

THE DOC'S BATTERY & CHARGER REVIEWS

**DSE SPEED & GRANDCELL
REVIEW**

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WHAT IS IN THE BOX?



USER INSTRUCTIONS

Both units have poor instructions, make that unsatisfactory.

CHARGER TYPE (UNIVERSAL OR MINI)

Both chargers are mini style chargers.

BATTERY SIZES CATERED FOR

Both units only charge:

- ➔ AAA; and
- ➔ AA.

BATTERY TYPES CHARGED

The DSE Speed charges:

- ➔ Ni-MH; and
- ➔ Ni-Cd.

The Grandcell charges:

- ➔ Rechargeable Alkaline Manganese (RAM); and
- ➔ Ni-MH.

FEATURES SET

For some time now a review of the DSE Speed Universal Battery Charger and the Grandcell Dual Charger has been under consideration. However, the features and the performance of both units do not warrant a full individual review – at least in the Doc's view. So here are a few reasons why The Doc cannot recommend either unit:

- ➔ neither has any safety features worth noting, so they are already off to a poor start;
- ➔ the user must manually switch the DSE Speed between Ni-Cd and Ni-MH battery types, the Grandcell must be manually switched between RAM (rechargeable alkaline manganese) and Ni-MH;
- ➔ the negative terminals on both units are poorly designed and the batteries sometimes do not make proper contact; and
- ➔ the placement of the switch on the Grandcell to change from RAM to Ni-MH is poorly placed and can be accidentally changed by the user.

Both chargers do have some redeeming features, they are:

- ➔ compact and light;
- ➔ cheap; and
- ➔ both plug straight into the power socket, so no messy cords or transformers.

DOC'S RATING (RANKED OUT OF 10)

Feature set	5
Safety Features	1
Ease of use	5
Versatility	5
Value for money	6
Overall ranking	4.4
Documentation	Unsatisfactory

CONCLUSION

Overall look elsewhere there are much better units available for a only a few dollars more.

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