



**DOUGLAS BATTERY**  
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# Material Safety Data Sheet

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HMIS Hazard Rating

HEALTH	3
FLAMMABILITY	1
REACTIVITY	2

0 Minimal Hazard  
1 Slight Hazard  
2 Moderate Hazard  
3 Serious Hazard  
4 Severe Hazard

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## SECTION 1 - IDENTITY

**Common Name:** LEAD/ACID STORAGE BATTERY  
**Chemical Name:** Lead/Acid Storage Battery      **Chemical Family:** Electric Storage Battery  
**DOT Shipping Name:** Battery, Wet, Filled With Acid, 8, UN 2794, PG III

## SECTION 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Principal Hazardous Component(s) (chemical & common name(s))	C.A.S.	Hazard Category	%	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL/TWA
Lead/Lead Oxide/Lead Sulfate	7439-92-1	Acute-Chronic	60 - 70%	0.15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Antimony	7440-36-0	Chronic	0.5 - 2.5%	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Arsenic	7440-38-2	Acute-Chronic	< 0.1%	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Sulfuric Acid (Battery Electrolyte)	7664-93-9	Reactive-Oxidizer Acute-Chronic	10 - 38%	1.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	100 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Calcium	7440-70-2	Reactive	< 0.15%	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

This Product description or Tradename contains toxic chemicals subject to reporting requirements under Section 313 of Title III the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act" of 1986 and 40 CFR 372 and California Proposition 65.

PROPOSITION 65 WARNING: Battery Posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

## SECTION 3 - PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Fire & Explosion Data)

**Boiling Point** Electrolyte Approx. 275° F      **Vapor Pressure** Electrolyte 1 mm Hg @ 145.8°F      **Specific Gravity** Electrolyte (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1) 1.080-1.400      **pH** Electrolyte <1

**Percent Volatile by Volume (%)** Not Applicable      **Vapor Density** Hydrogen (Air = 1):0.069  
Electrolyte (Air = 1):3.4      **Evaporation Rate** Not Applicable

**Appearance and Odor** *Battery:* Polypropylene or hard rubber case, solid.  
*Lead:* gray, metallic, solid.  
*Electrolyte:* Liquid, colorless, oily fluid; acid odor when hot or charging battery.

**Flash Point** Not Applicable      **Flammable Limits in Air% by Volume** Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) Lower 4.1% Upper 74.2%      **Extinguisher Media** Halon, dry chemical  
**Polypropylene Auto-Ignition Temperature** 675°F

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures** Lead/Acid batteries do not burn, or burn with difficulty. Extinguish fire with agent suitable for surrounding combustible materials. Cool exterior of battery if exposed to fire to prevent rupture. The acid mist and vapors generated by heat or fire are corrosive. Wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and protective clothing.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards** Hydrogen gas and sulfuric acid vapors are generated upon overcharging. Hydrogen gas may be flammable or explosive when mixed with air, oxygen, or chlorine. Ensure adequate ventilation of charging areas consistent with OSHA (29 CFR 1910 & 1926), National Fire Code, ACGIH and other relevant standards.

## SECTION 4 – PHYSICAL HAZARDS

<b>Stability</b>	Stable	<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid overcharging. Do not allow smoking, sparks, or open flame near batteries while charging.
<b>Incompatibility</b> (Materials to Avoid)			Keep battery case away from strong oxidizers.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>			An explosive hydrogen/oxygen mixture within the battery may occur during charging.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>		Will Not Occur	Do not overcharge.

## SECTION 5 – HEALTH HAZARDS

<b>Threshold Limit Value (TLV)</b>	Permissible exposure limit (PEL)	Sulfuric Acid	TLV 1.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (milligram per cu. meter)
		Lead	TLV 0.15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

- Acute Exposure** Signs of exposure include prickling or burning sensation to skin, eyes or mucus membranes. Battery electrolyte can cause irritation of eyes, nose and throat. Short term liquid or vapor contact may result in irritation and acid burns to the exposed area. Ingestion of electrolyte may cause severe injury.
- Chronic Overexposure** Repeated contact with battery electrolyte (sulfuric acid) may cause drying of the skin which may result in irritation and dermatitis. Prolonged inhalation of a mist of sulfuric acid can cause inflammation of the upper respiratory tract. Ingestion of lead can result in symptoms of lead toxicity including anemia, fatigue, loss of appetite, cramping, and affects to neurological system.

### Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure

Exposures to acid mist may irritate pre-existing respiratory diseases. Acid exposure may aggravate skin diseases. Chronic exposure to lead and its compounds may aggravate some forms of kidney, liver and neurological diseases.

### Routes of Entry

Electrolyte: ingestion, inhalation      Lead: Ingestion; lead and compounds not absorbed through skin

### Chemical Listed as carcinogen or Potential Carcinogen

No Info. National Toxicology Yes  Found Program No  I.A.R.C. Yes  Monographs No  OSHA Yes  No  EPA Yes  CAG No

### Human Health Effects

The international Agency for Research on cancer (IARC) has classified "strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid" as a Category 1 carcinogen, a substance that is carcinogenic to humans. This classification does not apply to liquid forms of sulfuric acid or sulfuric acid solutions contained within the battery. Inorganic acid mist (sulfuric acid mist) is not generated under normal use of this product. Misuse of the product, such as overcharging, may however result in the generation of sulfuric acid mist.

## Emergency and First Aid Procedures

### Sulfuric Acid (Battery Electrolyte)

- Inhalation** Move to Ventilated Area. Obtain medical attention.
- Eyes** Wash the eyes with copious quantities of running water for 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
- Skin** Flush area with large amounts of running water. Remove contaminated clothing and obtain medical attention.
- Ingestion** Wash out mouth with running water. Do not induce vomiting. Call Physician.

## SECTION 6 – SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

### Respiratory Protection

(Special Type)

Sulfuric Acid Mist – Full face or half-mask respirator with acid mist filter or SCBA.

### Ventilation

Change air every 15 min.

**Local Exhaust** No

**Mechanical (General)**

No Information Found

### Protective Gloves

Acid resistant rubber or plastic

**Eye Protection:** Splash resistant goggles or safety glasses with face shield

### Other Protective Clothing or Equipment

Acid resistant rubber or plastic apron, boots and protective clothing.

## SECTION 7 – SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND SPILL / LEAK PROCEDURES

### Precautions to Be Taken

Store batteries in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Do not short circuit battery terminals or remove vent caps during storage or charging. Avoid rough handling which could result in spills or leaks. Do not smoke or use open flames in charging areas. Wash thoroughly after handling product.

### Other Precautions

Avoid prolonged overcharging or combustion which could liberate hazardous gases and liquids including hydrogen, sulfuric acid, sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, sulfur trioxide, arsine, or stibine gas. Materials should be kept on site for spill neutralization and containment.

### Steps to Be Taken in Case Material Is Released or Spilled

Wear protective clothing. Ventilate enclosed areas. Dike to contain contaminated materials and liquids.

Limit site access to qualified emergency responders. Neutralize acid spills with sodium bicarbonate (soda ash), calcium carbonate, agricultural lime or equivalent commercial product. Collect all material for proper disposal.

### Waste Disposal Methods

Return whole scrap batteries to distributor, manufacturer, or lead smelter for recycling. For neutralized spills, place residue into plastic containers with sorbent material, sand, or earth for disposal. Contact local and/or state environmental officials for proper disposal requirements.