



How to Charge a Drained 2009 Toyota Prius Battery

This guide will explain how to charge a drained Toyota Prius Battery using a standard battery charger.

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INTRODUCTION

This procedure can become very dangerous and costly if the steps are not followed correctly. Mixing up the positive and negative leads or touching them together can cause electric shock. Nonetheless, the process is rather simple and should only take you about 10-20 minutes to complete, and an additional 2-4 hours for the battery to charge.



TOOLS:

- [Battery Charger](#) (1)
extension cord

Step 1 — How to Charge a Drained 2009 Toyota Prius Battery



- First of all, you will need some kind of battery charger. It can be any type of battery charger with a positive and negative lead (Red and Black grips).
- ⓘ You may also need an extension cord in order to connect the battery charger to a nearby power outlet.

Step 2



- ⓘ Before beginning the procedure, make sure all your lights are off.
- Unlatch your hood by pulling on this level, located underneath the steering wheel.

Step 3



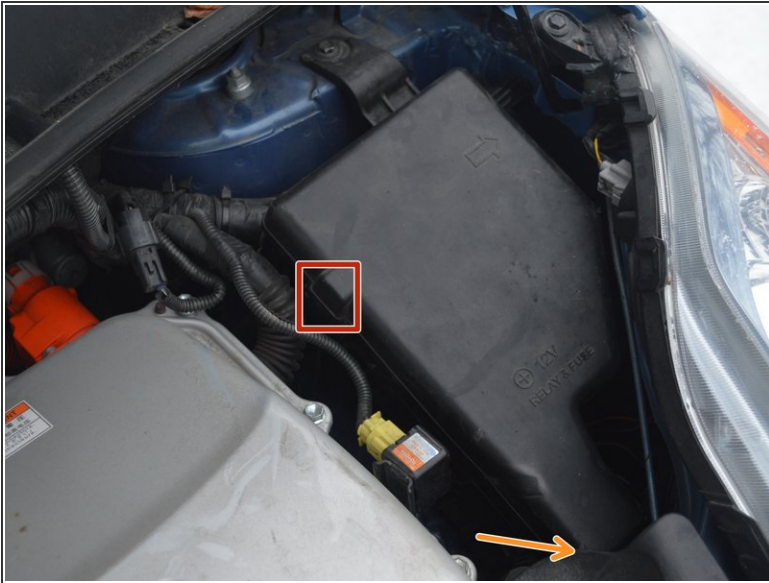
- Reach under the hood and find the lever that releases the hood. push up on it and lift the hood.

Step 4



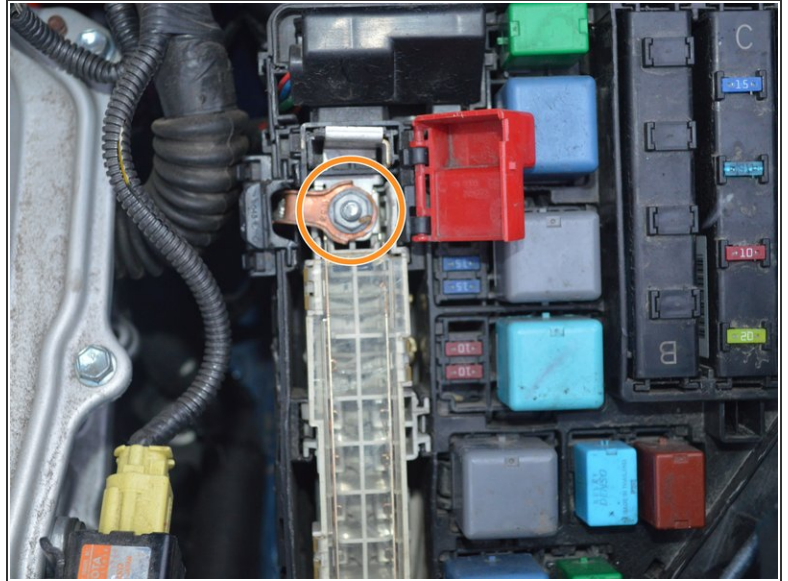
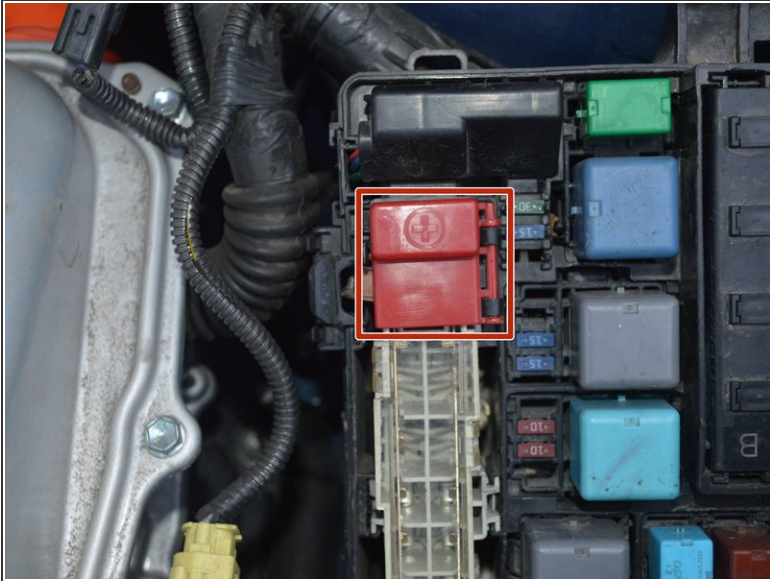
- Unlatch the metal rod and place it in the designed area so it will hold up the hood.

Step 5



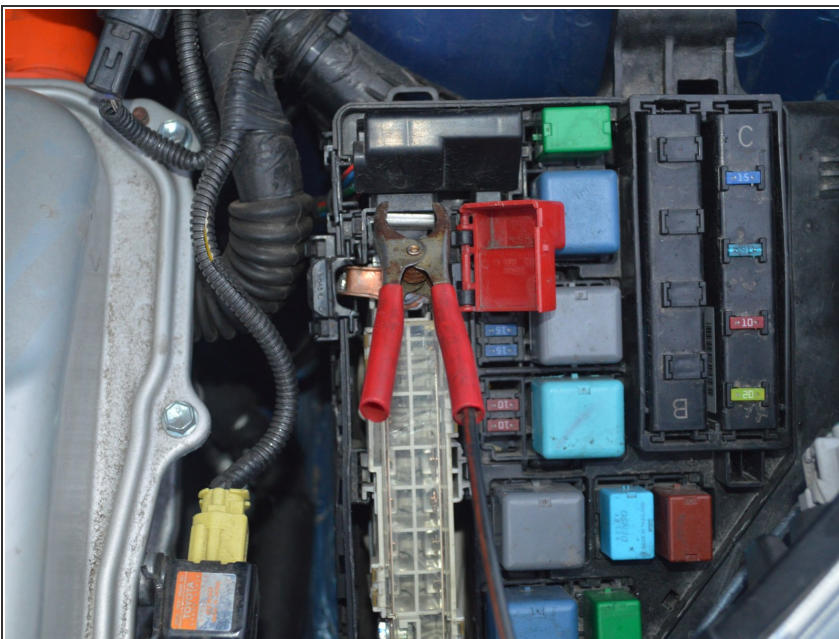
- Remove the cover off the fuse box by pressing the 2 tabs on the bottom and left side of the box
- The second tab is located on the lowest part of the fuse box, and can be rather hard to see. The orange arrow points to where the tab is located.

Step 6



- Flip open the plastic red cover with a plus sign on it.
- This is the positive terminal, and this is where the red lead is going to attach to.

Step 7



- Attach the positive RED lead to the positive terminal
 - If there is a small spark, it is okay, there is nothing wrong with that.
- ⚠ DO NOT let the red and black leads touch each other. This may cause an electric shock.

Step 8



- Attach the negative (black lead) to some metal surface, preferably a large bolt.
- Once again, if there is a small spark, it is completely okay.

Step 9



- Once your leads are connected, you can lower the hood (Don't slam it down) so that the cables do not get damaged.
- Leave your car to charge for at least 3 hours, or even overnight! keep in mind that if you only charge it for 2 or 3 hours, you will need to drive it around (or just leave the engine running) for another hour so that the engine will finish the charge.

Once the charge is complete, follow the instructions backwards to put everything back into place.