

# ANCEL<sup>®</sup>

BA201

# *User's Manual*

## *Car Battery Tester*





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# 1 Product Summary

## 1.1 Product Profile

BA201 battery tester adopts the state-of-the-art conductance testing technology in the world to easily, quickly and accurately measure the actual cold cranking amps capability of the vehicle starting battery, healthy state of the battery itself, and common fault of the vehicle starting system and charging system, which can help maintenance personnel to find the problem quickly and accurately, thus to achieve quick vehicle repair.

1. Test all automotive cranking lead acid battery, including ordinary lead acid battery, AGM flat plate battery, AGM spiral battery, and Gel battery, etc.
2. Directly detect bad cell battery.
3. Feature reverse polarity protection; reverse connection may not damage the tester or affect the vehicle and battery.
4. Directly test the battery with loss of electricity, full charge is not required before testing.
5. Testing standards cover the majority of world's battery standards, such as CCA, BCI, CA, MCA, JIS, DIN, SAE.
6. Support multi-languages, customer can select different language package, which includes: Chinese Simple, Japanese, English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, and Dutch.
7. Upload the recorded test data to computer (windows) and print it out.
8. Life time free update by updating tool BTLINK download from [www.anceltech.com](http://www.anceltech.com).

## 1.2 Product Function

BA201 battery tester features the following functions: battery test, cranking test, charging test and other additional functions.

Battery test mainly aims to analyze the battery healthy status to calculate the actual cold cranking capability of the battery of the battery and the aging extent, which provide reliable analysis evidence for the test and maintenance of the battery. It may notify the user to replace battery in advance when the battery gets aged.

Cranking test is used to test and analyze the starting motor. Testing the actual required cranking current and cranking voltage of the starting motor is helpful to determine whether the starting motor works properly or not. If the starting malfunction may cause an increased starting loaded torque; or rotor friction of the starting motor generates an increasing friction of the starting motor itself. Charging test is to check and analyze the charging system, including generator, rectifier, rectifier diode, etc., thus to find out whether the output voltage of the generator is normal, the rectifier diode works properly and the abnormal, it will lead to over charge or incomplete charge of the battery, thus cause quick damage to the battery and greatly shorten the life of other loaded appliance.

### 1.3 Technical Parameters

#### 1. Cold Cranking Amps Measurement Range:

Measurement Standard	Measurement Range
CCA	100-2000
BCI	100-2000
CA	100-2000
MCA	100-2000
JIS	26A17-245H2
DIN	100-1400
IEC	100-1400
EN	100-2000
SAE	100-2000
GB	100-1400

#### 2. Voltage Measurement Range: 8-16V DC

### 1.4 Working Environment Requirement

Working Environment Temp: 0°C – 50°C/ -32°F – 122°F

It is applicable for automotive manufacturers, automotive maintenance and repair workshops, automotive battery factories, automotive battery factories, automotive battery distributors, and educational organizations, etc.

## 2. Product Information

### 2.1 Tool Description



-  UP SCROLL BUTTON: Move cursor up for selection.
-  DOWN SCROLL BUTTON: Move cursor down for selection.
-  ENTER BUTTON: confirms a selection(or action) from a menu list.
-  EXIT BUTTON: Returns to previous menu.

Mini-USB Port: Connects to computer for printing and upgrading.

### 2.2 Product Specifications

1. Display: LCD screen
2. Operating Temperature: 0°C – 50°C/ 32°F – 122°F
3. Storage Temperature: -20°C – 70°C/ -4°F – 158°F
4. Power: Provided via cable from car battery
5. Dimensions:

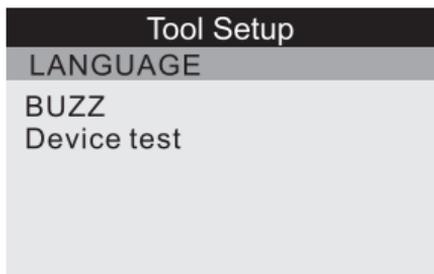
Length	Width	Height
140mm(5.51"")	80mm(3.15"")	24mm(0.94"")

## 2.3 Accessories Included

1. 1 x Mini USB cable
2. User's Manual

## 2.4 Tool Setup

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[Setup]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, The screen will display the interface as shown below:



The Tool allows you to make the following adjustments, settings:

1. **Select language:** Selects desired language.  
Press **UP/DOWN** key to choose **[Language]** and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



You can press **UP/DOWN** key to select any language and press **ENTER** button to confirm. The system will convert to the chosen language interface at once.

2. **Beep:** ON/OFF the Beeper.

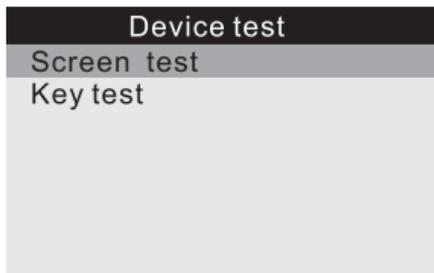
Press **UP/DOWN** key to choose [BUZZ] and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



You can press **ENTER** button to cover ON or OFF, Press **EXIT** key to return.

3. **Device test:** Keyboard, LCD display detection.

Press UP/DOWN key to choose [Device test] and press ENTER button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



#### **A. Screen test**

The Screen test function checks if the LCD display is working normally.

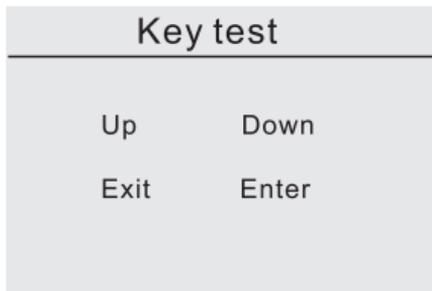
1. From Setup screen, use **UP/DOWN** scroll button to select Device test, and press the **ENTER** button.

2. Select Screen test from Device test menu and press the **ENTER** button to start test, Press **EXIT** key to return.
3. Look for missing spots in the colour bar, white, black LCD display.
4. When completed, press **EXIT** button to exit.

## B. Key test

The key test function verifies if the keys are functioning properly.

1. Use the **UP/DOWN** scroll button to select key test from the Device test menu, and then press the **ENTER** button.
2. Press any key to start test. When you press a key, the key name should be observed on the display. If the key name does not show up, then the key is not functioning properly, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



3. Double press **EXIT** to return to previous menu.

## 2.5 About

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[About]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:

## About

SW VER:V1.0.0  
HW VER:V1.0.0  
SN:201811261829

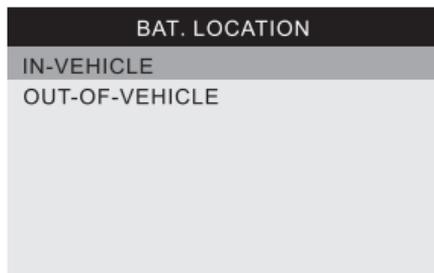
Press **EXIT** to return the previous menu.

### 3 Battery Test

After entering battery test program, tester displays Main Menu. Tester will display the following contents in a sequence, select accordingly.

#### Battery In-vehicle or Out-of-Vehicle

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. Press **UP/DOWN** key to select the battery location, in vehicle or out of vehicle, then press **ENTER** key to confirm.



#### 3.1 Battery Test in vehicle

When surface charge detected by the tester, it prompts "Surface charge, turn lights on", Turn lights on as prompted to eliminate battery surface charge, tester will then display the following messages in a sequence.

In-Vehicle
Battery Test
Cranking Test
Charging Test

Now the tester detects the surface charge has been eliminated, turn lights off as prompted, then press ENTER key, the tester will recover automatic test

### Select Battery Type

After the battery charge status selected, tester will prompt to select battery type, i.e. Regular Flooded, AGM Flat plate or AGM Spiral, Gel and EFB battery, press UP/DOWN key to select battery type, then press OK key to confirm.

### Battery System Standard and Rating

BA201 battery tester test each battery according to the selected system and rating.

Use UP/DOWN key to select according to the actual system standard and rating marked on the battery. Use UP/DOWN key to select according to the actual system standard and rating marked on the battery. See in the picture below, the arrow indicated location.



CCA: Cold Cranking Amps, specified by SAE&BCI, most frequently used value for starting battery at 0°F(-18°C).

BCI: Battery council international standard.

CA: Cranking Amps standard, effective starting current value at 0°C.

MCA: Marine Cranking Amps standard, effective starting current value at 0°C.

JIS: Japan Industrial Standard, displayed on the battery as combination of the numbers and letters, e.g. 55D23, 80D26.

DIN: German Auto Industry Committee Standard.

IEC: Internal Electron technical Commission Standard.

EN: European Automobile Industry Association Standard.

SAE: Society of Automotive Engineers Standard.

GB: China National Standard.

From the [**Select Type**] screen, press **UP/DOWN** key to select the Standard, then press **ENTER** key to confirm.

SELECT STANDARD
CCA
IEC
EN
DIN
CA
BCI

Rating range as following:

Measurement Standard	Measurement Range
CCA	100-2000
BCI	100-2000
CA	100-2000
MCA	100-2000
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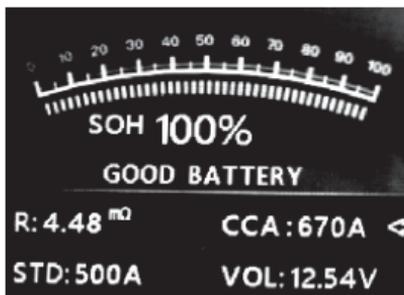
Input correct test standard and rating, press **ENTER** key, tester starts to test, and dynamic interface “Under measurement ...” prompted. See below:

SET BAT.PATING

300<sup>A</sup>  
CCA

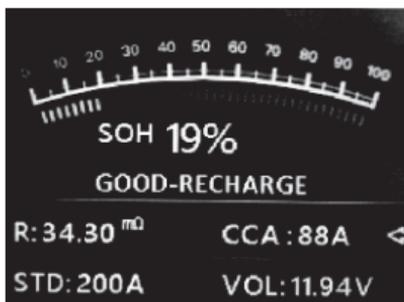
It takes about 1 second to display the battery test result.

### 1 Good Battery



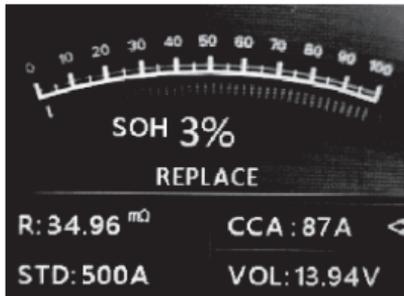
The battery is without any problem, please be relaxed to use.

### 2 Good, Recharge



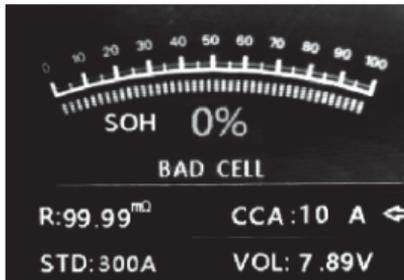
Good battery but low current, recharge before using.

### 3 Replace



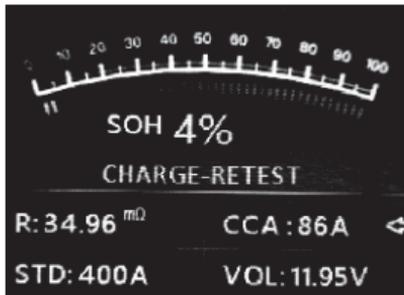
The battery is near to or already reached the end of the using life, please replace the battery. Otherwise , bigger danger will be followed.

### 4 Bad cell, Replace



Battery interior damaged, bad cell or short circuit, replace battery.

### 5 Charge, Retest



Unstable battery shall be recharged and retested to avoid error. If the same test result appears after recharge and retest, the battery is regarded as damaged, replace the battery.

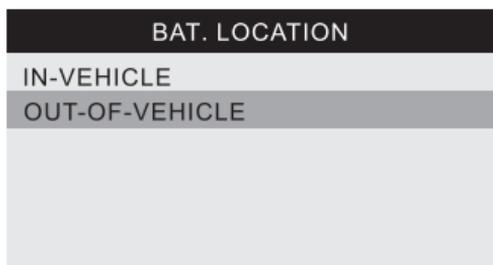
Attention: If “Replace” resulted from IN-VEHICLE mode, it might be the reason that vehicle cable is not well connected with the battery, Ensure to cut off the cable and retest the battery under OUT-OF-VEHICLE before making a decision to replace battery.

NOTE: After testing, if need to exit , press EXIT key to directly exit to the startup interface.

### 3.2 Battery out of vehicle test

OUT-OF-VEHICLE means battery is not connected with any of the vehicle loaded, i.e. battery connection is cut off.

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. Press **UP/DOWN** key to select the battery location, in vehicle or out of vehicle, then press **ENTER** key to confirm.



#### Select Battery Type

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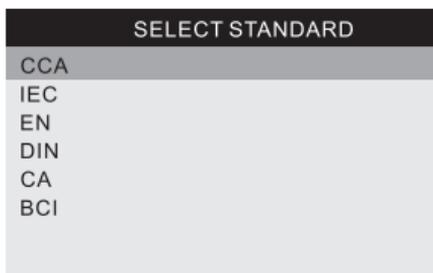
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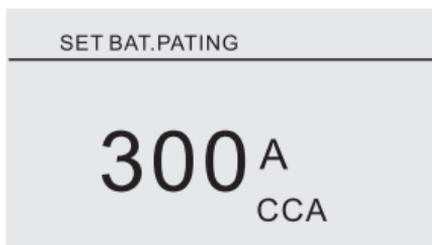
From the **[Select Type]** screen, press **UP/DOWN** key to select the Standard, then press **ENTER** key to confirm.



Rating range as following:

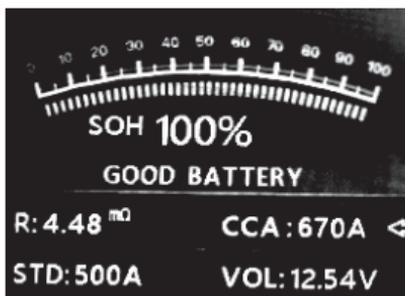
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It takes around 1 seconds to display the battery test result.

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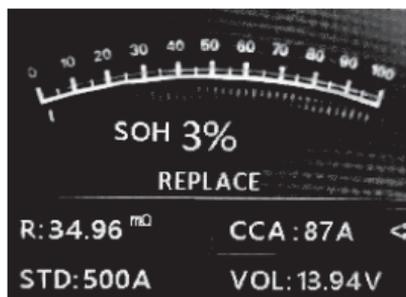
The battery is without any problem, please be relaxed to use.

## 2 Good, Recharge



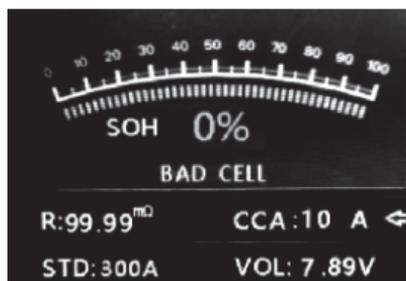
Good battery but low current, recharge before using.

## 3 Replace



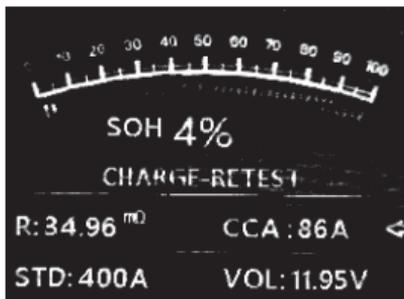
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## 4 Bad cell, Replace



Battery interior damaged, bad cell or short circuit, replace battery.

### 5 Charge, Retest

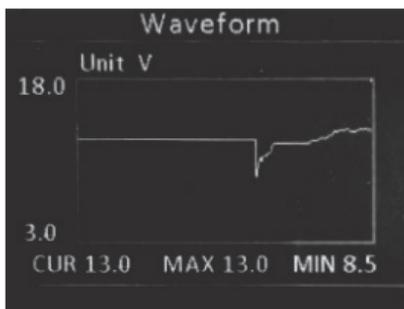


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### 3.3 Waveform

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu.

Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[Waveform]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



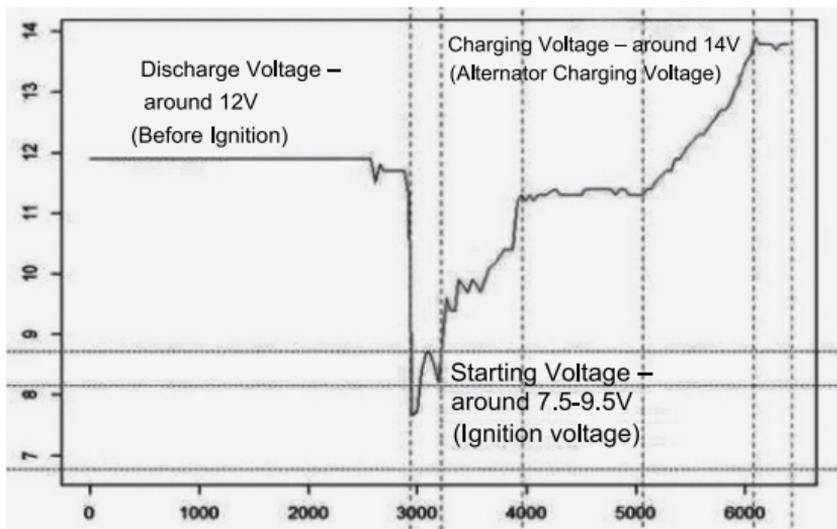
CUR: Current Voltage

MAX: Maximum Voltage during Ignition

MIN: Minimum Voltage during Ignition

The waveform will stay in static until there's changes in the voltage changes detected.

Various vehicle voltage analyses



- Discharge Voltage: When the ignition OFF, engine OFF (Over 20 Minutes), the Discharge Voltage should be around 12V. If the discharge voltage is lower than 11V, it will be hard to turn the ignition ON. If the discharge voltage continuously stay under 11V, it means the battery is aging and replacement is needed.

- Starting Voltage: During ignition, the voltage will drop to a certain point, at this minimum point is Starting Voltage (Around 7.5- 9.5V). If the Starting Voltage continuously stay under 7.5, it means battery capacity is low and needs to be replaced.

- Charging Voltage: When the ignition ON, engine ON. The alternator will continuously charge the car battery, normally is around 14V.

#### Battery Status corresponding with Battery Voltage (Before Ignition)

Battery Voltage	Battery Status	Effects and Measures
<10.8V	Too Low	Hard to start vehicles; replace battery
10.8V-11.8V	Slightly Low	Hard to start vehicles;

## Battery Status corresponding with Battery Voltage (After Ignition)

Battery Voltage	Battery Status	Effects and Measures
12.8V-13.2V	Too Low	Battery may not be charged; Check alternator or other electrical load
13.2-14.8V	Normal	Normal
>14.8V	High Voltage	May damage the battery; Check alternator stabilizer

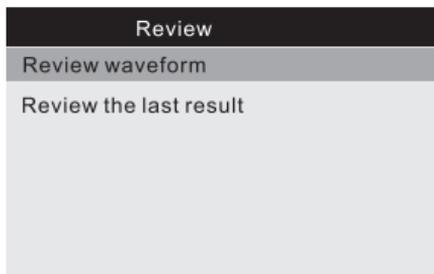
Notice: If the current detected battery voltage is 11.9V, after a few hours trip, the battery voltage is still stay low, this could cause battery damage (under circumstance of normal alternator). Please replace the battery ASAP.

### 3.4 Review

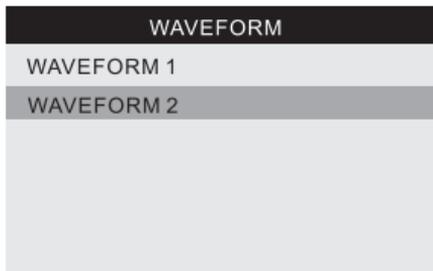
Review waveform

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu.

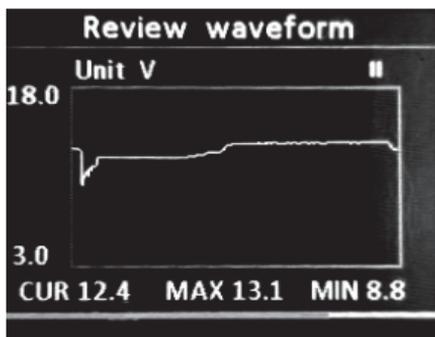
Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[Review]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, The screen will display the interface as shown below:



1) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select Review waveform function and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



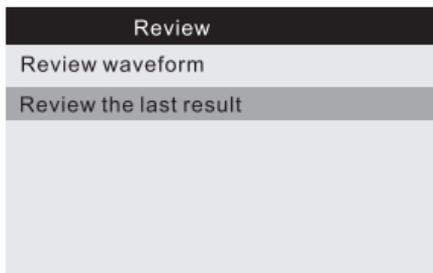
2) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



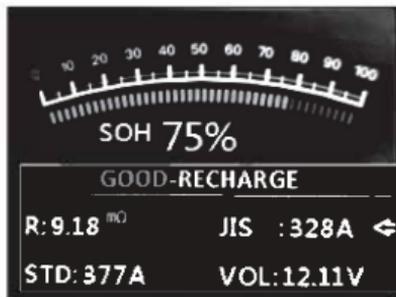
Press **ENTER** button to pause and play, and press **UP** button to backward playback, press **DOWN** to play forward.

#### Review the last result

From the startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[Review]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



- 1) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select Review the last result function and press **ENTER** button, The screen will display the interface as shown below:



Press **UP/DOWN** button to select Review SOH or SOC .

### 3.5 Print

The Print Data function allows printing out testing data recorded by the testing tool for or customized test reports.

To print out retrieved data, you need the following tools:

1.The tester tool

2.A windows PC or laptop with USB ports

3.A USB cable

1) download the applications from **ANCEL** website:

[www.anceltech.com](http://www.anceltech.com)

2) connect the tester tool to computer with the USB cable supplied.

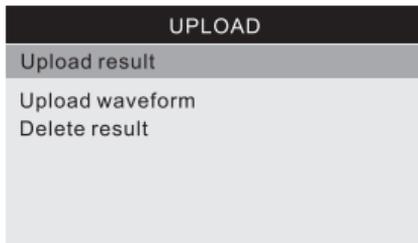
3) run bblink.exe in your computer, as below:



4) From the tester tool startup screen, or press **EXIT** button to enter Main Menu. as below:



5) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select the **[Print]** function in the Main Menu and press **ENTER** button, the screen will display the interface as shown below:



6) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select Upload result or Upload waveform, and press **ENTER** button.

7) Press **UP/DOWN** button to select Delete result, and press **ENTER** button to delete all save of the tester tool test data.

#### 4 Update Mode

This function allows you to update the tool software.

To update the tool, you need the following items.

1. ANCEL BA201 Battery tester tool
2. A windows PC or laptop with USB ports
3. A USB cable

1) downloading the applications from **ANCEL** website:  
[www.anceltech.com](http://www.anceltech.com)

2) run btlink.exe in your computer(Mac OS and linux does not compatible)

3) press and hold any button until the USB cable is connected with computer and release it after the tool display a message "Update Mode"

4) open the btlink software, click "Check update" button, it will download the upgrade file from internet then update to tester tool

5) wait for few minutes until update succeed

6) during the update procedure, don't disconnect the tool

7) restart the tester tool finish the whole update. See bellow:



NOTE: when you made a wrong choice and the tool is unable to work properly, you may need to update the programs. Please hold ENTER scroll button and power on the tool, you will enter the update mode forcedly, the follow the update procedure to refresh the program.

## **5. Service Procedures**

If you have any questions, contact your local store, distributor or visit our website at [www.anceltech.com](http://www.anceltech.com) , or email us via [support@anceltech.com](mailto:support@anceltech.com) . If it becomes necessary to return the tool for repair, contact your local distributor for more information.



