



The Mobile Robot Company

Knowledge Center — Charger Safety · 2026-08-04

<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safe-deployment/charger-safety>

Charger Safety

The J1600 charges either manually or through an [optional automatic charging station](https://info.mobilerobot.com/products/chargers-and-accessories/automatic-charger/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/products/chargers-and-accessories/automatic-charger/>). This page covers the safety-relevant aspects of both.

The battery

The J1600 uses a [24 V, 200 Ah lithium iron phosphate \(LiFePO4\) battery](https://info.mobilerobot.com/documentation/technical-reference/battery-specifications/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/documentation/technical-reference/battery-specifications/>). Charging is monitored by a dedicated safety function: the **charging-current relay**, assigned Performance Level PL b under [ISO 13849-1](https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/standards/iso-13849-1/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/standards/iso-13849-1/>). Details of the function are on the [Charging safety](https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safety-functions/charging-safety/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safety-functions/charging-safety/>) page.

Battery transport testing is covered by UN 38.3 — see [Battery UN 38.3 Documentation](https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/certificates/battery-un-38-3-documentation/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/certificates/battery-un-38-3-documentation/>).

Manual charging

Manual charging works the way operators of a conventional electric pallet jack expect: plug in the charger during a break or whenever the machine is idle. Charging restores approximately 47 percentage points of charge per hour.

Automatic charging

With the optional automatic charger, the robot drives to the station, positions itself at the charger, and a charging interface extends to the vehicle's charging plates. No person handles connectors, and the robot can [opportunity-charge](https://info.mobilerobot.com/applications/scenarios/automatic-charging/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/applications/scenarios/automatic-charging/>) whenever it is not busy.

Two points matter for safe setup:

- Automatic charging is an advanced automation capability, and its [station placement](https://info.mobilerobot.com/documentation/installation/charger-installation/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/documentation/installation/charger-installation/>)

becomes part of the robot's autonomous routes — include it in the [site risk assessment](https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safe-deployment/site-risk-assessment/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safe-deployment/site-risk-assessment/>).

- When purchased with the [installation and commissioning package](https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safe-deployment/commissioning-and-validation/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/safety-compliance/safe-deployment/commissioning-and-validation/>), automatic-charging setup is performed on Day 1 by the commissioning team.

Charging and runtime figures

Parameter	Value
Charging rate	approximately 47 percentage points per hour
Drain, driving fully loaded	approximately 13% per hour
Drain, driving unloaded	approximately 12% per hour
Drain, standby	approximately 2% per hour

Runtime exceeds eight hours in a typical duty cycle. See [J1600 technical specifications](https://info.mobilerobot.com/products/j1600/technical-specifications/) (<https://info.mobilerobot.com/products/j1600/technical-specifications/>) for the full battery data.

USE CURRENT PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

Follow the charging instructions in the current product documentation supplied with the vehicle and charger. The Knowledge Center does not replace the product manual.