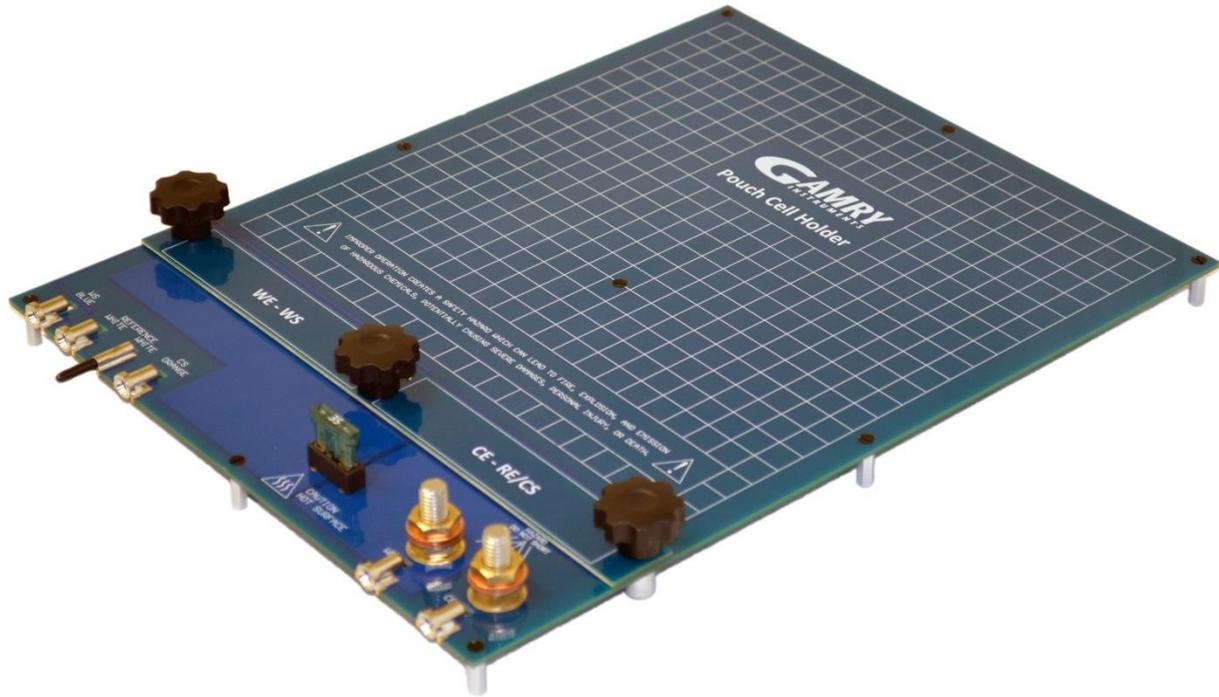




# Pouch Cell Holder

## Operator's Manual



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## Introduction

The Pouch Cell Holder allows the researcher to connect a large variety of pouch cells to Gamry Instruments' potentiostats. High currents, up to 30 A, may be passed through the battery holder, without danger of destroying the holder. The Pouch Cell Holder allows four-point measurements, and is usable with all Gamry Instruments potentiostats, including the 30k Booster.



Both electrodes on the pouch cell must be on the same end to use a pouch cell with this equipment.



**Warning:** Improper operation creates a safety hazard which can lead to fire, explosion, and emission of hazardous chemicals, potentially causing severe damage, personal injury, or death. Gamry Instruments, Inc. is not responsible for battery failures caused by misuse of the equipment or defects in battery construction.

## Parts List

After you remove the parts for the Pouch Cell Holder Kit (#992-00132) from the shipping carton, check for any signs of shipping damage. If you note any damage, please notify Gamry Instruments, Inc. and the shipping carrier immediately. Save the shipping container for possible inspection by the carrier.

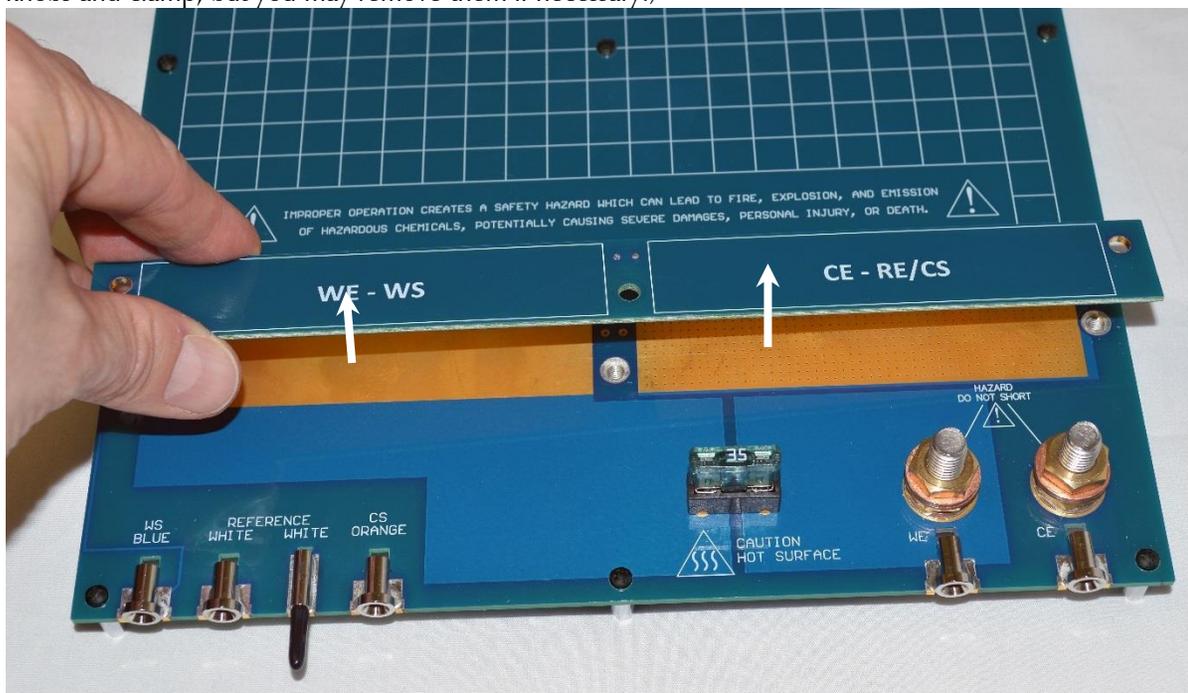
Quantity	Part Number	Description
1	630-00034	auto blade fuse 35 A, 32 VDC
1	988-00069	Pouch Cell Holder Operator's Manual
1	990-00406	Reference 600+™ cable accessory kit
1	990-00482	Pouch Cell Holder

## Placing the Battery in the Holder

1. Loosen the three knobs on the sense clamp.



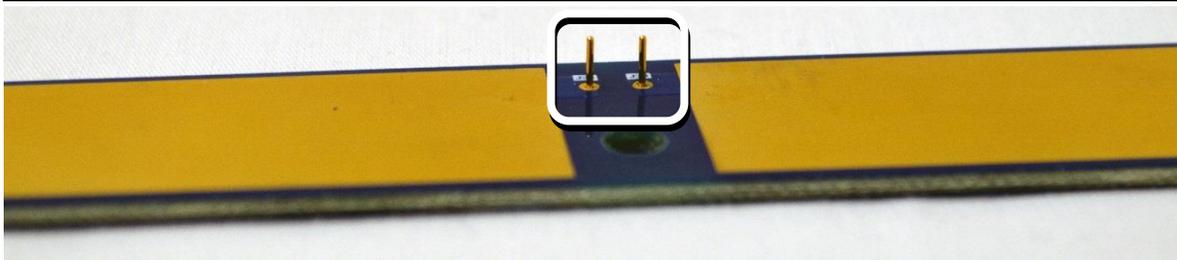
2. Carefully raise the sense clamp. (For most pouch cells you should not need to completely remove the knobs and clamp, but you may remove them if necessary.)



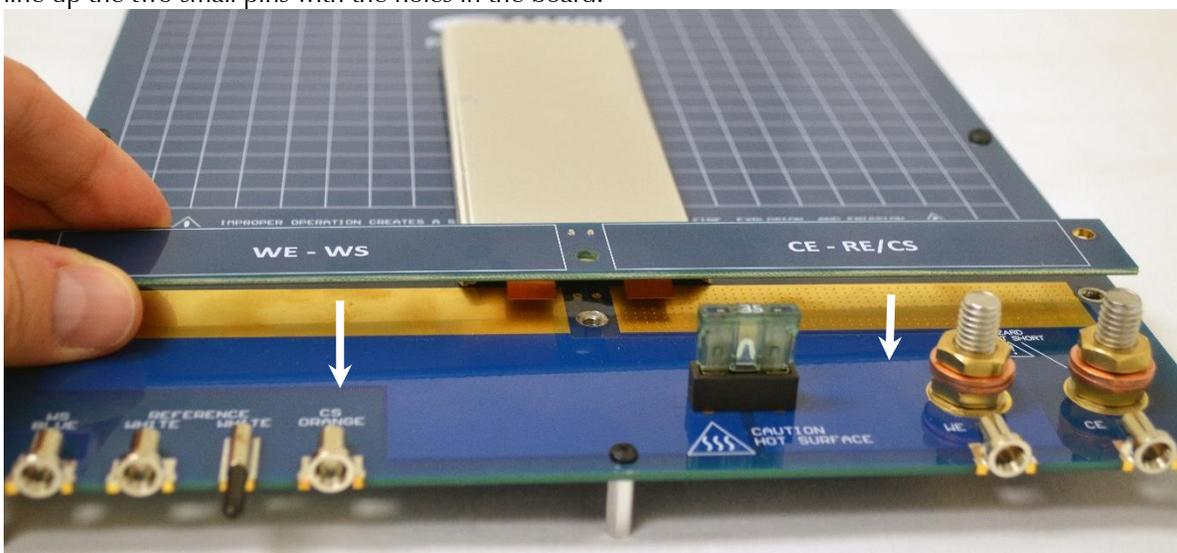
## Placing the Battery in the Holder



**Caution:** The underside of the sense clamp has two metal pins. These are used for four-point measurements. Take care not to bend or break them during assembly.



3. Place the pouch cell on the printed-circuit board, sliding the positive electrode over the left (Working) and the negative electrode over the right (Counter) pads. Lower the sense clamp onto the board. Be careful to line up the two small pins with the holes in the board.



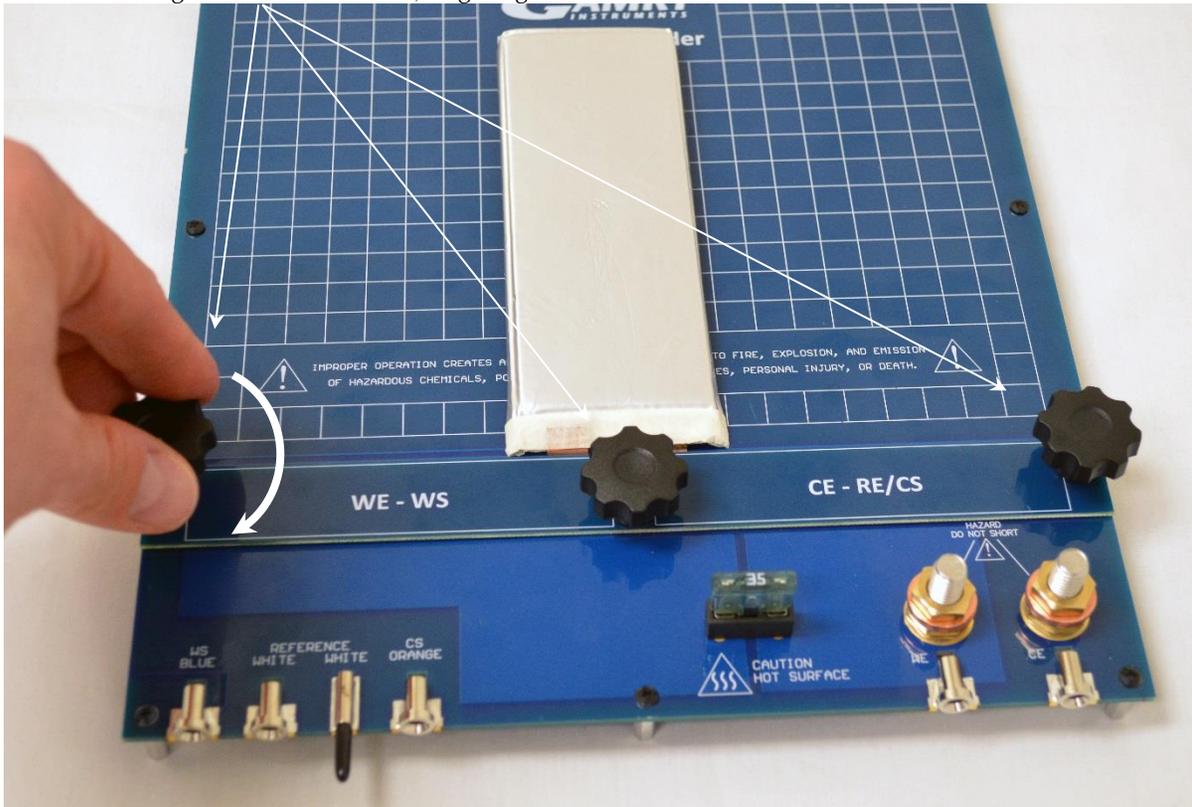
**Caution:** Take care not to bend or break the two metal pins during assembly. Do not bend the sense clamp too much, or it will break.



You may use the grid printed on the platform to align your pouch cell.

## Connecting the Pouch Cell Holder to Instruments

4. Reattach and tighten the three knobs, finger-tight.



**Caution:** Never tighten the knobs using pliers. The printed-circuit boards can crack.

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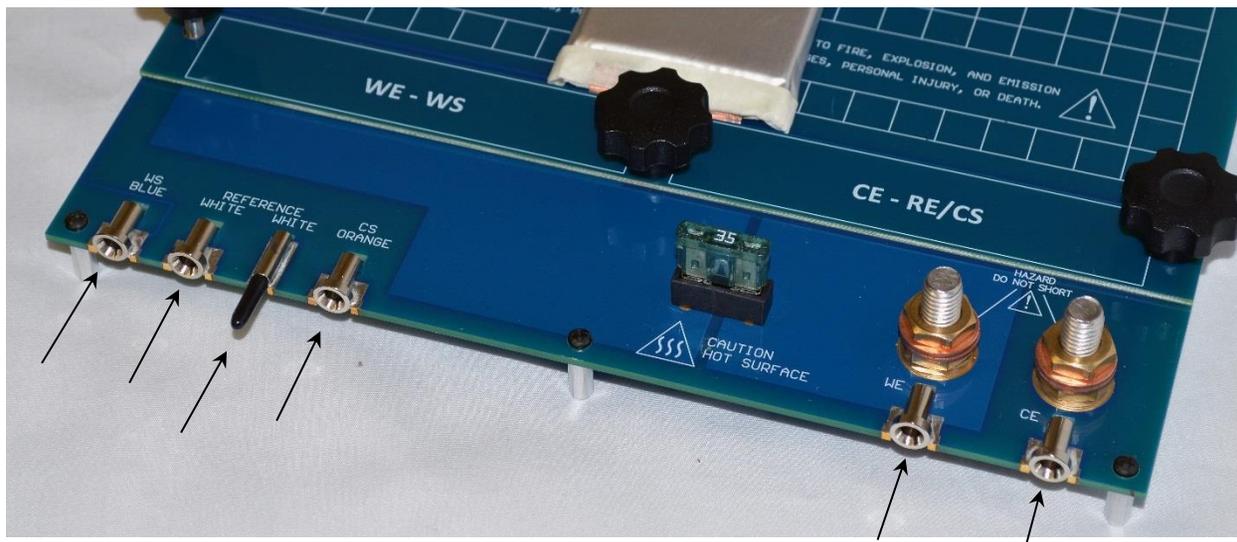
Be sure to follow the color-coding and labels for connecting the correct cables to your



**Warning:** Never short the WE (Working Electrode) and CE (Counter Electrode) connectors! Doing so can cause sparks, injury, and fire hazards.

## General Gamry Instruments Potentiostats

Standard 4-mm banana-plug receptacles are mounted on the front edge of the holder to connect to your potentiostat. A dual receptacle or pin connection is available for the reference electrode. Be sure to remove the plastic guard from the pin on the reference connection before use. For the Reference 600+ Potentiostat, we supply 4-mm-to-2-mm adapters.



**Warning:** The reference banana plug is sharp and can cause injury. Be careful when connecting this pin to your cables. When it is not in use, always keep the plastic guard over the pin as a safety precaution.

## Other Potentiostats

The Pouch Cell Holder may be connected to potentiostats made by other manufacturers, but ensure that you follow the manufacturer's guidelines for connecting current-carrying cables (counter and working) as well as the sense leads (reference and working sense). Their color-coding of the cables may not follow our scheme.

## 30k Booster

The Pouch Cell Holder is compatible with Gamry Instruments' 30k Booster™ for high-current work. Connect the Booster to the Holder via the threaded connections to the Working Electrode (WE) and Counter Electrode (CE). Place the Booster's connectors between the copper washers, and lock the connectors in place with the nuts. Use the M8 wrench (spanner) supplied with your 30k Booster to loosen and tighten the nuts.



The M8 wrench is not included with the Pouch Cell Holder.



## Heat-generation During Use

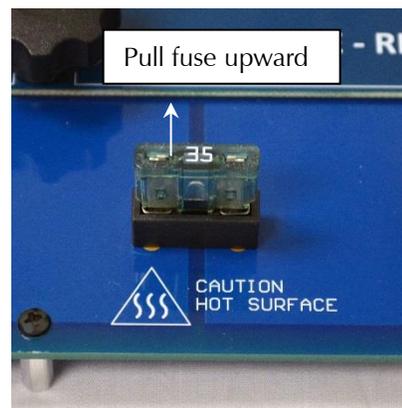
The battery, the area around the fuse, the fuse itself, and the battery holder can warm up, depending on the applied current.

## Fuse

A 35 A fast-acting ATC blade fuse for automotive and low-voltage control circuits is mounted in the circuit with the Pouch Cell Holder. Gamry Instruments' potentiostats and accessories are normally well-protected, and the fuse does limit the current flow in case the battery gets shorted. However, the fuse or other protection mechanisms cannot prevent batteries from catching fire or exploding. Smaller batteries have only a low current rating, and can easily burst. The fuse does not help prevent damage in this case.

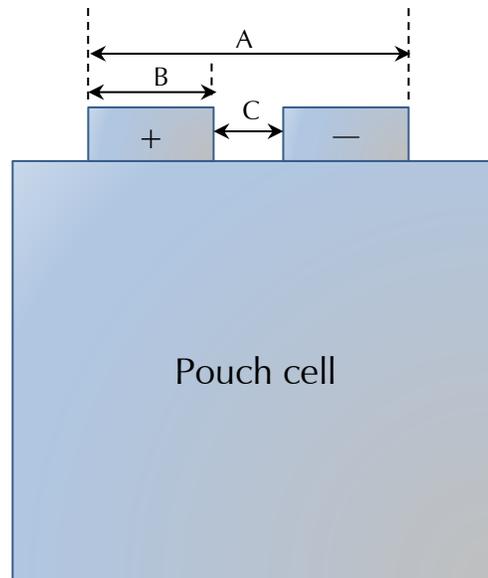
If the fuse blows, remove the fuse by gently pulling it upward out of the socket.

A spare fuse is included with the Pouch Cell Holder. The fuse is a typical automobile type, and can be found in many shops that sell car parts.



## Specifications

Width × Length × Height:	243 mm × 300 mm × 36 mm (9.57" × 11.8" × 1.4")
Weight:	250 g (0.55 lbs.)
Maximum current rating:	30 A
Maximum operational temperature:	80°C (176°F)
Area of support surface: Width × Length	231 mm × 229 mm (9.10" × 9.02") You may use larger batteries which protrude beyond the platform, but you may need extra support if the battery does not lie flat on the platform.
Gold-plated contact area per electrode: Width × Length	100 mm × 20 mm (3.93" × 0.78")
Maximum electrode thickness for battery electrodes:	2 mm (0.08")
Maximum width for both electrodes together (A):	210 mm (8.26")
Maximum width for one electrode (B):	100 mm (3.93")
Minimum gap between electrodes (C):	10 mm (0.39")
Relative Humidity:	90% (non-condensing)
Storage and Shipping Temperature:	-40 to 75°C
Maximum Shipping acceleration:	30 G
Fuse	35 A Eaton BK/ATC-35, 32 V maximum



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