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## Booster Clamps

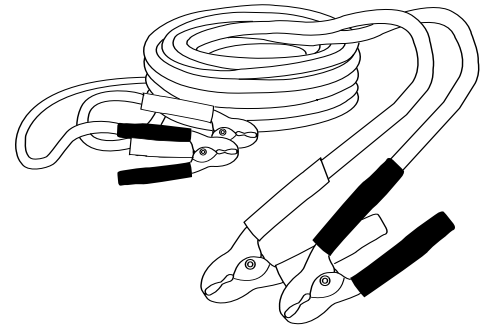
### 800 Amp Booster Clamps Cable Assembly and Safety Instructions

#### How to Make Booster Cables Using 800 Amp Booster Clamps

These instructions are designed for the professional mechanic who wishes to make or repair a set of booster cables using 800 amp booster clamps, Nos. 602070-002, 602071-001 and 602072-001.

These booster clamps can be used with 1, 1/0, 2/0, and 3/0 gauge cable. The gauge of the cable you select is dependent on two factors, the length of your booster cable and the amperage draw of the equipment you are jump-starting.

Once you have selected the cable gauge, then you know which No. 4800 series heavy wall copper lugs you should use. These booster clamps are made to be used with 1, 1/0, 2/0, or 3/0 gauge heavy wall copper lugs. The lugs are *not* included with the booster clamps; they should be purchased separately. See #6 page 2



- No. 602070-002 booster clamp kits contain the following:

#### No. 602071-001 Kit

- 1 – 800 amp Solid Copper Clamp
- 2 – 3-3/4" (95mm) Handle Grip Tube - Black
- 1 – 5/16" - 18 x 5/8" Round Head Screw
- 1 – 5/16" - 18 Hex Nut

#### No. 602072-001 Kit

- 1 – 800 amp Solid Copper Clamp
- 2 – 3-3/4" (95mm) Handle Grip Tube - Red
- 1 – 5/16" - 18 x 5/8" Round Head Screw
- 1 – 5/16" - 18 Hex Nut

#### No. 602070-002 Kit

- 2 – 800 amp Solid Copper Clamp
- 2 – 3-3/4" (95mm) Handle Grip Tube - Red
- 2 – 3-3/4" (95mm) Handle Grip Tube - Black
- 2 – 5/16" - 18 x 5/8" Round Head Screw
- 2 – 5/16" - 18 Hex Nut

Items *not* included in the booster cable kit: copper cable and heavy wall copper lugs.

- Cut cable to the length of the booster cables you desire. This cable should either be twin conductor or two separate conductors, one for the positive and one for the negative. We strongly recommend finely stranded welding-type cable, with a neoprene or synthetic rubber insulation, as this will remain flexible in cold weather and give you maximum conductivity. See #5 (page 2)
- Red for Positive, Black for Negative. Use red insulated or red marked cable for the positive booster cable and use black insulated cable for the negative booster cable.
- Length and Gauge. Generally, the longer the booster cables, the larger the gauge cable you need to use. Likewise, the larger the displacement of the engine you are jump-starting, the larger the gauge cable you should use. If you expect to use the booster cables in very cold conditions, where the temperature may be below 0° F or -20° C, use a large gauge cable, as batteries will not be operating at their peak capability.

#### Battery Efficiency and Starting Power Requirements Depend on Temperature

Temperature Degrees F	Temperature Degrees C	Starting Power Available from Battery	Starting Power Required by Engine
80° F	26° C	100 %	100 %
32° F	0° C	65 %	155 %
0° F	-20° C	40 %	210 %
-20° F	-29° C	18 %	268 %

5. Guideline for Cable Gauge. For the proper gauge booster cable for your vehicle, please check your owner’s manual. If this information is not available, use the following as a guideline. Important: the gauge size of your booster cables should be *larger* than the largest and longest cable in your vehicle.

**Cable Carrying Capacities**  
**25' (7.6M) Booster Cables**  
**For Intermittent Duty *Only* (Not Continuous Duty)**

Copper Cable Gauge	Made of Welding Cable	Made of Battery Cable	Typical Vehicle
1 Gauge	Up to 400 Amps	300 Amps	Full-size Car or Van
1/0 Gauge	500 Amps	325 Amps	Light Truck, Light Construction, Small Tractor
2/0 Gauge	600 Amps	375 Amps	Tractor, Truck, Bus, Construction
3/0 Gauge	700 Amps	425 Amps	HD Tractor, Off Highway

Note: For longer booster cables, increase the gauge of the cable.

6. Heavy Wall Copper Lugs. Based on cable selected, use the appropriate heavy wall copper lugs below. One lug is required for one booster clamp. Four lugs are required for the typical set of booster cables. (The part numbers below are for a box with five lugs.)

Part Number	Fits Cable Gauge
4801-005F	1 Gauge
4810-005F	1/0 Gauge
4820-005F	2/0 Gauge
4830-005F	3/0 Gauge

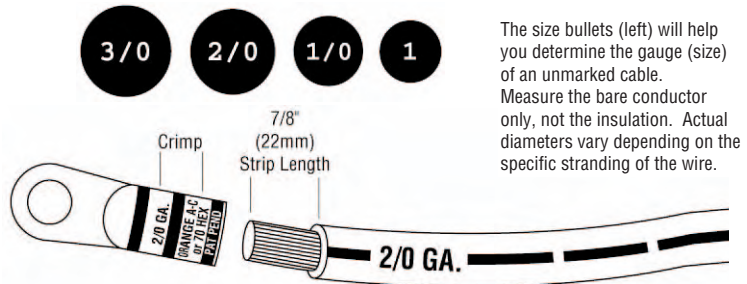


Fig. 1

7. Slide the handle grip onto and away from the end. Strip 7/8" to 1" (22 - 25 mm) of insulation from end of cable. Insert bared wires into barrel of lug. Crimp lug on to cable. Use two crimps on barrel for best connection. See Figure 1.
8. One handle of the booster clamp is formed so that the heavy wall lugs will nest inside. Bolt the lug into place according to Figure 2.
9. Slide the 3-3/4" (95mm) handle grip down over the handle and lug, according to Figure 2.

The handle grip tube will seal the cable, reducing corrosion, and it will also act as a strain relief for the cable, extending the life of your booster cable.

10. Push the other handle grip onto the other handle. Make certain the grips are the same color on both handles. See Figure 2.
11. For a typical set of booster cables, install a second clamp on the other end of the cable. Make certain the same color handle grip is used for both clamps on the same length of cable. Use black grips for the negative booster cable. Use red grips for the positive cable. See Figure 3.

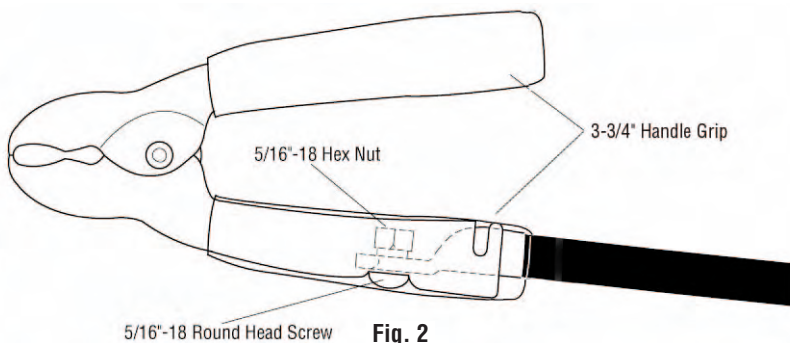


Fig. 2

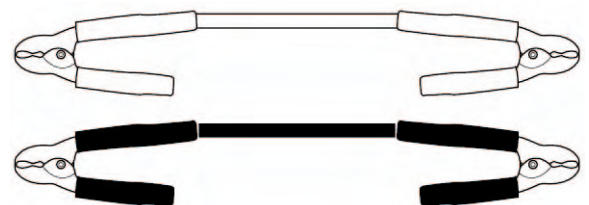


Fig. 3

# Safe Use of Booster Clamps and Cables

1. Follow instructions in the owner's manual for your vehicle when jump-starting your vehicle.
2. If you don't understand instructions for jump-starting, don't attempt the procedure. Get someone who knows to do it for you.
3. Make sure you know which is the *positive* and which is the *negative* terminal on your battery and the battery being used to obtain the booster charge.
4. Make sure the booster battery and the rundown battery are of the *same* voltage before trying to jump-start your vehicle. The battery voltage should be marked on the battery. Generally, the battery voltage can be determined by the number of vent openings on the top of the battery – 6-volt batteries have 3 vent openings, 12-volt batteries have 6 vent openings. Some batteries have no vent openings. If in doubt about your battery voltage, consult your owner's manual. If you don't have the proper owner's manual available, and if you can't wait to borrow or refer to one, at minimum be certain the batteries have the same voltage. If the batteries are not of the same voltage, do not jump-start.
5. Use extreme caution when connecting or removing booster cables. Grasp the cables by the insulated handles, never by the bare metal ends. Be careful of moving engine components like the fan and fan belt.
6. Position vehicles so that the booster cables will reach both batteries, but do not allow the vehicles to touch each other. While this may seem to be an unnecessary precaution, it is extremely important. If vehicles touch, they will be *grounded*, one with the other. If certain differences exist in the wiring of the two vehicles, *jump-starting them while they are touching could be hazardous*.
7. Place the gear shift of gear selector of each vehicle in PARK (for vehicles with automatic transmissions) or in NEUTRAL (for cars with manual transmissions).
8. Apply the parking brakes and shut off all accessories in both vehicles.
9. Some people have been injured while jump-starting vehicles from a careless electrical contact with rings, metallic watch bands, etc. It is wise to remove these when working with a battery.
10. Before jump-starting, be sure that vent caps are tight and level on both batteries. If water is available, you might also place a damp cloth over the vent caps on each battery. This will reduce the possibility of batteries exploding. After using a damp cloth, discard it carefully, as it may have corrosive battery acid on it.
11. Look at your booster cables and the batteries. Identify the positive and negative clamps and battery terminals. Booster cables should be color-coded red for positive and black for negative. Battery terminals are usually marked POSITIVE, POS, or + for positive, and NEGATIVE, NEG, or – for negative.
12. Connect one end of the POSITIVE booster cable, usually covered in red, to the positive battery terminal in one vehicle. Connect the other end of the POSITIVE cable to the positive terminal in the other vehicle.
13. Connect the NEGATIVE booster cable, usually covered in black, to the negative battery in the vehicle with the good battery. You now have only one final connection to make. The other end of the NEGATIVE cable must be connected to a negative or ground connection at some point on the vehicle with the rundown battery.
14. Make the final NEGATIVE connection on the engine block, vehicle frame, or some other good metallic ground (*except* the carburetor, fuel line, or any moving part) on the vehicle with the discharged battery. It is *not good practice* to connect the negative booster clamp directly to the negative battery terminal.
15. Stand back from both vehicles before engaging the starter of the vehicle with the discharged battery. Start the vehicle with the good battery, then try starting the vehicle with the discharged battery. If the vehicle with the discharged battery does not start after cranking for thirty seconds (check your owner's manual), stop the jump-starting procedure.
16. Remove booster cables in the reverse order of connection, beginning with the negative clamps attached to the engine block or metallic ground.
17. Beware of moving engine parts as you remove the booster clamps and cable.

## Safety – General

18. Batteries produce hydrogen gas which could explode if there is a spark or flame near a battery. Do not smoke. Do not work with an open flame near a battery. Provide adequate ventilation near the battery. Cover vent caps with a damp cloth to minimize gas seepage. Never work leaning over a battery. Always wear eye protection.
19. Battery acid can cause severe burns or blindness. Battery acid will corrode most metals and destroy most fabrics. Batteries contain lead that is poisonous. Wash your hands thoroughly after working with batteries.
20. Never allow children to play with batteries, battery cables or terminals.
21. If you get battery acid on your skin, flush thoroughly with water. If you get acid in your eyes, immediately flush your eyes with water and get prompt medical attention. Continue flushing the eyes for at least fifteen minutes or until medical attention is obtained.
22. If battery acid is taken internally, drink large quantities of water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
23. Battery acid that spills on a vehicle or in a work area can be neutralized with baking soda. After neutralizing, thoroughly rinse the contaminated area with water.
24. To prevent leakage of acid, never turn *any* battery (seal, “leakproof”, or other type) upside down.
25. The use of terminal protectors is strongly recommended, even if they did not come with the original equipment. Terminal Protectors will significantly reduce the chance of sparks and battery explosions. They will help protect your alternator and electrical system from shorts.



You should check that the battery terminals do not touch compartment walls, hold-downs, battery trays or battery box covers when the hood is closed. Since this manual covers a wide variety of equipment, from lawn and garden to autos to off-road machinery, it is impossible to be specific in these instructions, except to say that care should be taken to prevent batteries and their connections from shorting out on the vehicle.

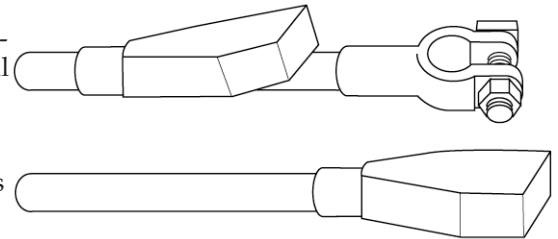


Fig. 4

## Help Line

If you need help with assembly instructions, cable specifications, or special applications not covered in this manual, please feel free to call us. Our toll free voice number is 1-800-558-8667 and our toll free fax number is 1-800-733-8611.

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