

# Purchasers of second-hand vehicles should care for the battery in order to extend its life, reminds CTEK

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07/31/12 — People who have recently purchased a second-

hand vehicle and do not know the full history of its use would be wise to begin a [battery](#)

[maintenance](#) routine in order to prolong the battery's life and

ultimately save themselves money in the long-run, says leading smart charger brand, CTEK.

batterychargerstore.co.uk offers a range of award-winning smart chargers covering cars, motorcycles and other vehicles.

The car, motorbike or van may have experienced long periods of inactivity, meaning the battery cells could have become discharged. Or if it was used for short journeys and the battery did not often have the chance to fully charge, a high concentration of acid can result in stratification and therefore low battery plate conductivity. If conditions such as these are not remedied they will bring about the failure of a battery.

Not only can effective battery charging and care extend a battery's usage by as much as 300 per cent, but it also reduces the likelihood of not being able to start the vehicle due to a failed battery; the inconvenience and expense of buying a new battery, especially just after acquiring a second-hand vehicle is



an annoyance that nobody would wish for. Optimising the performance of and reconditioning a battery though regularly using a smart charging device gives vehicle owners peace of mind about unexpectedly breaking down and the cost of replacing a battery.

Jan-Ulf Soderberg, head of brand and marketing at CTEK, comments: “A CTEK [smart battery charger](#) is ideal for someone who has just bought a second-hand car or motorbike and is not fully aware of how the vehicle was used and cared for day-to-day. Caring correctly for a vehicle’s battery can prolong its life by up to 300 per cent and, of course, this means less expense and also fewer worries about being stranded with a failed battery.

“The MXS 5.0 for example, an eight step [12V battery charger](#), provides a battery diagnosis so owners can determine whether a charge can be received and held. Furthermore, it reconditions batteries that are deeply discharged or stratified and has optimised charging for periods of cold weather. Like many other chargers in the CTEK range, it also comprises a unique maintenance function and it can be left connected to the battery safely, even for long periods of time, while it continually tops up the charge to the ideal amount.”

For more information about CTEK’s wide range of products for all vehicles, from mopeds to sailboats and lawnmowers to tractors, please visit [www.ctek.com](http://www.ctek.com).

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