



# BHC Universal and BHC Interactive

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The solution for

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## Safeguarding the battery

The battery is a key element in UPS operation. As the load is the most critical factor, battery system availability and efficiency are essential to avoid shutdown.

To meet both requirements fully, SOCOMEC has developed BHC UNIVERSAL (Battery Health Check), a stand-alone battery monitoring system that provides permanent monitoring of the battery system and simplifies maintenance (either preventative or curative).

When connected to a SOCOMEC UPS, it becomes BHC INTERACTIVE and interacts proactively with the battery charger, to optimize battery lifetime and availability.

## A reliable battery system

BHC UNIVERSAL continually provides accurate diagnosis of the battery's condition and generates warning messages.

- **Continual battery scanning and analysis:** one BHC UNIVERSAL box can monitor up to 7 batteries of 6 strings. It scans the current per string, block voltages and ambient temperatures every 10 seconds, collecting data continually and performing accurate analysis for a complete diagnostic forecast of batteries, battery strings and battery blocks.
- **Local data monitoring:** thanks to the graphic touch screen and general status bar, BHC UNIVERSAL allows a clear and ergonomic view of each battery diagnostic (i.e. condition, discharge, measurements, alerts, statistics, event log/data, battery information). Information is displayed as coloured tables and can be easily sorted to display pertinent information.

- **Remote data monitoring:** BHC UNIVERSAL can be connected to a LAN network allowing access to all functionalities and displaying information from a remote workstation.
- **Warning alerts:** depending on the battery condition analysis, BHC UNIVERSAL automatically generates different alert levels (i.e. block preventive alerts, battery string preventive alerts, battery alerts, etc.). Alerts are displayed on the touch screen and sent to the user via notification and programmable dry contacts, allowing the scheduling of preventive maintenance to optimize availability.

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## More efficient maintenance

BHC UNIVERSAL helps maintenance engineers and technicians to plan and prepare targeted preventative and curative maintenance operations.

- **Locate weak blocks:** BHC UNIVERSAL analyses the battery operating condition/status of each battery block or cell and highlights possible failures. Faulty blocks are shown in orange or red depending on criticality. Detection and location of weak blocks allow efficient preventive maintenance scheduling, reduces maintenance costs and avoid operation breakdown due to major internal battery failure.
- **Track battery life:** BHC UNIVERSAL logs data in an internal database that stores more than 2 years of measurements. Voltages,

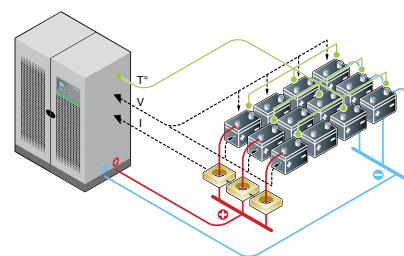
currents and temperatures are continuously logged in 10-minute steps, while battery and block diagnostics, alerts, statistics, event data and maintenance dates are stored every 10 seconds during discharge.

- **Maintenance planning:** BHC UNIVERSAL provides full database access (measurements, diagnostics, discharges, event data, etc.) to plan maintenance operations and to optimize battery availability.

Database samples can be extracted and managed on a spreadsheet to create graphs or reports.

For example, battery conditions between two dates can easily be compared, to prepare a list of blocks that need to be replaced, or to check string currents during discharge.

## Continual battery scanning and analysis

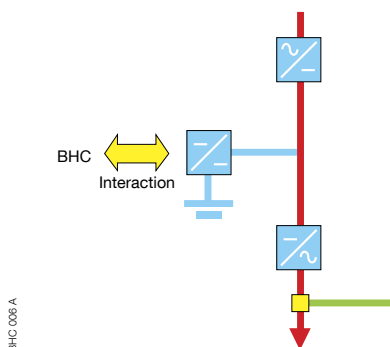


## BHC Interactive, to optimize battery lifetime

Including all the features of BHC UNIVERSAL, BHC INTERACTIVE operates directly with the UPS battery recharging system (EBS). It optimizes battery capacity and maximizes battery life and return on investment.

- **Increase charger precision:** the UPS charger is able to adapt the recharge parameters according to all the information collected by BHC INTERACTIVE. Such corrective actions aim to standardise cell behaviour to improve battery lifetime and availability.
- **Automatic battery testing:** when required, BHC INTERACTIVE and the UPS perform an automatic battery test. The UPS calibrates slow, safe discharge while BHC INTERACTIVE collects data and analyses cell blocks.

- **Proactive measures:** when a block starts to weaken, BHC INTERACTIVE and the UPS perform an automatic procedure to recover the block before it is totally unusable, and to enhance global battery capacity.



## Warning alerts



## Technical data

	BHC Universal	BHC Interactive
<b>UPS COMPATIBILITY</b>		
Green Power 2.0 100-120	yes	no
Green Power 2.0 160-400	yes	yes
Delphys MX 250-900	yes	yes
Other Socomec UPS	yes	no
Non-Socomec UPS	yes	no
<b>MEASUREMENTS</b>		
Voltage per string	per 12 V blocks	
Current per string	yes	
Battery ambient temperature	1 per string of 8 battery blocks	
<b>BATTERY</b>		
Battery type	VRLA	
Number of batteries per BHC box	up to 8	up to 7
Number of strings per battery	1 to 6	
Number of battery blocs per string	48 max.	
<b>CORE CONTROLLER</b>		
Detection and localisation of failures	per block (12 V)	
Interaction with the UPS	no	yes
Connectivity	connected to LAN	connected to UPS and to LAN
<b>BHC BOX</b>		
Dimensions W x D x H	400 x 250 x 600 mm	
Weight	17 kg	