WestCo Glass Mat Batteries. Care and charging instructions

Please keep these instructions for future reference.

Thank you for purchasing a Westco Battery from MX5Parts. We want you to enjoy many years service from your battery, so have prepared these notes to help you.

- 1: This battery is very different to the normal 'wet cell' battery. From a charge/discharge view, you need to think of it a bit like an onion with many layers! When in use, the charge is taken from the centre of the battery, working outwards. When re-charging, the charge starts at the outside and works in. It is for this reason that, should the battery become discharged, you need to **charge it for a period from 3 to 7 days** following the advice in section 2.
- 2: Never use a boost or 'electronic' charger. Only ever use an old fashioned 2-3 amp Trickle Charger, or a charger specifically designed to work with 'Gel' or 'Glass Mat' batteries. The standard charger sold by the likes of Halfords will NOT charge this battery correctly and may do serious damage to it.
- **3:** If the battery should go flat, do not believe the 'AA' or 'RAC' or local garage when they tell you the battery is at fault. The equipment they use for testing is **not** suitable for use with this type of battery. These batteries are amazingly reliable and 99% of the time the fault lies with the electrical system of the car. Particular culprits are Immobilisers, some Radios and the inhibitor switch on automatic gearboxes.
- **4:** Just like the rest of your car, batteries like to be looked after. We recommend that you place your battery on a 3-5 day trickle charge once a year, ideally in the middle of the winter when the battery is being used the hardest. Consider possibly doing this more often if you only use the car occasionally.

Please note: Your battery has been delivered to you Fully Charged.

If you need to buy a charger or conditioner, we would recommend the Accumate range.

These are available from us, under part number SI2819 which can be found on our website, or by calling a member of our sales team on 02392 644588.