

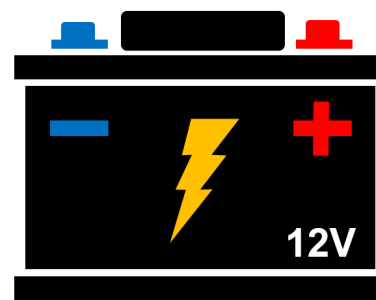
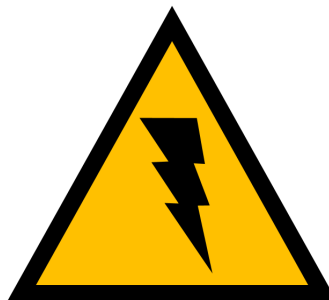
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M-Gators and Electrical Hazards



M-Gators / Gators Battery Configuration

M-Gators / Gators are equipped with two (2), 12 Volt (VDC) batteries. The two (2) batteries are designed to be connected in parallel to sustain 12 volts needed to power the electrical design of this vehicle. The parallel connection has the ability to provide necessary amperage for high currents components.

WARNING: To prevent personal injury, death to personnel or damage to the equipment **DO NOT use any 24 volt power sources** to jump start or provide power to the M-Gator / Gator. ALWAYS wear eye protection when working with batteries.

MISCONCEPTION: Two (2) battery configuration in M-Gator / Gator, some personnel have improperly assumed this utility vehicles are 24 volt systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Follow the Gator Utility Vehicle Technical Manual (TM1522) and John Deere Operators Manual when performing maintenance. When conducting maintenance on the Gator with the cargo bed raised, it must be securely blocked so it cannot crush the maintainer (effective lock out tag out program; controlling hazardous energy). Only use approved 12 volt power source to jump start or provide power to the M-Gator / Gator.

LEADER ACTION: Ensure operator and maintenance personnel are properly trained and qualified for service or repair the M-Gator / Gator vehicles. Reinforce safety principles and ensure proper risk analysis is performed before service or repair.

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