

UNIVERSAL CHARGERS

Six chargers that promise to refuel almost any camera battery



**Ansmann
Powerline Vario**
£25/\$21

Almost as compact as the CamCaddy2, the USB-powered Powerline with its handy LCD charged all our batteries, albeit reluctantly for the Canon LP-E6N and Sony NP-FM500H cells.

OVERALL ★★★★★



**Digipower Universal
Smart Battery
Charger TC-5000U**
£40/\$40

This design ditches movable contact pins in favour of swappable mounting plates for Canon, Nikon and Sony batteries. It works well; just don't lose the plates!

OVERALL ★★★★★



**Generic Universal
Battery Charger**
£8

With a status light that gave no charging indication, we couldn't tell if this cheapo charger was even working. If you do get lucky, the low output current means juice won't flow quickly.

OVERALL ★★☆☆☆



www.hahnel.ie
Hähnel UniPal Extra
£35/\$49

This unit packs a 5200mAh power bank for on-the-go charging. There's mains charging, too, and the UniPal charged all our camera batteries without issue.

OVERALL ★★★★★



**Inov8 Universal
Li-ion Charger**
£15

It'll charge AA batteries, and its movable contact pins were able to successfully contact all our test camera batteries. The LCD display is basic but useful.

OVERALL ★★★★★



**Solar Technology
CamCaddy2**
£20

USB charging makes this the smallest option here. Our Canon, Nikon and Fujifilm batteries all charged, but not the Sony A99's unusual power pack.

OVERALL ★★★★★

We tested six common batteries on these chargers. Always check yours with the manufacturer's compatibility chart before buying.