A cheap charger for the FT-897

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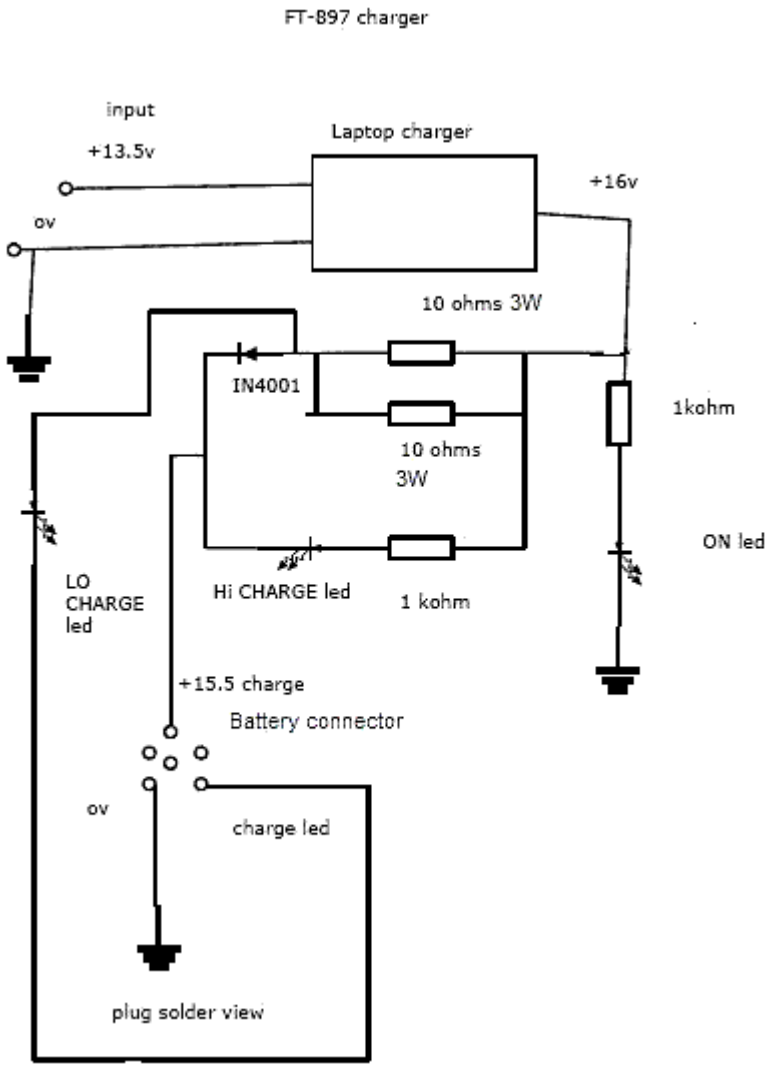
This circuit provides a cheap simple charger for the FT-897 battery utilising a cheap Laptop charger.

This takes 13.5 input which boosts to 16volts output. The circuit fast charges the battery pack until its voltage rises, then the charge rate reduces to trickle charge.

The leds show 'ON', 'HI Charge rate', and 'LO Charge' rate. The LO Charge rate led also causes the red charge led on the front panel of the FT-897 to illuminate.



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