

BoosterPac

Once in a while it can happen, that the batteries are completely empty in the morning. Either the fridge had to work hard overnight or the auxiliary heating could not rest. Although such an 'accident' should not occur (very bad for the batteries) the question then is how to start the engine. If you are travelling not alone, you can ask your colleague to help you out. (jumper cable in case you or he has one). If you are on your own, it becomes somewhat more complicated. Normally, I don't spend the night on a camping ground or a highly frequented parking lot but in free nature, away from civilization. There might pass quite a bit of time until you find an adequate car and have explained the problem to the owner (preferably in Russian or Arabic). The whole thing can become even worse if the alternator is broken. That multiplies the problems instantly.



To prevent such a bad situation, I have acquired a BoosterPac (ES 3500 EU). It's not cheap stuff like the ones at the discounter that can do everything with its integrated air pump, halogen lamp and more. No, my PowerPac has only one task, to supply current in high quantity and as long as possible. These two features cost me over 600 CHF. According to the producer, it is a high-end product with 1600 A output (but most probably only under ideal conditions). Details are available in the Internet under <http://www.boosterpac.de/>.



If the BoosterPac works (emphasis, 'if') then the device is acceptable. No problems with starting the engine of my Zebra. Even after five times there is still enough power and also some reserves for other applications (lamps etc). However, I experienced very bad service with the producer. Although I treated the device gently (bolstered transport container), did only use it occasionally and did the periodic charging, the battery inside gave up already after not even two years. The producer brought all excuses up you can think of (to much used / not enough used, improperly charged, not adequately stored ...). All blabla. As the guarantee had unfortunately expired shortly before the break down, I had to spend another 220 CHF to replace the battery for this piece of crap as I didn't find an alternative at that time (eg solar panel). Therefore, watch out.