



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

ACCORDING TO 91/155/EEC AND ISO 11014-1

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SECTION 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Valve Regulated Lead Acid Battery

Trade Mark: FORBATT

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SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	OSHA	ACGIH	NIOSH	Percent
Lead, Lead Compounds (Positive and Negative Electrode)	7439-92-1	0.05 mg/m ³	0.15mg/m ³	0.10mg/m ³	60-80
Sulfuric Acid (Electrolyte)	7664-93-9	1.0mg/m ³	1.0mg/m ³	1.0mg/m ³	15-25
ABS (Case Material)	9003-56-9	N/A	N/A	N/A	6-12

SECTION 3 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Sulfuric Acid: Under normal conditions of use, sulfuric acid vapors and mist are not generated. Sulfuric acid vapors and mist may be generated when product is overheated, oxidized or otherwise processed or damaged.

Lead Compounds: Under normal conditions of use, lead dust, vapors, and fumes are not generated. Hazardous exposure may occur when product is overheated, oxidized or otherwise processed or damaged to create dust, vapor or fumes.

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Routes of Entry:

Inhalation: Sulfuric Acid vapors or mist may cause severe respiratory irritation. Lead dust or fumes may cause irritation of upper respiratory tract or lungs.

Skin Contact: Sulfuric Acid may cause severe irritation, burns and ulceration. Lead Compounds are not readily absorbed through the skin.

Eye contact: Sulfuric Acid may cause severe irritation, burns and cornea damage and possible blindness. Lead Compounds may cause eye irritation.

Ingestion: Sulfuric Acid may cause severe irritation of mouth, throat, esophagus and stomach. Lead Compounds may cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and severe cramping. Acute ingesting should be treated by physician.

Warning: Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals may cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Emergency and First Aid Procedures: Contact with internal components if battery is opened/ broken.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Give oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Get immediate medical attention.

Eye Contact: Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, hold eyelids open. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Remove contaminated clothing and flush affected areas with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical attention if necessary.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Dilute by giving large quantities of water. If available give several glasses of milk. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Give CPR if breathing has stopped. Get immediate medical attention.

SECTION 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: Not Applicable

Extinguishing Media: Dry Chemical powder, foam or carbon dioxide.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: If batteries are on charge, turn off power. Use positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus in fighting fire. Water applied to electrolyte generates heat and causes it to splatter. Wear acid resistant clothing. Ventilate area well.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Hydrogen and oxygen gases are generated in cells during normal battery operation or when on charge. (Hydrogen is flammable and oxygen supports combustion). These gases enter the air through the vent caps. To avoid risk of fire or explosion, keep sparks and other sources of ignition away from the battery. Do not allow metal objects to simultaneously contact both positive and negative terminal of batteries. Ventilate area well.



SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Steps to be taken in case of broken battery case or electrolyte leakage:

Neutralize any spilled electrolyte or exposed battery parts with soda ash or sodium bicarbonate until fizzing stops. pH should be neutral at 6-8. Collect residue and place in a suitable container. Dispose of clean-up materials as a hazardous waste. When neutralized, the spill is non-hazardous. Keep untrained individuals away from the spilled material. Place the broken battery in a heavy gauge plastic bag or other non-metallic container. Provide adequate ventilation, hydrogen gas may be given off during neutralization.

SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions to be taken in Handling and Storing: Store in cool (-20~40°C), dry area away from combustible materials. Do not store in sealed, unventilated areas. Avoid overheating and overcharging.

Other Precautions: Do not charge in unventilated areas. Do not use organic solvents or other than recommended chemical cleaners on battery.

SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: General room ventilation is sufficient during normal use and handling. Do not install these batteries in sealed, unventilated areas.

Personal Protective Equipment (In the Event of Battery Case Breakage): Always wear safety glasses with side shields or full face shield. Use rubber or neoprene gloves. Wear acid resistant boots, apron or clothing.

Work/Hygienic Practices: Remove jewelry, rings, watches and any other metallic objects while working on batteries. All tools should insulate to avoid the possibility of shorting connections. DO NOT lay tools on top of battery. Be sure to electricity from tools and individual person by touching a grounded surface in the vicinity of the batteries, but are heavy. Serious injury can result from improper lifting or installation. DO NOT lift, carry, install or remove pulling the terminal posts for safety reasons and because terminal posts and post seals may be damaged. clothes or overalls as they can create static electricity. DO KEEP a fire extinguisher and emergency communications the work area.

Important: Wash hands thoroughly after working with batteries and before eating, drinking or smoking.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

General Physical Form: The battery is solid. Sulfuric Acid is a liquid.

Odor: The battery is odorless.

Solubility in Water: Lead, Lead Oxide and Lead Sulfate are insoluble in water. Sulfuric Acid is 100% soluble in water.



SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Sparks and other sources of ignition. Prolonged overcharge. Fire or explosion hazard due to possible hydrogen gas generation.

Incompatibility: Combination of sulfuric acid with combustibles and organic materials may cause fire and explosion. Avoid strong reducing agents, most metals, carbides, chlorates, nitrates, picrate.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen gas may be generated in an overcharged condition, in fire or at very high temperatures. CO, CO₂ and sulfur oxides may emit in fire.

Hazardous Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Sulfuric acid:

Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 320 mg/m³/2h

Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 510 mg/m³/2h

Oral, rat: LD50 = 2140 mg/kg (25% Solution)

Carcinogenicity: ACGIH: A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

OSHA: Select carcinogen

IARC: Group 1 carcinogen

Epidemiology:

Workers exposed to industrial sulfuric acid mist showed a statistical increase in laryngeal cancer. This data suggests a possible relationship between carcinogenesis and inhalation of sulfuric acid mist.

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:

Sulfuric acid is harmful to aquatic life in very low concentrations. It may be dangerous if it enters water intakes. The aquatic toxicity for bluegill in fresh water was 24.5 ppm/24 hr, which was lethal.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method:

Neutralized acid may be flushed down the sewer. Spent batteries must be treated as hazardous waste and disposed of according to local state, and federal regulations. A copy of this material safety data must be supplied to any scrap dealer or secondary smelter with battery.



SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Identification and Proper Shipping Name:

Batteries – Wet, Non-Spillable, Electric Storage, UN 2800.

DOT: Unregulated, meets the requirements of 49 CFR 173, 159 (d).

IATA/ICAO: Unregulated, meets the requirements of Special Provision A67.

IMO: Unregulated.

Label: “Non-Spillable” or “Non-Spillable Battery.”

UN/NA Number: UN2800

***For all modes of transportation, each battery and outer package must be labeled: “Non-Spillable” or “Non-Spillable Battery.” This label must be visible during transportation.**

Follow all regulations in your country.

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Sulfuric Acid:

EC# 231-639-5 CAS# 7664-93-9 Annex I Index# 016-020-00-8

NFPA Hazard Rating:

Flammability (Red) = 0 Health (Blue) = 3 Reactivity (Yellow) = 2

This chemical substance is not listed in a priority list (as foreseen under Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 on the evaluation and control of the risks of existing substances.).

Risk phrases: R23 R24 R25 R35 R36 R37 R38 R49.

Safety phrases: S23 S30 S36 S37 S39 S45.

SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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