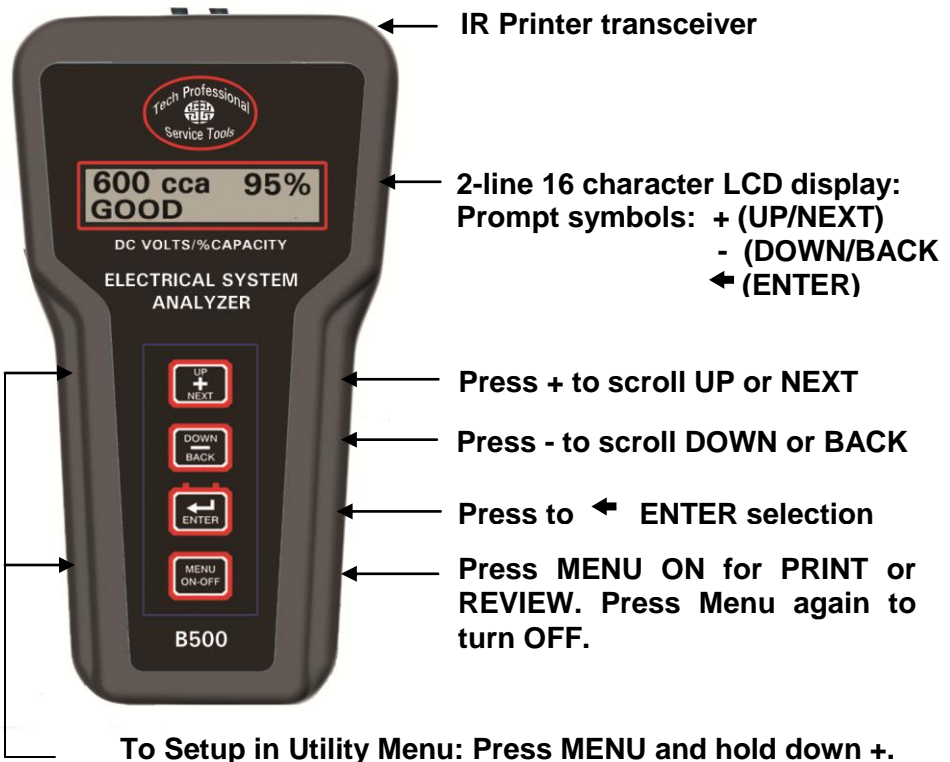
The B500 also tests 12V, 24V and 36V starter and charging systems including starter draw, alternator output (loaded/unloaded), and diode ripple.

The B500 features an IR wireless printer output for remote printout of the test results. The test data for the last test performed is stored in the memory and can be reviewed either when connected to a battery, or when disconnected from the battery at a later time.

### **Features:**

- **Patented conductance technology**
- **Displays % of capacity and CCA's.**
- **Tests all 12V lead acid batteries including AGM and Gel**
- **IR printer interface for remote printing**
- **No conversion tables needed**
- **Test batteries from 100 CCA to 3500 CCA (battery pack)**
- **Tests 6/12/36V Starting/Charging Systems**
- **Tests both series and parallel batteries**
- **Tests Alternator Ripple**
- **Bad cell is detected and displayed**
- **Displays Multiple International Units**
- **Tests 6V batteries**
- **Custom Header with Company Name, Date and Time**
- **Loose lead detection**
- **Temperature Compensation**
- **RoHS compliant brass post adapters included**
- **Multiple language (English, Spanish, French)**
- **Reverse polarity protection**
- **Auto shutoff feature**
- **Made in USA**

## B500 Controls



## UTILITY MENU OPTIONS

The utility menu allows the user to set up the **Date & Time**, **Company Name**, **address and phone #** and select the **IR Printer** they will be using.

### Setting up the Date and Time:

1. Press the Menu button and **HOLD DOWN** the **NEXT +** button. The display will show **Date Time Setup**. Press **ENTER**.
2. The flashing cursor will blink over day month year format (dd/mm/yy). Scroll up or down to select the desired number.

### Setting up the Company Name address & phone #:

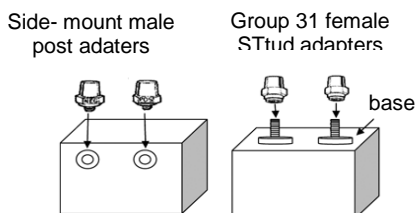
1. Press **NEXT +** to set up the Company Name. Scroll the alphabet letters until the first letter of the company is displayed. Press **ENTER** and proceed until the complete name address & phone # is displayed. Note: "Space" and "Apostrophe" characters are shown at the beginning or end of the alphabet.

### Setting up the IR Printer:

1. Press **NEXT +** to select the Techno Tools IR printer that you will be using. Select either HPIr printer #B540 or IrDA printer #B545.

## PRIOR TO TESTING

**Important:** Use stud or post adapters (provided with the B500) when connecting to side mount or Group 31 batteries outside of the vehicle. Or connect battery clips on the base of threaded stud when testing (see Fig. below). Make sure adapters are properly tightened. Connecting the tester directly to threaded studs or bolts will result in false readings. When connecting to batteries inside or outside of the vehicle, rock the clips back and forth to ensure a good connection. **CHECK CONNECTION** may show on the display if a poor connection is detected. Reset clips if necessary.



# Out of Vehicle Test

## BATTERY TEST:

1. Connect the B500 to the battery to be tested. **“TECHNO TOOLS B500”** will appear momentarily on the display and then the display will show **IN VEHICLE TEST? PRESS NO (+)**.
2. The display will then prompt the user to **SELECT BATTERY VOLTAGE**. Press the **+ UP** or **- Down** buttons to select the battery or battery pack voltage i.e. 6V, 12V, 24V to be tested.  
  
**NOTE:** The maximum battery pack voltage for testing is 24V (2-12V batteries in series).
3. Press **ENTER ←**: The display will show the battery's State of Charge (SOC) and display **GOOD, LOW, BAD CELL REPLACE or SURFACE CHARGE\***.
4. Press **NEXT +**: The display will prompt the user **TEST BATTERY**.
5. Press **ENTER ←**: The display will prompt the user to select the units of the battery rating: **CCA/SAE, EN, DIN, EIC or JIS**. Press **+ UP** or **- DOWN** to select desired units.
6. Press **ENTER ←**: The display will prompt the user to select the rated battery size. Press the **+ UP** or **- DOWN** buttons to select the battery's numerical rating i.e. 550 CCA.
7. Press **ENTER ←**: The display will show **TESTING.....PLEASE WAIT** for a few seconds. The display will then show the % available capacity\*\* and the battery condition as **GOOD, MARGINAL\*\*\* REPLACE, RECHARGE & RETEST or BAD CELL-REPLACE**.

\*Removing the surface charge may improve the test accuracy when testing **MARGINAL** batteries. To remove surface charge, load the battery for several seconds until the **SOC** voltage drops to 12.8V or less.

\*\*If available capacity is 800 CCA's or greater the Tester will prompt the user if the battery is an AGM type battery.

\*\*\*For **MARGINAL** batteries the B500 will prompt the user **“TEMPERATURE ABOVE 32°F?”**

# In Vehicle Tests

## BATTERY TEST:

Connect the B500 to the battery to be tested. “**TECHNO TOOLS B500**” will appear momentarily on the display and then the display will show **IN VEHICLE TEST? PRESS YES (←)**. The display will then prompt the user to **SELECT BATTERY/SYSTEM VOLTAGE**. Press the **+ UP** or **- Down** buttons to select the battery or battery pack voltage i.e. 6V, 12V, 24V, 36V to be tested.

**NOTE:** When testing the battery in the vehicle, make sure vehicle engine is **not** running and all accessory loads are **off**. If **SURFACE CHARGE (SOC)** is displayed, turn on accessory loads (lights, AC or heater) for 15 seconds with engine off.

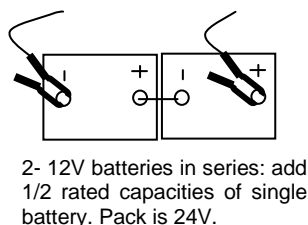
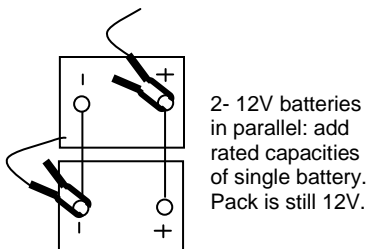
### Testing Battery Packs:

The B500 tests battery packs when they are connected to the vehicle as though it is testing a single battery. When testing a battery pack, enter the battery voltage and rating of the pack as a single battery.

**Batteries in parallel:** For batteries connected in parallel, add the rated capacity of each single battery to determine the rated capacity of the pack. For example two 500 CCA batteries in parallel would have a rating 1,000 CCA (see figure below). The voltage of the pack remains the same regardless of the number of batteries in the pack. The B500 can test batteries in parallel up to 3500 CCA.

**Batteries in series:** A pack consisting of 2 single 12V batteries in series would have 24V. The rated capacity of the two 12V batteries in series is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the rating of the single battery. For example two 500 CCA 12V batteries in series would have a rating of only 250 CCA. The B500 can test two 12V batteries in series

**IMPORTANT:** The B500 determines the condition of the pack as whole but does not determine the condition of the individual battery in the pack. If the condition of the parallel pack is determined to be bad, disconnect the batteries from the pack and check each battery individually.



## STARTER TEST:

Note: Before the starter can be properly tested, make sure the battery or battery-pack SOC (state of charge) and battery condition tests GOOD and the engine is OFF.

To test the Starter, scroll to the starter test pressing the **NEXT +** button. The display will prompt the user **TEST STARTER SYSTEM**. To test the starter: Press **ENTER ←**.

1. The display will prompt you to **START ENGINE (ACCESSORIES OFF)**.
2. Crank the engine and if it starts, turn engine off. The Tester will display the voltage drop at the battery while cranking and one of the following messages:

**STARTING SYSTEM NORMAL:** The starter system is operating properly.

**CHECK STARTER:** The Starter is drawing excess current. Check starter and starter wires and connections for abnormally high resistance.

**RETEST BATTERY & RETEST STARTER:** The B500 detected unusually low voltage at the battery during cranking indicating that the battery may need replacing. Retest the battery and retest starter.

## CHARGING SYSTEM TEST:

**NOTE:** Engine must be off before testing charging system.

After completing the starter test, press **NEXT +**. The display will prompt the user **TEST CHARGING SYSTEM**. (*The maximum starter/charging voltage is 36V*). To test the charging system:

1. Press **ENTER←**: The user will be prompted to **START THE ENGINE (ACCESSORIES OFF)**. The tester will automatically detect that the engine has started and will display **ENGINE STARTED PLEASE WAIT**.
2. The display will prompt the user to Press **NEXT +** and **REV ENGINE FOR 15 SECONDS**. After revving, the user will be prompted to **TURN ON ACCESSORY LOADS** (lights & AC or heater) and press **NEXT +** again.
3. The user will be prompted to **REV ENGINE FOR 15 SECONDS again**. After revving the display will show one of the following the test results: (Note some versions will prompt the user to turn off accessory loads after revving and then press **NEXT +**.)

### CHARGING SYSTEM IS OK

**NO CHARGING:** The alternator is not supplying a charging voltage to the battery. Check also for loose, slipping or broken alternator belt

**BAD DIODE REPLACE ALTERNATOR:** The tester detected **excess ripple** coming from the alternator indicating defective diode(s). If diodes are not replaceable, replace alternator.

**BAD DIODE AND/OR CHECK CONNECTIONS:** The tester detected low charging voltage that could be caused by a bad diode (although alternator ripple is within normal limits) or high resistance connections. If connections and diode are found to be good, check regulator and replace if necessary.

**REPLACE REGULATOR:** The tester detected abnormally high alternator output voltage caused by a defective regulator.



## REVIEWING TEST RESULTS

The B500 stores the last test results in memory for review while **connected** to the test battery **or** at a later time when **disconnected** from the battery. The review prompt will only display if data is stored in the memory and has not been erased.

To review stored data, press the **MENU/ON-OFF** button. If Battery Test data is stored in the memory the display will show the **REVIEW BATTERY TEST**. Press **ENTER** ← to see the Battery Test data.

Press **NEXT +** to review Starter Test data (if stored) and **NEXT +** to review Charging System Test.

## USING THE BT or IR PRINTER

The B500 will download test data to Techno Tools IR Printers (part numbers B540 or B545\* (Optional)). The user can print both when connected and when not connected to a battery. To print out the last test results:

1. Turn on the B500 by pressing the **MENU/ON-OFF** button. To print, press **NEXT +** until the display shows **PRINT LAST TEST**.
2. Press **ENTER** ←. The display will show the message **ALIGN THE PRINTER**. Align the B500 transceiver located at the top of the tester with the printer's IR receiver. Note: The HPIR printer must be within 18 in. from the tester and remain aligned during entire printout.
3. Press the **ENTER** ← button. The last data stored in the memory will begin to printout on the IR printer. Note: The alignment between the tester and the IR printer must be proper for data to print out.

***\*Important: Make sure the printer you are using is selected in the Utility Menu (see Utility Menu on page 3).***

## **AUTO SHUTOFF**

If the tester is left on using the internal 9V battery (i.e. when not connected to an external battery) the B500 will automatically shutoff after 3 minutes from the last user entry. This will conserve battery life in case the Tester is left on inadvertently.

## **REPLACING THE INTERNAL 9V BATTERY**

1. The B500 will alert the user when the voltage of the internal battery is low and needs to be replaced. When this occurs, the display shows **REPLACE INTERNAL BATTERY**. Note: This message will also display if no battery is installed.
2. To replace battery: Remove the screw at back of tester and remove battery cover. The 9V battery compartment is located inside the tester.
3. Remove the battery by carefully lifting the 9V battery up and out of the compartment. Insert a new battery into the battery holder making sure the battery is completely pushed down and making contact with the battery contacts.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS

Item	Part Number
Brass post adapters	B555
Carrying case	B556
Instruction manual	B557

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model #</b>	<b>B500 Micro LCD</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Electrical System Analyzer</b>
<b>Battery Size Range</b>	<b>100 CCA to 3500 CCA</b>
<b>DC Voltage: Range/Accuracy</b>	<b>3.0V to 49.9V/ +/- 2% reading</b>
<b>LCD Display</b>	<b>2 line-16 character</b>
<b>Power Supply</b>	<b>9V (Internal Battery)</b>
<b>Cable Length</b>	<b>2 Ft.</b>
<b>IR Printer</b>	<b>IrDA &amp; IrHP Capable</b>
<b>Weight, lbs</b>	<b>1.5 lbs</b>
<b>Warranty</b>	<b>2 years</b>



## **RETURN FOR REPAIR POLICY**

Every effort has been made to provide reliable, superior quality products. However, in the event your instrument requires repair, forward unit to Service Center freight prepaid to the address below with return address, phone number and/or email address.

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## **WARRANTY POLICY**

The B500 Electrical System Analyzer is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of purchase. This warranty applies to all repairable instruments that have not been tampered with or damaged through improper use including unauthorized opening of the unit. Please ship warranty units that require repair freight prepaid to Service Center along with proof of purchase, return address, phone number and/or email address.