Hitec Ventures Into Trackside Charging

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You may know Hitec for being one of the largest servo makers or for being in the industry for 50 years, but they are now determined to make their mark in the racing segment of the remote-control hobby.

Hitec's RDX2 multi-chemistry battery chargers have been proven in the air and surface segments, and now they are moving to enter the trackside charging market. The RDX2 1000 hits the scene with many great features to fit into any racer's program. The features and price point make the RDX2 a great item to keep in stock. It offers value to your customers, even if you do not run a race program at your shop.

We put the RDX2 1000 through its paces along with the accompanying product with its release, the AD350 Analyzer and Discharger. Even though the combo has a lower price point, it compared well to similar setups that are around the $1,000 mark.

Some of the main features include the healthy built-in power supply that offers 450W on AC and a massive 1000W on DC, allowing up to 20 amps on each of its dual ports. The ability to cycle batteries trackside quickly with the combo is vital for racers of all levels looking to be at the top of their game between heats.

The RDX2 1000 offers a simple user interface with an easy-to-read multi-color display. The unit also includes a USB-C port to connect the device to a PC for firmware updates, as well as in-depth analysis of a battery pack, like the SMC unit we tested. Even without the PC connection, we could use the RDX2 to see battery information, including the internal resistance (IR), which is essential in selecting the best battery packs for high-performance applications. The charger also has the ability to use its power supply to turn a charging port into a DC output to power a tire warmer.

RDX2 1000 is part #44401 and the AD350 is part #44405. The RDX2 1000 uses the XT60 connection for charging, so be sure to have a variety of female XT60 adapters on hand for add-on sale items. A balance board is not required, but an XH board like the #44155 or similar will work. **HM**

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