

Batteries, Wet, Filled with Acid, Electric Storage

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I. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

COMPANY DETAILS

PRODUCT NAME	LEAD ACID BATTERY, WET, FILLED WITH ACID, ELECTRIC STORAGE	SHIELD BATTERIES LTD

Other Name Battery, Wet, Flooded, Lead Acid

Manufacturer's ProductVariousUN Number2794Dangerous Goods Class8

Packing Group not assigned

Hazchem Code2WPoisons Schedule NumberS6

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PHYSICAL DATA

Appearance	A battery is a manufactured article

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Battery	Mechanical	Lead Acid batteries can be heavy. Correct manual handling techniques and/or mechanical lifting aids must be used.
	Electrical	Lead Acid batteries can contain large amounts of electrical energy, which can give high discharge currents and severe electrical shock if the terminals are short circuited.
	Chemical	Lead Acid batteries present no chemical hazard during normal operation provided recommendations for handling, storage, transport and use are observed. Lead Acid batteries can emit hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and can form explosive mixtures in air. This can be ignited by a spark at any voltage, naked flames of other sources of ignition. If the battery case is broken and the internal components exposed, hazards may exist which require attention.
Plate Grid and Active Materials		Metallic Lead, Lead alloys and Lead inorganic compounds Lead poisoning is usually caused by inhalation of minute particles of Lead fume and dust, which are absorbed by the blood stream from the lungs and deposited in the bone marrow. Lead is only slowly released from bone and thus has an accumulative effect causing chronic poisoning. TOXIC by ingestion or inhalation of dust, vapour or fumes May cause harm to an unborn child. Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed. Danger of cumulative effects.
Battery Electrolyte		Severe IRRITATION and DAMAGE to internal tissues if swallowed. IRRITATION of eyes and skin and may cause BURNS and DERMATITIS.
Case Material		Polypropylene or Hard Rubber: UL94 HB and Flame Retardant (FR) Grade. UL94:V0 Not hazardous in normal use. Material can burn in a fire emitting toxic smoke and decomposition product.
Separator Material		PVC , Rubber or Fibre Glass. Fibres may cause IRRITATION to skin or eyes upon exposure and to internal tissues if inhaled or swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Battery		A battery is a manufactured article	A battery is a manufactured article			
Components		Substances	Approximate %	Chemical Symbol	CAS No	
	Plate Grid	Metallic Lead	30 to 40	Pb	7439-92-1	
		Calcium	< 0.2	Ca	7440-70-2	
		Tin	< 3	Sn	7440-31-5	
	Active	Lead Monoxide	< 0.1	PbO	1317-36-8	
	Materials	Lead Dioxide (Lead IV Oxide)	35 to 45	PbO2	1309-60-0	
		Barium Compound	< 1.5	Ва	7440-39-3	
	Battery Electrolyte	Dilute Sulphuric Acid	10 to 20	H2SO4	7664-93-9	
	Casa Matarial	Hard Rubber (Vulcanite / Ebonite)	5 to 10		9006-04-6	
	Case Material	Polypropylene copolymer	5 to 10	(C3H6)N	9003-07-0	
	Separator Material	Polyvinylchloride	2 to 5	(C2H3CI)N	9002-86-2	
		Rubber	2 to 5	(0211001)11	9006-04-6	
		Absorbent Glass Mat (Borosilicate Glass Microfibre)	2 to 5		65997-17-3	



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4. FIRST AID MEASURES FOR ACUTE EXPOSURE

NOTE:	This information is only direct contact with the i	v of relevance if the battery has been damaged, the contents exposed and persons have internal components
	Exposure	Action
Components Plate Grids and	Inhalation	Remove the patient from exposure to fresh air Seek advice from medical professional
Active Materials	Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING Seek advice from medical professional
	Skin Contact	Wash off with plenty of water and soap to prevent accidental ingestion or inhalation Seek advice from medical professional
	Eye Contact	Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart Then take the person to hospital without delay
	Self Protection for the First Aider	Eye Protection (safety glasses or face shield) and protective duty gloves are required In case of inhalation, a face mask or respirator may be required
Battery Electrolyte	SPEED IS ESSENTIAL -	OBTAIN IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION
	Inhalation	Remove the patient from exposure to fresh air If the patient continues to feel unwell, seek advice from a medical professional
	Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING If the patient continues to feel unwell, seek advice from a medical professional
	Skin Contact	Drench the patient with copious quantities of water Remove contaminated clothing and place in water to dilute the acid Continue to wash the affected area for at least 10 minutes Seek advice from medical professional
	Eye Contact	SPEED IS ESSENTIAL - OBTAIN IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart Then take the person to hospital without delay
	Self Protection for the First Aider	Eye Protection (safety glasses or face shield) and heavy duty gloves are required In case of inhalation, a face mask or respirator may be required
Case Material	Inhalation	Material can burn in a fire with toxic smoke and decomposition products Upon inhalation of decomposition products, keep patient calm, remove to fresh air and seek advice from a medical professional. If a large quantity is inhaled, take the patient to hospital
	Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. If the patient continues to feel unwell, seek advice from a medical professional
	Skin Contact	Areas affected by molten material should quickly be placed under cold running water and a sterile protective dressing applied
	Eye Contact	May cause irritation or injury due to mechanical action and traces of battery electrolyte. Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart Then take the person to hospital without delay
	Self Protection for the First Aider	Eye Protection (safety glasses or face shield) and heavy duty gloves are required In case of inhalation, a face mask or respirator may be required
Separator Material	Inhalation	Remove patient from exposure to fresh air. If irritation persists, seek advice from a medical professional
	Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. If the patient continues to feel unwell, seek advice from a medical professional
	Skin Contact	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. If irritation persists, seek advice from a medical professional
	Eye Contact	May cause irritation or injury due to mechanical action and traces of battery electrolyte. Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart Then take the person to hospital without delay
	Self Protection for the First Aider	Eye Protection (safety glasses or face shield) and heavy duty gloves are required In case of inhalation, a face mask or respirator may be required



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5. FIRE FIGHTING AND EXPLOSION HAZARD MEASURES

Battery	Explosion Hazard	Batteries can emit hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and can form explosive mixtures in air. This can be ignited by a spark at any voltage, naked flames or other sources of ignition
		Batteries in use will be part of an electrical circuit and must be isolated from the power source before attempting to put out a fire. Switch the power OFF before disconnecting any batteries from the power source
	Suitable Extinguisher Types	CO2, Foam, Dry Powder
	Unsuitable Extinguisher Types	Water extinguishers must never be used to put out an electrical fire
	Hazardous Combustion & Decomposition Products	Carbon Monoxide, Sulphur Dioxide, Sulphur Trioxide, Lead fume and vapour, toxic fumes from decomposition of battery case materials
	Advice for Fire Fighters	Full face visor or safety goggles Respiratory equipment or self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) Full acid resistant protective clothing must be worn in fire fighting conditions

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

NOTE:	This information is only relevant if the battery has suffered damage and is broken			
Battery		Batteries are designed to be safe to handle and not to leak battery electrolyte under normal conditions		
	Damage	In case of accidental damage, protective gloves are required to pick up the battery to protect against unseen electrolyte leakage		
	Thermal Runaway	Under extreme conditions of charging, equipment malfunctions and or battery failure, high voltage and high temperature conditions may occur causing the evolution of Hydrogen Sulphide (H2S) gas, which is toxic. If detected by its odour of rotten eggs (at low concentration), switch off the charging equipment and evacuate all personnel from the area and ventilate well. Seek advice before attempting to re-start charging		
Plate Grids and Active Materials	Personal Precautions	Eye Protection (safety glasses or face shield) and protective gloves are required If the material is wet, a face mask or respirator is not required If the material is dry, a face mask or respirator is required		
	Clean Up Methods	Large solid pieces may be picked up and bagged for recycling Never use a brush to sweep up debris - it may create lead dust in the air Wet clean the spill area to remove all trace of debris. Battery debris and cleaning materials must be collected and placed in an inert sealed container (eg self seal plastic bag or bucket) for disposal. See also Section 13		
	Environmental Precautions	Do not allow material to enter a watercourse. Exposed Lead materials must be placed in an inert sealed container (eg self sealed plastic bag or bucket) for disposal. See Also Section 13		
Battery Electrolyte	Personal Precautions	Ensure suitable acid resistant PPE (including protective gloves, safety glasses and respiratory protection) is worn during removal and clean up of spillages		
	Clean Up Methods	SMALL SPILLAGES: Neutralise and absorb the spillages using soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate or calcium carbonate powder. Wet clean the spill area to remove all trace of debris. Battery debris and cleaning materials must be collected and placed in an inert sealed container (eg self seal plastic bag or bucket) for disposal. See also Section 13 LARGE SPILLAGES: Large amounts of electrolyte spillage are possible with flooded batteries. Bund the spillage area using dry sand, earth, sawdust or other inert material. Neutralise the electrolyte using soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate or calcium carbonate powder Wet clean the spill area to remove all trace of debris. Battery debris and cleaning materials must be collected and placed in an inert sealed container (eg self seal plastic bag or bucket) for disposal. See also Section 13		
	Environmental Precautions	Battery electrolyte must not be allowed to enter any drains, sewage system or watercourse.		
Case Material	Clean Up Methods	Assume battery case material is contaminated and proceed as for Plate Grids and Active Materials above		
Separator Material	Clean Up Methods	Assume separator material is contaminated and proceed as for Plate Grids and Active Materials above		



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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Battery	Precautions for Safe	PPE: No specialist PPE is required except that for handling heavy weights
•	Handling	Hygiene: There are no specialist requirements beyond good standard workplace practices Mechanical Lifting Aids: Will be required to move pallets of batteries and large single batteries Mechanical Handling Aids: Will be required to handle individual batteries over 25kg in weight DO NOT DROP BATTERIES. Dents and deformation of the outer case may be an indication of internal damage to the battery. Cracks will allow electrolyte to escape. DO NOT STORE BATTERIES LID TO LID SO THAT TERMINALS SHORT CIRCUIT.
	Conditions for Safe Storage	Store batteries in a cool well ventilated area with a solid impervious surface and adequate containment in the event of accidental acid spillage Store under a roof and protect against direct sunlight and adverse weather conditions, including rain, snow and other sources of water Storage of large quantities of batteries may require approval from local EPA and/or local water authorities Take special care in dry conditions to prevent electrostatic discharge. Protect against physical damage and exposure to organic solvents and other incompatible materials DO NOT STORE BATTERIES CLOSE TO HEAT SOURCES, NAKED FLAMES AND SPARKS Store batteries in their original packaging wherever possible. When batteries are removed from their original packaging, ensure that the new packaging protects the battery/ies from
	End of Life	damage and the risk of short circuit from the terminals Ensure batteries are removed from equipment at the end of life and are collected for recycling by an approved contractor

8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Battery	Control Parameters	There are no special control parameters for the handling, storage or installation of flooded batteries Batteries can emit hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and can form explosive mixtures in air. Never install lead acid batteries in gas tight enclosures for storage, transport or useage.
	Exposure Control	There are no special control parameters for the handling, storage or installation of lead acid batteries
	Personal Protection	When there is no evidence of damage or visible traces of liquid (electrolyte) or solid deposits on the batteries, they may be handled safely without extra PPE Ensure electrical insulation equipment is used when installing batteries Remove ALL metallic objects from personnel when working with batteries (eg jewellery, pens, torches etc) Where there are signs of damage or liquid or solid deposits, rubber gloves and acid resistant clothing must be worn when handling the affected batteries and packaging to protect against the effects of any electrolyte that may be present If free electrolyte is suspected, then safety glasses must be worn and if large amounts are present, chemical goggles or face shield should be used
	Precautionary Statement	WARNING: RISK OF FIRE OR BURNS. DO NOT DISASSEMBLE, HEAT ABOVE 50°C OR INCINERATE

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Battery

The main components are listed in Section 2, above.

The undamaged product is a manufactured article in an inert Hard Rubber or PP case which will burn if subjected to high temperatures or sources of ignition. Some battery types are made with Flame Retardant compounds

The information below refers to the physical and chemical properties of the battery components and substances. This information is for reference only

Appearance		Safety R	elated Data	
Plate Grids and Active Materials	Form Colour Odour	Solid Grey or Brown Odourless		1740°C Very Low (0.15mg/l) Yes, dependent on the strength of solution 11.35g/cm3



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Battery Electrolyte Form Liquid Solidification Point '-35 to -60°C				
Colour Colourless Boiling Point Approx 108 to	114°C			
Odour Odourless Solubility in Water Complete	4.05 / 0			
Density (at 20°C) Variable up to Density (at 20°C) 10-20mmHg	1.35g/cm3			
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Case Material Form Solid Softening (Vicat) Point >100°C (DIN 5 Colour Various, usually Black Boiling Point >330°C	3460)			
Odour Odourless Solubility in Water Insoluble				
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,	inated hydrocarbons			
Density (at 20°C) 1.07 - 1.4 g/cm	n3 (DIN53479)			
Vapour Pressure (at 20°C) Undetectable	,			
Separator Material Form Solid or Fibrous Solidification Point 820°C				
Colour Various, usually White Boiling Point >2500°C				
or Grey Solubility in Water Insoluble				
Odour Odourless Density (at 20°C) 2.23g/cm3 Vapour Pressure (at 20°C) Undetectable				
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY				
Battery Stability Within the operational range of -20°C to +50°C the undama	ged product is stable			
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Battery		This information does not apply to the undamaged battery. It is of relevance if the battery is broken and the components released to the environment. Exposure Limits may vary according to National law and regulations
Plate Grids: Metallic Lead Lead Alloys	Acute Toxicity	Toxic by inhalation or ingestion Chronic Poison Lead is a poison that affects virtually every system in the body Symptoms include fatigue, headaches, constipation, aching bones and muscles, gastrointestinal tract disturbances and reduced appetite
	V	Blood Lead levels of $80\mu g/dl$ and above have been associated with both acute and chronic effects of Lead poisoning
Active Materials Lead Dioxide	Acute Toxicity	Toxic by inhalation or ingestion Chronic Poison Chronic exposure to Lead Compounds may lead to a build up of lead in the body, giving rise to a variety of health problems including anaemia, kidney and liver damage, impaired eyesight, memory loss and CNS2 damage
Battery Electrolyte	Corrosive	Corrosive: the more concentrated solutions can cause serious burns to the mouth, eyes and skin. Harmful by ingestion and skin contact Inhalation: Mist is a severe irritant to the respiratory tract. Fluid build up on the lung (pulmonary oedema) may occur up to 48 hours after exposue and could prove fatal Ingestion: Will immediately cause severe corrosion of and damage to the gastrointestinal tract Skin Contact: Causes severe chemical burns Eye Contact: Risk of serious damage to eyes. Causes severe burns. May cause prolonged or permanent damage or even total loss of sight. Mist will cause irritation
Case Material		According to available information, the product is not harmful to health provided it is correctly handled and processed according to given recommendations
Separator Material		Based on animal implantation and epidemiologic studies, glass microfibres are thought to have some limited carcinogenic potential and as such are treated as Group 2B materials

Limited evidence of carcinogenic effect

(IARC, US). The material should be treated as a category 3 carcinogen (Europe).



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Battery This information does not apply to the undamaged battery. It is of relevance if the battery is broken and the components released to the environment. Plate Grids: Metallic Lead, Lead Chemical and physical treatment is required for the elimination of Lead from water. Waste **Metallic Lead** Alloys and Lead water containing Lead must not be disposed of in an untreated condition Lead Alloys Dioxide Ecotoxicity The General Classification for Lead Compounds (R50/53) does not apply to Battery Lead Oxide Tests in 2001 and 2005 concluded that Battery Lead Oxide is not toxic for the environment, neither R50 nor R50/53 nor R51/53 applies to battery Lead Oxide Risk Phrase R52/53 (Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long term effects in the aquatic environment) applies to Battery Lead Oxide Applies to Battery Lead Oxide Effect in the Aquatic Toxicity for Fish: 96 h LC 50 > 100 mg/l 48 h LC 50 > 100 mg/l Environment Toxicity for Daphnia: 72 h LC 50 > 10 mg/l Toxicity for Algae: **Battery Electrolyte Ecotoxicity** In order to avoid damage to the sewerage system the acid has to be neutralised by means of soda ash, sodium bicarbonate or sodium carbonate before disposal Ecological damage is possible by change of pH. Electrolyte solution reacts with water and organic substances, causing damage to flora and fauna Electrolyte solution may also contain components of lead than can be toxic to aquatic environments Persistence and Degradation Remains indefinitely in the environment as sulphate **Case Material** Elimination No data available: Insoluble in water Information Behaviour and Owing to the consistency of the product and its insolubility in water it will apparently not be **Environmental Fate** bio-available **Separator Material** No data available: Insoluble in water Not thought to pose any environmental risk

13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Battery	Europe	Spent lead acid batteries are subject to the requirements of the Batteries Directive 2006/66/ on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators. Spent batteries MUST be sent for recycling through an authorised contractor at end-of-life The WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) applies. Spent batteries MUST be removed from electrical and electronic equipment at end-of-life.
	Worldwide	Flooded lead acid batteries contain inorganic Lead compounds and sulphuric acid which are damaging to the environment Spent batteries must be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner in accordance with local national laws and regulations Flooded lead acid batteries must not be dismantled, burnt or incinerated as a means of disposal End of Life batteries may still be electrically "live" and contain electrical energy. The same care and attention to safe handling should be taken as when handling new batteries Particular care must be taken to avoid short circuiting the battery terminals
Plate Grids: Metallic Lead Lead Alloys	Europe Worldwide	Metallic Lead and active materials (Lead oxides) must be recycled. Disposal must be carried out in accordance with the European Hazardous Waste Directive 2008/98/EC
Battery Electrolyte	Europe	Disposal must be carried out in accordance with the European Hazardous Waste Directive 2008/98/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law
	Worldwide	Disposal should be carried out in accordance with local, state or national law
	General	Battery electrolyte is dilute sulphuric acid, the strength of which depends on the state of charge of the batteries. It must be neutralised before disposal. See SECTION 6 for clean-up and disposal advice
Case Material	Europe	Do not dispose of this product into sewers, any ocean or watercourse in order to prevent marine animals and birds from ingesting Recycling is encouraged Disposal by controlled incineration or source landfill in accordance with local national laws and regulations may be acceptable
Separator Material	Europe	Constitutes a special waste by virtue of hazardous substance content. Dispose of via landfill site
		Disposal by controlled source landfill in accordance with local national laws and regulations

may be acceptable



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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ignited by a spark at any voltage, naked flames of sources of ignition

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Battery	Land Transport	Land Transport: ADR / RID		
		UN No Classification Proper Shipping Name Packing Group ADR Tunnel Code ADR / RID Special Provisions Limited Quantities	UN2794 Class 8 BATTERIES, WET, FILLED WITH ACID electric storage Not Assigned E 295, 598. 1 litre	
	Sea Transport	Sea Transport: IMDG Code		
		UN No Classification Proper Shipping Name EmS Limited Quantities	UN2794 Class 8 BATTERIES, WET, FILLED WITH ACID electric storage F-A, S-B 1 litre	
	Air Transport	Air Transport: IATA-DGR		
		UN No Classification Proper Shipping Name Cargo Instruction Passenger Instruction Limited Quantities	UN2794 Class 8 BATTERIES, WET, FILLED WITH ACID electric storage 870 870 Forbidden	
All Modes of Transport		DO NOT PLACE LEAD ACID BATTERIES INSIDE SEALED OR GAS TIGHT ENCLOSURES		
			Lead Acid batteries can emit hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and can form explosive mixtures in air. This can be	

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Batteries supplied by Shield Batteries Ltd are subject to The Batteries and Accumulators (containing Dangerous Substances) Regulations 1994 and are marked in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 4.

Battery	Required Marking	
		Crossed out wheely-bin indicating "SEPARATE COLLECTION" FOR ALL BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS. Not to be disposed of with general domestic, commercial or industrial waste.
		The Pb symbol indicates the heavy metal content of the battery and enables a lead acid battery to be sorted for recycling.
	Pb	Ref: The Batteries Directive 2006/66/EC
		The International Recycling Symbol, required by law in many countries world-wide to facilitate the identification of secondary batteries and accumulators for recycling
		Ref: IEC 61429:1995, Marking of Secondary Cells and Batteries with the International Recycling Symbol ISO7000-1135
	EC Directives	Directive 2006/66/EC, on batteries and accumulators, Paragraph (Recital) 29 states: "Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment does not apply to batteries and accumulators used in electrical and electronic equipmen

		equipment does not apply to patteries and accumulators used in electrical and electronic equipment		
16. OTHER INFO	DRMATION			
Battery	General Information		gas tight enclosure as gasses may be generated during use terminals as sparks and arcs can injure personnel and are a fire hazard	
	Abbreviations	Pb Ba Ca Sn PbO2 H2SO4 AGM	The Chemical Symbol for Lead The Chemical Symbol for Barium The Chemical Symbol for Calcium The Chemical Symbol for Tin The chemical formula for Lead Dioxide The chemical formula for Sulphuric Acid Absorbed Glass Mat battery	
	Risk Phases	R21 R22 R23 R24 R25 R35 R36 R37 R38 R49 R52	Harmful in contact with skin Harmful if swallowed Toxic by inhalation Toxic in contact with skin Toxic if swallowed Causes severe burns Irritating to eyes Irritating to respiratory system Irritating to skin May cause cancer by inhalation Harmful to aquatic organisms May cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment	
	Training Advice		See Section 7 for general advice	