



Model: 1800US

# Product Manual

Thank you for your purchase of the Power Badger product!

The Power Badger was engineered to be rugged, long lasting and easy to use. We are grateful you have put your trust in our company and chosen to invest your hard-earned money in our product.



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# Initial plug-in, setting-up your Badger up the first time: (and/or after an internal battery change)

The first time you plug in your Power Badger you will be prompted to make a few initial settings. These settings will be saved (via the Badger's internal battery) for a period of up to 2 years, so you don't have to make these setting selections more than once per winter season and you don't have to set it up outside in the cold. You can set-up your Badger indoors and then bring it outside when ready to use. All your settings will be saved.

Follow the steps below (in the sequence given) to set up your Badger for the first time:

1). **Plug in the device:** Display flashes "12:00" in conjunction with the "Current Time" LED indicator.



2). **Set current time:**

Use the up/down selection buttons (on the right side of the device) to select the current time. Note: there is a "PM" indicator in the lower right corner of the display that will illuminate when a PM time is selected. If the "PM" indicator is not illuminated, then the time displayed is AM time. Once desired time is selected, press the "Set" button. The current time is now saved and the device prompts you to make a temperature units selection; see next step.

3). **Select degrees Celsius (°C) or degrees Fahrenheit (°F):**

Use up/down selection buttons to toggle between °C and °F

Once the unit type you wish to use is displayed, press the "Set" button. The temperature units selection is now saved and the device display now flashes "12:00" in conjunction with the "Ready Time" LED indicator; prompting you to set the time you desire the unit to have your engine ready to start; see next step.



\*(If you only intend to use your Power Badger in the "Maintain" mode, you may press the "Set" button to bypass setting the "Ready Time",... then skip to step 5.)

4). **Set the desired "Ready Time":**

The "Ready Time" setting tells the unit when to have the engine ready to start. It is best to set the *actual time* you want to start the engine and *not an earlier time*, as the unit will be most effective and efficient when the engine is started as close to the set Ready Time as possible. The outside temperature detected will determine how long before the programmed "Ready Time" the unit will start the heating process.

Use the up/down selection buttons to select the desired "Ready Time". This will be the time that you want your engine ready to start (be sure to mind the "PM" indicator for setting PM times).

Once desired "Ready Time" time is selected, press the "Set" button. The current time is now saved and the device displays "2 HR" and flashes the "Maintain Ready" LED, prompting you to make a "maintain after ready" selection of between 0 and 9 hours.



### 5). Set the “Maintain after ready” duration:

This selection controls how long the unit maintains your engine in a “ready to start” condition *after* your selected “Ready Time” has been reached (settable at 0-9 hours).

\*Example: If you have the “Ready Time” on your Badger set to 6:00am, the “maintain after ready” duration you select (0-9 hours), controls how long your unit will go into “Maintain” mode *after* 6:01am. If you select “3HR” then your engine will be put in “Maintain” mode for 3 hours after the ready time....so, in this example of “3HR” selected, the engine would be maintained in a ready to start condition until 9:00am. 9 hours is the maximum amount of time the unit can be set to maintain after a “Ready” event. If longer than a 9 hour maintain duration time is desired, the Badger can be put permanently in “Maintain Mode”, as discussed later in this manual.



To select the desired “maintain after ready” duration, use the up/down selection buttons to make your selection of 0-9 hours. Once you have made your selection, press the “Set” button and the unit will display “OFF”. This concludes the user defined selection and setting process.

### 6). Set your desired Mode:

Next, using the “Mode” button, you will set the mode that your Badger will operate in. Each press of the mode button will scroll to the next operational mode of the device. Illustrations below show examples of what the screen and LED’s will look like in each of the 4 modes:

See General Operation section (next page) for further information on modes.

OFF Mode:



Timed Ready Mode:



Maintain Ready Mode:



On Mode:



# Power Badger Operation

## Mode Selection:

Press the “Mode” button, to toggle through the 4 different modes of your Power Badger. Each press of the Mode button will scroll to the next choice. Once the desired choice is displayed, no further action is needed, the device is then in that mode of operation.

Your choices are:

- 1). OFF: unit is powered and ready but will take no action.
- 2). Timed Ready: The device will have your engine ready to start at your set “Ready Time”. The “Timed Ready” LED will remain illuminated. The time related LED’s and display will cycle through the following sequence when in this mode: current time, ready time, current temperature.
- 3). Maintain Ready: The device will maintain your engine in a ready-to-start condition in perpetuity. The “Maintain Ready” LED will remain illuminated and the display will scroll the current temperature and “rEdy”, indicating the engine is being maintained in a ready-to-start condition.
- 4). Constant ON: The device will supply constant power to the heater without further control (in perpetuity).

More information on each particular mode can be found on page# 7 (Power Badger Term Definitions).

## Hidden Menu Display Readouts:

The hidden readouts are only accessible when the device is in the “Constant ON” mode and red “heater on” LED indicator is illuminated:

- **Total Relay Cycles;** (buttons must be pressed in this order); First, press and hold the “up” button, *then* press and hold the “Mode” button (for about 4 seconds) until the unit displays total relay cycles. This function displays the total number of times the relay has cycled over the (current battery) lifetime of the unit (x1000). Press any key to escape this mode.
- **Total Energy Hours Saved;** (buttons must be pressed in this order); First, press and hold the “down” button, *then* press and hold the “Mode” button (for about 4 seconds) until the unit displays total hours saved. This function displays the total number of hours saved over the (current battery) lifetime of the unit (x1000). This calculation is based upon time that the unit is plugged in, but not feeding power to the heater, thereby calculating time (that without the Power Badger unit) the heater would otherwise be using power. Press any key to escape this mode.

# General Information

**Location:** The Power Badger unit must be in approximately the same temperature environment as the engine heater it will be controlling. It is best to keep the unit out of direct sunlight, as the direct sunlight can affect the measured temperature readings at the unit. If the vehicle being controlled is in the direct sunlight, then just on the ground, underneath the vehicle it is controlling is a good spot for the Badger. The Badger calculates firing times and duration algorithms based upon temperature readings in its ambient environment. If the observed temperature at the Power Badger is different than where the engine is located, then the calculations will not be as intended and the result could be an engine that is not as ready to start as programmed.

**Internal Battery:** The Power Badger contains an internally mounted lithium battery (CR2032) that allows the unit to save the user settings for a period of about 2 years without external power. Once this battery becomes depleted and user settings (such as the current time) are no longer retained (when unplugged) it will be necessary to replace the internal battery.

**Battery Change Instructions:** The internal battery is a standard CR2032 Lithium “button” cell, readily available at most battery retailers.

To replace the internal memory retention battery:

- 1). Unplug the Power Badger from 120v Power
- 2). Remove the 6 Phillips head screws that retain the back cover.
- 3). Remove the back cover
- 4). On the battery holder (mounted on the circuit board); Carefully lift the top battery retaining tab slightly away from the battery and slide the battery out. Be careful not to bend the retaining tab too much or it will no longer retain the battery upon re-installation.
- 5). Slide the new CR2032 battery under the tab and be sure it is seated in the battery holder properly. Be sure the flat positive (+) side of the battery (the side with the part# on it) is facing up and in good contact with the top retaining tab.
- 6). Carefully replace the rear cover gasket into the enclosure groove, replace rear cover and re-attach cover using the 6 Phillips head screws that were removed during step “2”. **\*\*Screws must be re-torqued to 45 in/lbs in order to properly seal the back cover gasket, otherwise water intrusion may occur, potentially causing unit failure and creating possible dangerous conditions. It is recommended that the center two screws be installed first, then the outer screws, alternating from side to side for each screw installation, until all screws are torqued to within the specification.**
- 7). Follow instructions on page 2 for setting-up your user defined settings.

**Internal Fuse:** The Power Badger is equipped with an internal fuse to keep your unit safe in the event of an overload condition. Common causes of an overload condition can be:

- a). more than 1800 watts of load on the Badger
- b). failed/electrically shorted engine heating element
- c). internal water intrusion into the Badger’s enclosure

**Internal Fuse Replacement Instructions:** The internal fuse is a standard 20 amp 250v (Bel Fuse#3AB20 or Littelfuse#0314020.MXP) readily available at most electrical parts retailers

To replace the internal fuse:

- 1). Unplug the Power Badger from 120v Power
- 2). Remove the 6 stainless steel Phillips head screws that retain the rear cover.
- 3). Remove the rear cover. The fuse is cylindrical and made of white ceramic, located next to where the output cord exits the enclosure.
- 4). Carefully lift one end of the fuse and remove (using a small screwdriver or the like). Be careful not to bend the retaining tabs or they will no longer retain the fuse properly upon re-installation.
- 5). Install the new fuse within the tabs and be sure it is seated in the fuse holder properly.
- 6). Carefully replace the rear cover gasket into the enclosure groove, replace rear cover and re-attach cover using the 6 Phillips head screws that were removed during step 2. **\*\*Screws must be re-torqued to 45 in/lbs in order to properly seal the back cover gasket, otherwise water intrusion may occur, potentially causing unit failure and creating possible dangerous conditions. It is recommended that the center two screws be installed first, then the outer screws, alternating from side to side for each screw installation, until all screws are torqued to within the specification.**

**Wind:** High wind conditions can take heat from the engine compartment and make the engine more difficult to warm. It is preferable to protect the vehicle's engine from the wind as much as possible. Even putting the front of the vehicle near the wall of a building or other vertical surface higher than the grille can help maintain engine heat.

**Heaters Type:** The Power Badger Model 1800US is designed to power up to 1800 watts of resistive type load, such as: Engine block heaters, Battery blankets/pads, Oil, fuel and Oil pan mounted heaters. These heaters must be suited to their application and sized properly for their intended use, otherwise dangerous conditions could result. Regardless of whether the Power Badger controls these devices or not, the heaters installed on a vehicle or on/in an engine must be sized and suited properly for their application.

**In the Event of a Power Outage:** If power is interrupted during operation, once the power returns, the Power Badger is programmed to continue the same mode of operation as it was in when the power failed. If the unit was in "Timed Ready" mode when the power failed, the unit will resume operation to ready the engine for its intended start time, but if the power outage was too long, the unit may not have enough time to fully prepare the engine to start as intended. In the same way, if the unit was in "Maintain Ready" mode when the power failed (and the power was out for too long) the unit may not be able to restore the engine to a "start-ready" state (depending upon the ambient temperature).

# Power Badger Term Definitions

## Modes Defined:

- 1). OFF: unit is powered and ready but will take no action.
- 2). Timed Ready: The device will have your engine ready to start at your set “Ready Time” based upon the observed temperature and the “Ready Time” setting. The Power Badger will use the minimum amount of power necessary to get the engine fully ready to start at your desired “Ready Time”. The Badger will automatically repeat the programmed ready cycle every day until changed or unplugged.
- 3). Maintain Ready: The device will maintain your engine in a ready-to-start condition in perpetuity.
- 4). ON: The device will supply constant power to the heater without further control (in perpetuity).

## Maintain after ready:

This selection controls how long the unit maintains your engine in a “ready to start” condition *after* your selected “Ready Time” has elapsed. This is a user selectable parameter of between 0 hours and 9 hours.

\*Example: If you have the “Ready Time” on your Badger set to 6:00am, the “maintain after ready” duration you select (0-9), controls how long your unit will go into “Maintain” mode *after* 6:01am. If you select “3HR” then your engine will be put in “Maintain” mode for 3 hours after the ready time....so, in this example of “3HR” selected, the engine would be maintained in a ready to start condition until 9:00am. 9 hours is the maximum amount of time the unit can be set to maintain after a “Ready” event. If longer than a 9 hour maintain duration time is desired, the Badger can be put permanently in “Maintain Mode”, as discussed later in this manual.

## Ready Time:

“Ready Time” is a user defined setting, defining at what time the Power Badger device will aim to have the engine ready to start. The device will use the (user defined) ready time along with the outside temperature measurements to calculate when to fire the engine heater and for how long.

## Maintain Ready Mode:

The function of the “Maintain Ready” mode is to keep (or maintain) an engine that is already ready to run in a startable condition (ie..vehicle was just parked after running or was just brought up to temperature by the “Ready” mode). The Power Badger device senses the outside temperature and calculates a firing duty cycle algorithm designed to use the minimum amount of electricity necessary to maintain the engine in a startable condition. To achieve this, the microprocessor inside the Badger divides that cycle into segments of on and off, based upon the measured outside temperature. The Badger will automatically maintain the engine in a startable condition, in perpetuity, until changed or unplugged.

# Device Map



- 1: Temperature sensor inside protective strainer (light colored to reduce sun heat from affecting readings)
- 2: Mounting holes on enclosure to screw to wall or vehicle
- 3: Input power cord strainer
- 4: Mode button; used to select operational mode of device
- 5: Set button; set time of day, temp units ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$  or  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), start/ready time and maintain duration time
- 6: Timed Ready LED; illuminated when the unit is set in timed ready mode. Display shows the user set start/ready time (the time the device will have the engine ready to start).
- 7: Maintain Ready LED; illuminated when the unit is set in maintain ready mode. Display shows current temperature.
- 8: Digital display
- 9: Heater on LED; illuminated whenever power is being supplied to the output cord
- 10: Up select button; used to adjust settings in conjunction with set button
- 11: Down select button; used to adjust settings in conjunction with set button
- 12: Output power cord strainer



# Device Features

The Power Badger was carefully engineered to be rugged and long lasting. We want the owners of the Power Badger to know that their unit is well built. We assemble every unit right here in North Carolina, USA, using no-compromise, high quality components that (in many cases) were engineered and produced specifically and exclusively for the patent pending Power Badger product. The Power Badger has been extensively tested for functionality and durability down to -50°F / -45°C.

**Here we list some of the features and details of the product that may not be readily apparent at first glance:**

- 1). **Mounting Screws:** the 6 rear mounting screws are made of high quality stainless steel
- 2). **Temperature Sensor:** clad in stainless steel and uses premium silicone wire (for flexibility in extreme cold)
- 3). **Sensor Strainer:** the grey strainer that contains the temperature sensor is made of a special low temperature plastic that resists shattering in the extreme cold. The strainer is grey in color to reduce the effect that direct sunlight may have on the temperature reading at the sensor.
- 4). **Circuit Board:** has a special coating on selected surfaces to resist damage from internal water intrusion and condensation
- 5). **Cords:** both the (15 amp rated) input and output cords use specially formulated low-temperature rubber sheathing for maximum flexibility in extreme cold conditions.
- 6). **Front Membrane:** uses a very thick and durable Lexan substrate and 3M's latest and best VHB industrial adhesive. These premium materials coupled with the stainless rivet nails that hold down the corners of the front membrane offer the best durability and low-temperature functionality available.
- 7). **Enclosure:** made of a special low-temperature poly blend plastic with fiber additive, engineered to be rugged in extreme low temperatures. The enclosure also features reinforced "feet" cast into the mold that allows the bottom of the unit to stand off the ground slightly, helping to reduce water intrusion. These feet also have holes cast through them to allow permanent mounting of the unit on a wall or a vehicle.
- 8). **Rear Cover Gasket:** a form-fitting gasket seals the aluminum rear cover to the enclosure for water resistance.
- 9). **LED Display:** the Badger's specially designed low-temperature LED display will look just as bright at -50°F / -45°C as it does at room temperature. The unit is programmed to save power and extend the life of the LED's and display by dimming after 10 seconds of no keys being pressed.
- 10). **Strainers:** all through-holes in the enclosure (for cord and sensors) use weather-tight strainers featuring an internal clamping mechanism (on their respective cord) and an external rubber gasket to seal out moisture.
- 11). **Fuse and Battery Holders:** the internally mounted battery and fuse holders are specially designed to retain their respective parts through hard external impact situations.
- 12). **Development and Testing:** after many revisions to increase durability and reliability; the final electronic hardware and firmware versions were mercilessly tested at sub-zero temperatures through 10,000+ resets, power interruptions and physical abuse to assure flawless electronic performance during the harshest of conditions.
- 13). **Internal Transformer:** (inside the unit) is designed to be as low-profile as possible with many attaching points to the board, so this important (and relatively heavy) component does not come off the board during very rough handling at cold temperatures.
- 14). **Rear Cover:** made of thick, high quality laser cut aluminum that has been specially coated and laser etched for durability and longevity.

# Parts List

## Power Badger Model# 1800US Replacement Parts List

Part number	Description	Qty per unit
PB1001	Enclosure / Housing	1
PB1002	Bottom / back aluminum cover	1
PB1003	Front membrane / face	1
PB1006	PCBA assembly, w/blue display	1
PB1007	Input power cord / 120v / male	1
PB1008	Output power cord /120v / female	1
PB1009	Thermistor / temperature sensor	1
PB1010	Input/output cord strainer M20 / black	2
PB1011	Thermistor cord strainer / M16 /grey	1
PB1018	Bottom / back cover stainless mounting screw	6
PB1019	Bottom / back cover to enclosure, molded gasket	1
PB1021	Stainless nails for front membrane/face	4
PB1022	Back cover ground wire	1

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<b>Power Badger Model: 1800US Product Details and Specifications</b>	
Item:	Power Badger Model: 1800US
Operating Voltage:	120-125VAC / 60HZ
For Use With:	Resistive Type Heating Elements and Pads
Application:	Truck, Automotive, Commercial, Military, Equipment and Agricultural
Purpose:	Save Energy When Utilizing Engine Heater / Warmers
Function:	To Control the Energy Usage of Resistive Load Type Heaters
Enclosure Type:	CSA Type 3R (weather-proof outdoor use in rain / snow / ice)
Intended Mounting Position:	Face up (horizontal) on ground or mounted through feet (vertically or horizontally)
Controlling Amps Capacity:	1800 Watts / 15 Amps @ 120VAC
Operating Temp Range:	-45° to +122° Fahrenheit (-43° to +50° Celsius)
Input Cord Length:	55 inches (138 cm)
Output Cord Length:	55 inches (138 cm)
Input Cord Wire Gauge:	14 AWG Copper
Output Cord Wire Gauge:	14 AWG Copper
Overall Product length (with both cords):	10' or (120 inches) or (305 cm)
Product Enclosure Width:	3.5 inches (8.89 cm)
Product Enclosure Length (not including cord strainers):	9 inches (22.86 cm)
Product Enclosure Height (not including cord strainers):	2.25 inches (5.71 cm)
Enclosure Material:	Cold Weather Polypropylene With Infused Fibers For Strength
Back Cover Material:	Aluminum
Indoor / Outdoor:	Yes
Water Resistant:	Yes
Portable:	Yes
Wall or Vehicle Mountable:	Yes
Installation Necessary:	No
Included In Package:	1x Power Badger Model 1800US , 1x Product manual

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