

**DURABUILT**

VEC013DB

# Jump-Start System

## 12VOLT DC POWER SUPPLY



### OWNER'S MANUAL AND WARRANTY INFORMATION

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SAFETY, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF THIS PRODUCT. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USE, AND RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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## **SAFETY INFORMATION**

### **WARNINGS:**

1. When working with lead-acid batteries, always make sure immediate assistance is available in case of accident or emergency.
2. Always use protective eyewear when using this product: contact with battery acid may cause blindness and/or severe burns, be aware of first aid procedures in case of accidental contact with battery acid.
3. There is a risk of explosive gases being released when lead acid batteries are being charged or discharged. Failure to follow instructions may cause property damage, explosive hazard, and/or personal injury.
4. When charging unit from a 120 volt AC electrical outlet in any wet or damp area, make sure that the outlet used is protected by a ground fault interrupt (GFI) switch.
5. When charging the unit near water, do not allow the electrical cords and outlets to get wet or come near water—electrical shock could result.
6. Jump-start procedures should only be performed in a safe, dry, well-ventilated area.
7. Always store battery clamps on clamp holder tab on back of unit when not in use. Never touch battery clamps together, this can cause dangerous sparks, power arcing and/ or explosion.
8. When using this unit in proximity to the vehicle's battery and engine, stand the unit on a flat, stable surface, and be sure to keep all clamps, cords, clothing and body parts away from moving vehicle components.
9. Do not wear vinyl clothing when jump-starting a vehicle, friction can cause dangerous static-electricity sparks. Remove all jewelry or metal objects that could cause short circuits or react with battery acid.
10. Always disconnect the negative (Black) jumper cable first: followed by the positive (Red) jumper cable, except for positive ground systems.
11. Never allow red and black clamps to touch each other or another common metal conductor—this could cause damage to the unit and/or create sparking/ explosion hazard. Always store battery clamps on clamp holder tabs when not in use.
12. Do not expose battery to fire or intense heat as it may explode. Before disposing of the battery, protect exposed terminals with heavy-duty electrical tape to prevent shorting (shorting can result in injury or fire).
13. Do not smoke or use inflammable items (matches, cigarette lighters, etc.) while working on a vehicle's battery system.
14. Keep unit out of reach of children (whether stored, or in use)!

### **CAUTIONS:**

1. Use only the supplied cords/adapters for recharging this unit. Do not recharge for more than 4-5 hours maximum using 12 volt DC method. Recharge unit after each use.
2. All On/Off switches should be in the OFF position when the unit is charging or not in use. Make sure all switches are in the OFF position before connection to a power source or load.

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3. Never insert anything other than the supplied power/recharging cords or recommended appliance power/recharging cords into the 12 volt DC charging/power socket on this unit. Do not use any accessory that is not recommended or provided by the manufacturer.
  4. Do not use this unit to operate appliances that draw more than 5 amps.
  5. This system is designed to be used only on vehicles with 12 volt DC battery systems. Do not connect to a 6 volt or 24 volt battery system.
  6. This system is not designed to be used as a replacement for a vehicular battery. Do not attempt to operate a vehicle that does not have a battery installed.
  7. Vehicles that have on-board computerized systems may be damaged if vehicle battery is jump-started. Before jump-starting, read the vehicle's owners manual to confirm that external-starting assistance is advised.
  8. Excessive engine cranking can damage a vehicle's starter motor. If the engine fails to start after the recommended number of attempts, discontinue jump-start procedures and look for other problems that may need to be corrected.
  9. Although this unit contains a non-spillable battery, it is recommended that unit be kept upright during storage, use and recharging. To avoid possible damage that may shorten the unit's working life, protect it from direct sunlight, direct heat and/or moisture.
  10. Check unit periodically for wear and tear. Replace worn or defective parts immediately. Contact Durabill's Customer Service department toll-free (800) 916-7004.
  11. Do not attempt to jump-start a frozen battery.
  12. Never submerge this unit in water.

**FIRST AID:**

**SKIN:** If battery acid comes in contact with skin, rinse immediately with running water, then wash thoroughly with soap and water. If redness, pain or irritation occurs, seek immediate medical attention.

**EYES:** If battery acid comes in contact with eyes, flush eyes immediately - for minimum of 15 minutes - seek immediate medical attention.

**IMPORTANT:**

Although this unit is delivered in a partially charged state, you must fully charge it with the supplied 120 volt AC charger for a full 48 hours before using it for the first time. You cannot overcharge the unit using the AC charger method.

**CAUTIONS:**

Do not expose to rain. Replace defective cords or wires immediately.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on selecting the Durabilt Jump-Start System. This compact jump-starter is unique in the amount of energy it can supply for its size. The internal battery is a high-density sealed, lead-acid battery that stores and delivers energy comparable to full sized ordinary jump-starters. Please read this guide carefully before use to ensure optimum performance and avoid damage to the unit or items that you are using it with.

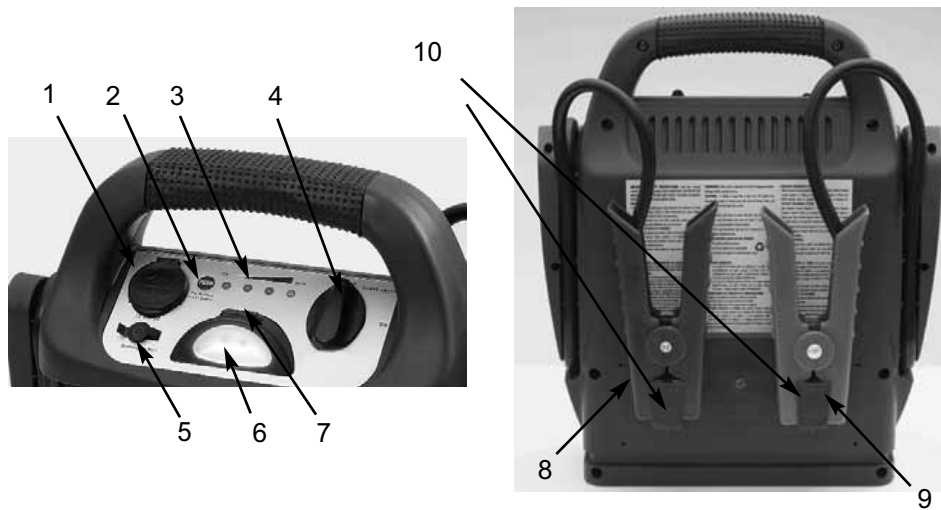
The Durabilt Jump-Start System is a compact, durable and portable jump-start system for vehicles and boats that have a standard 12 volt battery system. This self-contained, rechargeable system will start most vehicles and boats without the need for a host vehicle or 120 volt AC power supply. It can also be used as a safe, portable source of 12 volt DC electric power in remote locations and/or emergency situations. It is ideal for use with Durabilt 12 volt DC cordless, portable, rechargeable products.

### **Use the Durabilt Jump-Start System to:**

- **Jump start any engine system with a standard 12 volt DC battery:** boat; truck; car; airplane; RV; personal watercraft; snowmobile; garden tractor; gasoline engine generator, etc.
- **Operate:** 12 volt DC fans, inflators, fluorescent worklights, cellular phones (can quick-charge a cellular phone by using the phone's 12 volt DC adapter cord), spotlights, TVs, portable radios, cassette or CD players, and more.

The Jump-Start System has an easy-to-read series of LED (Light Emitting Diode) charge indicators that show when the unit is fully charged, or the level of charge in the battery. Charge level can be viewed when the charge status push button is pressed. A 12 volt DC power accessory socket is provided for use with appliances that can operate from a vehicle 12 volt DC accessory outlet. This allows maximum portability and utility when the Jump-Start System is used in remote locations.

The Jump-Start System can be recharged from any standard 120 volt AC power source using the supplied AC Recharge Adapter. The adapter barrel connector attaches to the Recharge Port on the top panel of the jump-starter. A built-in 12 volt appliance socket and the appropriate DC/DC charging/adaptor cord is used to recharge the battery from another 12 volt DC source. When pressed, the CHARGE STATUS button will show the battery power level status (from Low to Full). The green LED full indicator illuminates when the unit is fully recharged and charging can be discontinued. An ON/OFF switch operates the built-in work/emergency light.



**FIGURE 1A** (Front Panel View)

**FIGURE 1B** (Rear View)

1. 12 Volt DC Accessory Socket for DC appliances (with overload protection)
2. Battery Level Status Pushbutton
3. LED Charging/Battery Level Indicators
4. ON/OFF Power Switch
5. Recharging Port
6. Area Light
7. Area Light ON/OFF Switch
8. Negative (Black) Jumper Cable
9. Positive (Red) Jumper Cable
10. Clamp Holder Tabs

### **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

- Includes non-spillable, maintenance-free, heavy-duty, new high energy density 17 Amp hour, sealed battery.
- Safe to use, transport, and store.
- Requires no maintenance (other than recharging) for optimum operation
- Automatic taper charge for AC recharge
- Molded high-impact case is tough and durable
- Built-in emergency worklight with for roadside repairs and use in remote locations without utility power

**CAUTION:** Use only adapters supplied with this unit. Never insert any other adapters into the charging or power receptacles on this unit.

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## **JUMP STARTING INSTRUCTIONS**

Connect – Red clamp first, then black clamp.

Disconnect – Black clamp first, then red clamp.

1. Turn OFF vehicle ignition and all accessories (radio, A/C, lights, cell phone, etc.). Place vehicle in "Park" and set the emergency brake.
2. Make sure jump-start system's ON/OFF power switch is turned to OFF.
3. Remove jumper cables from clamp holder.
4. Procedure for jump-starting a **NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM (NEGATIVE BATTERY TERMINAL IS CONNECTED TO CHASSIS). (MOST COMMON)**
  - 4a. Connect positive (+) red clamp to vehicle battery's positive terminal.
  - 4b. Connect negative (-) black clamp to chassis or a solid, non-moving, metal vehicle component or body part. Never clamp directly to negative battery terminal or moving part..
5. Procedure for jump-starting **POSITIVE GROUND SYSTEMS** **NOTE:** In the rare event that the vehicle to be started has a Positive Grounded System (positive battery terminal is connected to chassis) replace steps 4a and 4b above with steps 5a and 5b, then proceed to steps 6 through 8 below.
  - 5a. Connect negative (-) black clamp to vehicle battery's negative terminal
  - 5b. Connect positive (+) red clamp to vehicle chassis or a solid, non-moving, metal vehicle component or body part. **DO NOT CLAMP DIRECTLY TO POSITIVE BATTERY TERMINAL OR MOVING PART**
6. Double check the polarity is correct, then turn jump-start power switch to ON position.
7. Start vehicle (do not turn key for longer than 5-6 seconds).
8. After vehicle starts, turn jump-start's power switch to OFF position. Remove clamps (disconnect the negative black jumper cable first, followed by the positive (red) jumper cable and replace them in the clamp holders.

- CAUTION:**
- If engine fails to start, leave ignition key turned off and disconnect the negative (-) clamp first, then the positive (+) clamp. Try again later – the engine may be flooded.
  - Recharge jump-start system after each use.

### **WARNINGS:**

1. Before using this system to jump-start any vehicle or boat, read and understand all instructions, safety tips, warnings, cautions and first aid information provided in this manual and on the product labeling. Additional important information may also be provided by the vehicle's battery system manufacturer.
2. Be aware of first aid procedures before attempting jump-start procedure.
3. Always wear protective eyewear when working with a lead acid-type battery.
4. Do not smoke or use inflammable items (matches, cigarette lighters, etc.) while working on a vehicle's battery system.
5. When using this jump-starter in proximity to the vehicle's battery and engine, stand the unit on a flat, stable surface, and be sure to keep all cords and cables away from any moving parts.

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6. Always disconnect the engine or frame jumper clamp first; followed by the battery jumper clamp.
  7. Never allow red and black clamps to touch each other or another common metal conductor; this could cause damage to the unit and/or create sparking/explosion hazard.
  8. There is a risk of explosive gases being released when batteries are charged or discharged, failure to follow instructions may cause property damage, explosive hazard, and/or personal injury.
  9. Always use protective eyewear when using this product: contact with battery acid may cause blindness and/or severe burns.
  10. Keep out of children's reach.
  11. ALWAYS store battery clamps in built-in holsters when not in use and never touch battery clamps together, this can cause dangerous sparks, power arcing and/or explosion.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE OF THE DURABILT JUMP-START SYSTEM**

#### **CAUTION:**

1. To avoid possible damage that may shorten the unit's working life, protect this unit from direct sunlight, direct heat and moisture.
2. This system is to be used ONLY on vehicles, boats, garden tractors and gasoline powered generators with 12 volt DC battery systems.
3. This system is NOT designed to be installed as a replacement for a vehicle battery.
4. Vehicles that have on-board computerized systems may be damaged if vehicle battery is jump-started. Before jump-starting this type of vehicle, read the vehicle owner's manual to confirm that external-starting assistance is advised.
5. Excessive engine cranking can damage the vehicle's starter motor. If the engine fails to start after the recommended number of attempts, discontinue jump-start procedure and look for other problems that may need to be corrected.
6. Check unit periodically for wear and tear. Replace worn or defective parts immediately; contact Durabilt Customer Service Department toll-free: (800) 916-7004.
7. Do not attempt to jump-start a frozen battery.
8. NEVER submerge this unit in water.
9. Do not wear vinyl clothing when jump-starting a vehicle, friction can cause dangerous static electricity sparks. Remove all jewelry or metal objects, they can cause short circuits or react with battery acid to cause severe burns. Remove or secure any loose clothing, and restrain long hair, before attempting jump-start procedure.
10. Lead-acid batteries generate hydrogen gas during normal operation. More gas is generated when the battery is charging. Hydrogen gas is explosive, poisonous to breathe and highly flammable.

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**WARNING:**

- Always use protective eyewear when using this product: contact with battery acid may cause blindness and/or severe burns.
- Keep out of children's reach.

**FIRST AID:**

**SKIN:** If battery acid comes in contact with skin, rinse immediately with running water, then wash thoroughly with soap and water. If redness, pain or irritation occurs, seek immediate medical attention.

**EYES:** If battery acid comes in contact with eyes, flush eyes immediately - for minimum of 15 minutes - seek immediate medical attention.

**CHARGING/RECHARGING**

For maximum battery life, we recommend the Durabilt Jump-Start System be kept fully charged at all times. If the battery is allowed to remain in a discharged state, battery life will be shortened.

**NOTE:** Recharging battery after each use will prolong battery life; frequent discharges between recharges will reduce battery life.

Charge up to 48 hours to reach full charge.

**IMPORTANT:** MAKE SURE ALL SWITCHES ARE TURNED OFF DURING RECHARGING.

**120 Volt AC Charging**

Charge unit for full 48 hours using AC method, prior to first use

Recharge unit fully after each use

1. Simply plug the AC plug of the AC/DC adapter/charger into any standard 120 volt AC wall outlet.
2. Plug the barrel connector attached to the AC adapter/charger into the small barrel receptacle on the jump-starter that is marked recharge port.
3. When charging is completed and the FULL light is on, remove the AC/DC charger plug and store in a safe place.

**NOTE:** The unit cannot be overcharged using the AC method. The Durabilt Jump-Start System also comes with a DC/DC charging adapter for recharging the unit from a 12 volt DC accessory outlet in a vehicle or boat.



AC ADAPTER/CHARGER

**WARNING:** Do not recharge for more than 4-5 hours maximum using 12 volt DC method



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## **12 VOLT DC CHARGING**

1. Insert the plug that is marked "TO VEHICLE ACCESSORY OUTLET" of the DC/DC charging adapter into the 12 volt DC accessory receptacle on the vehicle or boat.
2. Insert the plug at the other end of this charging adapter marked "TO JUMP STARTER OUTLET" into recharging port on the front panel of the unit.
3. Charge the unit until the green FULL indicator lights when Charge Switch Indicator Button is pressed. DO NOT EXCEED 4-5 HOURS MAXIMUM.
4. When charging is completed, remove the power cord and store in a safe place.



DC/DC CHARGER/ADAPTER

USE THIS PLUG ONLY FOR VEHICLE'S ACCESSORY OUTLET

## **OPERATION AS A 12 VOLT PORTABLE POWER SUPPLY**

1. Lift up the cover of the unit's 12 volt DC accessory receptacle (See Figure 1A).
2. Insert the 12 volt DC plug from the appliance into the receptacle on the unit.
3. Switch on the appliance, and operate as usual.

**CAUTION: DO NOT USE THIS UNIT TO OPERATE APPLIANCES THAT DRAW MORE THAN 5 AMPS DC.**

## **EMERGENCY WORKLIGHT**

The area light is controlled by an On/Off switch. Make sure the area light is turned OFF when the unit is being recharged or stored.

## **REPLACEMENT PARTS**

For replacement parts (bulbs, batteries, fuses, etc.), contact Durabilt Customer Service: toll-free (800) 916-7004.

## **Battery Replacement**

It is recommended that the unit be returned to Durabilt Customer Service for battery replacement: Contact or toll-free (800) 916-7004.

## **WARNING**

- Do not dispose of the battery in fire as this may result in an explosion
- Before disposing of the battery, protect exposed terminals with heavy-duty electrical tape to prevent shorting (shorting can result in injury or fire)
- Do not expose battery to fire or intense heat as it may explode

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## **Battery Disposal:**

This unit contains a maintenance-free, non-spillable, sealed lead-acid battery. This battery is fully recyclable and should be accepted at any location that accepts common automotive starter batteries. Examples of places that accept these batteries are: County or municipal recycling drop-off centers, scrap metal dealers and retailers who sell automotive replacement lead acid starter batteries. For more information on recycling this battery, call toll-free (877) 288-7722.



**CAUTION: THIS PLUG USES AN 8 AMP FUSE. FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST RISK OF FIRE, REPLACE FUSE ONLY WITH SAME TYPE AND RATING.**

## **TO REPLACE FUSE:**

1. Remove plug from accessory receptacle. Remove the gold cap by turning counterclockwise and lifting off.
2. Remove center pin and spring. Remove fuse.
3. Replace fuse with same type and size fuse (8 amp).
4. Replace center pin and spring inside plug.
5. Replace gold cap by turning clockwise onto plug.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Model No ..... VEC013DB  
Boost Ampere ..... 400 Instantaneous Cranking Amps  
Battery Type ..... 12 Volt, 17AH Sealed, Rechargeable  
Non-Spillable, Lead-Acid  
Jumper Cables ..... Heavy Duty, Welding Cable  
Area Light ..... White LEDs  
DC Charging Adapter ..... 12 Volt DC  
AC Charging Adapter ..... 120 Volt AC (700mA, 12 Volt DC Output)  
12 Volt Outlet Output ..... Overload Protection

## 2 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY PROGRAM

This limited warranty program is the only one that applies to this product, and it sets forth all the responsibilities of Durabilt, regarding this product. There is no other warranty, other than those described herein.

This Durabilt product is warranted, to the original purchaser only, to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for two years from the date of purchase without additional charge. The warranty does not extend to subsequent purchasers or users. Durabilt will not be responsible for any amount of damage in excess of the retail purchase price of the product under any circumstances. Incidental and consequential damages are specifically excluded from coverage under this warranty.

This product is not intended for commercial use. This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage to units from misuse or incorrect installation. Misuse includes wiring or connecting to improper polarity power sources.

**RETURN/REPAIR POLICY:** Defective products, other than accessories, may be returned postage prepaid to Durabilt. Any defective product, other than accessories, that is returned to Durabilt within 30 days of the date of purchase will be replaced free of charge. If such a product is returned more than 30 days but less than two years from the purchase date, Durabilt will repair the unit or, at its option, replace it free of charge.

If the unit is repaired, new or reconditioned replacement parts may be used, at Durabilt's option. A unit may be replaced with a new or reconditioned unit of the same or comparable design. The repaired or replaced unit will then be warranted under the terms of the remainder of the warranty period. The customer is responsible for the shipping charges on all returned items after 30 days. During the warranty period, Durabilt will be responsible for the return shipping charges.

**LIMITATIONS:** This warranty does not cover accessories, bulbs, fuses and batteries, defects resulting from normal wear and tear (including chips, scratches, abrasions, discoloration or fading due to usage or exposure to sunlight), accidents, damage during shipping to our service facility, alterations, unauthorized use or repair, neglect, misuse, abuse, failure to follow instructions for care and maintenance, fire, flood and Acts of God.

If your problem is not covered by this warranty, call our Technical Support Department at (954) 584-4446 or Toll Free at (866) 584-5504 for general repair information and charges if applicable.

**STATE LAW RIGHTS:** This warranty gives you specific legal rights. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the exclusions or limitations stated herein may not apply. This warranty gives the purchaser specific legal rights; other rights, which vary from state to state, may apply.

**TO REQUEST WARRANTY SERVICE FOR THIS PRODUCT:** Contact Durabilt Technical Support by telephone, fax or mail. We suggest that you keep the original packaging in case you need to ship the unit. When returning a product, include your name, address, phone number, dated sales receipt (or copy) and a description of the reason for return and product serial number. After repairing or replacing the unit, we will make every effort to return it to you within four weeks.

**WARRANTY ACTIVATION:** Please complete Warranty Activation Card and mail to Durabilt. Enter "VEC013DB" as Model and "Jump-Start System" as Product Type. All Durabilt products must be registered within 10 days of purchase to activate this warranty. Mail the completed registration form, along with a copy of the original sales receipt to:

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