



PORTABLE JUMP BOXES

also known as portable jump starters, are compact battery packs used to jump start vehicle batteries without needing another vehicle. There are risks while using jump boxes and hazards associated with vehicle batteries. Most university departments driving UO vehicles should not have jump boxes or attempt to jumpstart UO vehicles. Follow the instructions below on how to request and safely use a jump box.

RISKS:

- Cheap or unreliable jump boxes can pose serious risks due to poor quality and lack of safety features. Only use the Fleet Services approved jump box (pictured on the right).
- Batteries can overheat, swell, or explode under certain conditions.
- Poor quality clamp insulation can lead to short circuits and can cause fires, sparks, and damage your vehicle's electrical system.
- Using a jump box on a battery with known issues won't solve the battery issues. Contact Fleet Services for maintenance and repair.

WHAT TO DO!

- DO NOT purchase or bring any jump boxes from home. If your vehicle doesn't start, call Fleet Services for support (541-346-2301).
- For departments that operate outside of normal business hours, you can request Fleet Services to approve and recommend one to purchase and use.
- Make sure the jump box is fully charged and has adequate voltage for your vehicle. Batteries can vary between cars, trucks, other vehicles.
- DO NOT USE a jump box if you have an electric vehicle, hybrid, golf cart, or diesel box truck.
- Jump box storage: Cool dry space, away from sunlight, extreme heat.

JUMP BOX USE:

- Make sure the jump box purchase is approved by Fleet Services and is appropriate for your vehicle's battery.
- Read the instructions and manufacturer manual for the jump box.
- Inspect the battery for cracks or leaks before hooking up the jump box. Do not use a jump box on a damaged battery!
- Connect the cables correctly! Attach the positive clamp (+), to the positive terminal, and the negative clamp (-) to the negative terminal.
- If the box is hooked up incorrectly or if the battery has internal damage, the box will not allow power to flow.
- Make sure the jump box is in a stable position so it cannot fall.
- Follow the jump boxes on screen notifications to know when to start your vehicle, and jumping is complete.
- Disconnect the cables in reverse order, disconnect the negative clamp (-) first, then the positive clamp (+).
- Turn the jump box off before removing it from the battery.
- If problems persist, contact Fleet Services.
- Always notify Fleet Services when a jump box is used! There might be unresolved issues needing attention.



If your vehicle battery continually loses charge, or has physical damage or deformities, contact Fleet Services Roadside Assistance 541-346-2301



Approved Fleet Services portable jump box – Ultrasafe NOCO Boost