



# TANDEM

Charger / Power Supply

OWNER'S MANUAL

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Tandem is the smallest and lightest package available in both a charger and on-camera power supply. It incorporates all of the Logic Series® circuits that are employed in every Anton/Bauer® charger. The fast charge feature makes it an ideal complement to a current Anton/Bauer battery system and given its small size is ideal for travel.

Like all Anton/Bauer chargers, everything is automatic. Once a battery is placed onto the charger, it will automatically go into one of the Three Stage Charging modes. If the unit and battery are then attached to a piece of equipment, the power supply mode will prevail, stopping all charging. Once the camera/camcorder is turned off, the Tandem will continue charging the battery, remembering where it previously stopped.

## **FEATURES**

- 70 Watt Power Supply.
- Fast Charging. One hour with most batteries (2 hours with HyTRON™ series batteries).
- Logic Series technology.
- Wide Range Input (120-240vac 50/60Hz).
- Six (6) Independent Charge Termination Systems.
- Lightweight (16 oz.)

## **WARNING**

Tandem is a 70 watt power supply. Exceeding 70 watts may cause fuse to short leaving unit unable to function. Please check equipment to be powered to ensure under 70 watts of total draw.



This symbol indicates the presence of un-insulated, dangerous voltage inside the enclosure of the charger. There is a risk of shock if the charger case is opened.



This symbol indicates that important operating and maintenance instructions are in the accompanying literature.

## **SAFEGUARDS**

**Power Sources:** This unit was designed to operate at mains voltages from 120 to 240 Volts AC, 50-60 Hz.

**Risk of Electrical Shock:** Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

**TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.**

## **GROUNDING/EARTHING**

**IMPORTANT WARNING: THIS APPARATUS MUST BE EARTHED.**

To ensure safe operation, the three pin plug supplied must be inserted only into a standard three-pin power point which is effectively grounded through the normal household wiring. Extension cords used with the equipment must be three-conductor and be correctly wired to provide connection to earth ground. Improperly wired extension cords are a dangerous electrical hazard.

The fact that the equipment operates satisfactorily does not imply that the power point is properly grounded and that the installation is completely safe. If any doubt exists about the correct grounding of the power point, consult a qualified electrician.

**IMPORTANT:** The wires in this mains lead are colored in accordance with the following code:

Green and yellow	Earth
Blue	Neutral
Brown	Live

## Charging

As with all Anton/Bauer chargers, charging with Tandem is fully automatic. Mount any Logic Series battery to the Tandem and it will automatically determine and execute the appropriate charge routine.

## Applications

The Tandem will charge any Anton/Bauer Logic Series Gold Mount<sup>®</sup> battery including model: ProPac<sup>®</sup>, Trimpac<sup>®</sup>, Digital ProPac, Digital Trimpac, HyTRON, and Dionic.

**NOTE: Anton/Bauer always recommends that each battery has its own charge position. A battery can remain on an Anton/Bauer charger indefinitely.**

The Tandem incorporates the exclusive InterActive<sup>®</sup> communication between battery and charger, which allows the charger to identify any Anton/Bauer battery attached and determine the precise charge routine for that battery under the prevailing conditions.

**NOTE: Due to the specialized communications between the charger and the battery, batteries without the Logic Series construction and communication capability (manufactured by Anton/Bauer before 1989 as well as so-called “rebuilt”) can not be charged with this charger. The InterActive communication of Logic Series batteries is the key which allows the Tandem to safely identify and address new style and chemistry batteries as they are developed. Moreover, this communication ensures that batteries contain the quality cells, workmanship and safety of genuine Anton/Bauer products. If a non-Logic Series battery is placed on the charger, the red and green LED indicators will flash alternately. This indication means that the battery cannot communicate its identity to the Tandem and is not charging. After 30 seconds of flashing green and red LED’s, the red LED will remain on, indicating a HOLD state.**

**WARNING: USE OF THIS CHARGER WITH ANY BATTERY NOT MANUFACTURED BY ANTON/BAUER MAY RESULT IN BATTERY DAMAGE AND CAUSE RISK OF FIRE OR PERSONAL INJURY.**

## Three Stage Charging Methodology

In general, the Tandem will deliver a **three stage charge routine** to each battery.

1. **Stage One** will deliver a high rate charge matched to the capabilities of the battery (typically a one or two hour rate, depending on battery type). During this stage, six separate cutoff methods are in operation, simultaneously, ensuring the fastest, safest charge for that battery:

**TCO** - Temperature cutoff which stops the Stage one charge precisely when a temperature indicative of full charge is reached;

**Dt/dT** - A microprocessor based algorithm which measures a rise in temperature over a specific time, very accurately indicating full charge. This method is also the recommended method for charging Ni-MH technology;

**-ΔV** - A method to determine the end of stage one charging by identifying a characteristic “reverse slope” of a Ni-Cd cell. Since this characteristic can be disguised by the age, temperature and the number of the cells in a battery, it can never be employed alone;

**CCO** - This method requires the identification of the particular battery size (capacity) and chemistry, an exclusive Anton/Bauer Logic Series feature. The charger determines the maximum charge time for the particular battery and uses this information to ensure that overcharge conditions are avoided.

**FUL** - This determination is made when a fully charged DIGITAL battery is returned to a charger within specified parameters of time, temperature, and battery voltage. The DIGITAL battery communicates its fully charged condition and the charger confirms the parameters and immediately indicates a fully charged condition, without additional verification.

**TEMPERATURE COMPENSATED VCO** – For HyTRON series of batteries. Optimizes VCO cutoff to operate only within certain temperature parameters.

2. **Stage Two** charging is a **BALANCING** or “equalize” mode which calculates each battery pack type to offset any imbalance of the battery’s cells, created by unequal self discharge or any capacity mismatch of the individual cells in the pack. This stage can vary in duration from zero to as much as 16 hours, depending on the condition of the battery. A battery will typically leave Stage Two in 2-4 hours under average operating conditions.
3. **Stage Three** charging is the Anton/Bauer exclusive Lifesaver<sup>®</sup> maintenance mode. This patented pulse routine keeps batteries fully charged, free from self-discharge - indefinitely - without damaging heat associated with a so-called “trickle charge”.

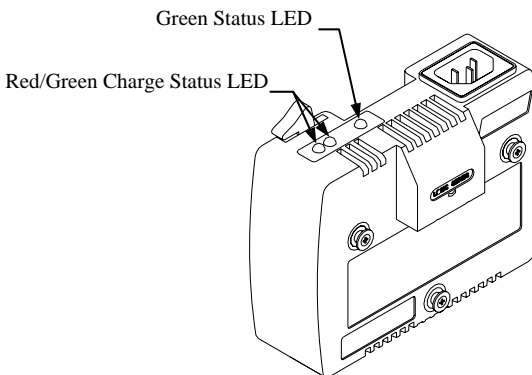
**NOTE: Anton/Bauer strongly recommends that batteries are kept on a charger until ready for use. The Lifesaver mode will keep them 100% charged and ready for use.**

## LED Indications

The Tandem has three LEDs one red (charger), two green (ready and status). The status green LED indicates three states; 1) solid green LED indicates Tandem is operating as a charger. 2) Flashing status green LED indicates Tandem is operating as a power supply. 3) No green LED indicates power has been removed from Tandem.

The red and green LED's will indicate the charging status of the battery. The following table identifies all of the LED indications and their meaning:

LED INDICATION	MEANING
Alternating Red & Green	Indicates that the Tandem is evaluating the battery and/or communicating with a DIGITAL battery, loading battery parameters and determining the appropriate charge routine. A low voltage (<11V) battery will cause this indication to continue until the battery is "rejuvenated" to a safe charging voltage.  NOTE: This indication will continue if a non-Anton/Bauer Logic Series battery is mounted on the charger. These batteries cannot identify themselves to the Tandem and will not be charged.
Steady Red	Indicates that the battery is being held by the Tandem to stabilize an out-of-range temperature condition.
Flashing Red	Indicates that the battery is currently under Stage One charge.
Flashing Green (slow rate)	Indicates that the battery is currently under Stage Two charge.
Flashing Green (fast rate)	Indicates a fully charged DIGITAL battery is placed on the charger and a FUL cutoff condition cannot be met. The charger is VERIFYING that the battery is in a full charge condition.
Steady Green	Indicates that the battery is READY and in Stage Three Lifesaver mode.



## **OPERATION AS DC CAMERA SUPPLY FROM MAINS**

The Tandem will automatically operate as a DC power supply once the camera, or other device is turned on. There are no switches, it is fully automatic. The single green LED will light indicating that the unit is operating as a power supply.

A battery may be attached to Tandem while mounted to a camera. With the camera OFF, the battery will charge. When camera is turned ON, Tandem will supply power to camera remembering the point at which it left charging. When camera is turned off, Tandem will again resume battery charging.

If AC line voltage is removed from the Tandem, and a charged battery is mounted on the unit, power from the battery will be routed to the camera. When AC line voltage is restored, the battery will be re-evaluated for a proper charge routine.

**TIP:** When camera is used on stakeout, (such as indoors on a tripod) keeping a battery mounted to the Tandem allows instant switching to handheld. Simply remove the power cord for an automatic switch to battery power.

**WARNING: DO NOT OPERATE THIS UNIT IN THE RAIN.**

### **POWER LOSS**

If AC power is lost during operation the unit will function in the following manner:

- When charging a battery, the green status LED will blink once every three seconds.
- When powering a camera with a battery applied, the green status LED will blink once every three seconds.
- When powering a camera and no battery is applied, no LEDs will be lit.



## **FCC NOTICE**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

This equipment has been approved by one or more agencies. All changes and/or modifications not expressly approved by Anton Bauer, Inc. could void the users' warranty and authority to operate this equipment. There are no serviceable parts in this equipment.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Size	5.2" x 4.03" x 2.19"
Weight	16oz (1 lb.)
Input Voltage	120-240VAC 50/60 Hz
Output Voltage	16.4 VDC
Fuse Rating	7 amp Surface Mount
Maximum Power	70 watts at 16.4 volts

## **FUSE/TYPE REPLACEMENT**

The fuse of the Tandem is a PCB mounted device which should only be replaced by a qualified service technician.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

This one (1) year limited warranty for the product specified in this document (“Product”) is given by Anton/Bauer, Inc. (“Anton/Bauer”), 14 Progress Drive, Shelton, Connecticut 06484. If you (the purchaser of the Product from Anton/Bauer, or the person for whom the Product was purchased, if it was a gift) have any questions regarding Product applications, Product specification, or to obtain warranty service on this or any Anton/Bauer product, contact the company at the address above.

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