




SDS (Safety Data Sheet)

Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking	
1.1 Product Identifier	
Trade name/designation:	Valve Regulated Lead Acid Battery Maintenance-Free Rechargeable Storage Batteries
1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against	
Relevant identified uses:	Rechargeable Storage Batteries
1.3 Details of the supplier	
Manufacturers Name:	Hitachi Chemical Energy Technology Co.,Ltd.
Website:	Company
	Brand
Relevant identified uses:	Rechargeable Storage Batteries
Information contact:	11F, No. 150, Sec. 4, Chengde Rd., Shilin Dist., Taipei City 11167, Taiwan
1.4 Emergency Telephone Number	
Contact number:	Taiwan Office : +886 2 2880 5600 United States Office : +1 817 244 7777 Netherland Office : +31 0 180 418 140 China Office : +86 755 8831 6488 (Shenzhen) +86 21 5046 1622 (Shanghai)

Section 2: Hazards identification					
Classification of the substance or mixture according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]					
Material is an article. No health effects are expected during normal use of this product as sold. Hazardous exposure may occur when the product is heated, oxidized or otherwise processed, damaged or subjected to misuse. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation, service and use.					
Health					
GHS code	Hazard class/category		Hazard statements	2008/98/EC code	Labels
H302	Acute Toxicity (Oral)	Category 4	Harmful if swallowed	HP 6	
H314	Skin corrosion	Category 1A	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage	HP 8	
H335	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure, Respiratory tract irritation	Category 3	Might cause respiratory irritation	HP5	
H361	Reproductive toxicity	Category 2	Suspected damaging of fertility or the unborn child	HP 10	
Environment					
GHS code	Hazard class/category		Hazard statements	2008/98/EC code	Labels
H 411	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute hazard	Category 2	Toxicity to aquatic life with long lasting effect	HP 14	
Physical					
Under abnormal use in not ventilated rooms may form explosive air/gas mixture during charging or when extreme overcharging / Extremely flammable gas (hydrogen) / Explosive, fire, blast or projection hazard.					
GHS code	Hazard class/category		Hazard statements	2008/98/EC code	Labels
H203	Explosives	Division 1.3	Explosive; fire, blast or projection hazard	N/A	

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients²

Material	CAS No	¹ By Weight%
<i>Specific Chemical Identity: LEAD</i>	7439-92-1	~57%
<i>Common Name: GRID</i>		
<i>Specific Chemical Identity: Lead Dioxide</i>	1309-60-0	~ 22%
<i>Common Name: Lead Oxide</i>		
<i>Specific Chemical Identity: Sulfuric Acid</i>	7664-93-9	~14%
<i>Common Name: ³Battery Electrolyte (Acid)</i>		
⁴ Plastic Container/Plastic Parts	--	~7%

- 1) Contents may vary due to performance data of the Battery
- 2) See Section 12 – Ecological Information
- 3) Density of the electrolyte varies in accordance to the state of charge
- 4) Composition of the plastic may vary due to different customer requirements

Section 4: First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures:

Electrolyte (diluted sulphuric acid): sulphuric acid acts corrosively and damages skin
 Lead compounds: lead compounds are classified as toxic for reproduction (if swallowed)

4.1.1 Electrolyte (Sulphuric acid)

after skin contact:	rinse with water, remove and wash wetted clothing
after inhalation of acid mist:	inhale fresh air, seek advice of a medical doctor
after contact with the eyes:	rinse under running water for several minutes, seek advice of a medical doctor
after swallowing:	drink lot of water immediately, swallow activated carbon, do not induce vomiting, seek advice of a medical doctor

4.1.2 Lead compounds

after skin contact:	clean with water and soap
after inhalation:	inhale fresh air, seek advice of a medical doctor
after contact with the eyes:	rinse under running water for several minutes, seek advice of a medical doctor
after swallowing:	wash mouth with water, seek advice of a medical doctor

Section 5: Firefighting measures

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:	Hydrogen and Oxygen gases are produced in cells during normal battery operation and expel into air through vent caps.
Suitable fire extinguishing agents:	CO2 or dry powder extinguishing agents
Unsuitable fire extinguishing agents:	Water, if the battery voltage is above 120 V
Special protective equipment:	Protective goggles, respiratory protective equipment, acid protective equipment, acid proof clothing in case of larger stationary battery plants or where larger quantities are stored.
Special Firefighter Procedures	Use Positive Pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus.

Note:

Hydrogen Flash point: -259°C. Hydrogen Auto ignition point: 580°C

Hydrogen Flammable Limits in Air (% by Volume): Lower Explosion Limit (LEL) : 4.1 ; Upper Explosion Limit (UEL) : 74.2

Section 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Eye Protection	Chemical goggles, safety glasses with side shields and or a full-face shield.
Protective gloves	Rubber, PVC or neoprene
Respiratory Protection	NIOSH approved acid mist/organic vapor respirator, if OSHA PEL is exceeded.
Other Protective Equipment	Acid resistant apron or clothes.

Note: Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Runoff from fire control and dilution water may be toxic and corrosive and may cause adverse environmental impacts.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

6.3.1 For Containment	In the event of a battery rupturing; stop the leak if you can do it without risk. Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Cautiously neutralize spilled liquid.
6.3.2 For Cleaning up	Dispose of in accordance with local, State, and national regulations.

Section 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Handling:

Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Wash hands thoroughly after use.

Do not use organic solvents; use only manufacturer recommended cleaners on the batteries.

Avoid sparks.

Do not remove vent caps.

Do not double stack industrial batteries, it may cause damage.

Storage:

Store batteries in a cool, dry area. Store batteries in a covered area that protects against adverse weather conditions. Protect batteries from coming into contact with conductive materials to prevent fire or battery failures. Don't store or charge batteries in temperatures under -40 F (-20o C). Keep away from fire, sparks and heat sources. Protect from damage to prevent possible leaks or spills. It is imperative that these instructions be followed if the batteries are being stored.

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Store batteries with adequate ventilation. Room ventilation is also required for batteries utilized for standby power generation. Never recharge batteries in an unventilated, enclosed space.

Substance name	EC-No.	CAS-No	Description
Lead	231-100-4	7439-92-1	No exposure to lead and lead containing paste during normal conditions of use.
Sulfuric Acid	231-639-5	7664-93-9	R35: causes severe chemical burns S2: Keep out of reach of children S16: Keep away from sparks or naked flame, No smoking S26: In case of contact with eyes rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice S45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

8.2 Individual protection measures

Personal Protective Equipment:

During installation under normal conditions there is no exposure to lead or sulphuric acid. In the event of battery breakage, exposure to sulphuric acid and lead may occur. During high rate charges or overcharging acid mist may occur.

Eye/Face Protection:	Chemical goggles, safety glasses with side shields and or a full-face shield.
Protective gloves:	Rubber, PVC or neoprene
Respiratory Protection:	NIOSH approved acid mist/organic vapor respirator, if OSHA PEL is exceeded.
Other Protective Equipment:	Acid resistant apron or clothes.
Work Practices:	Use standard lead-acid battery practices. Do not wear metallic jewelry when working with batteries. Use non-conductive tools only. Discharge static electricity prior to working on a battery. Maintain eyewash, fire extinguisher and emergency communication device.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Item	Lead and lead compounds	Electrolyte
Appearance	Form:	Solid
	Color:	Grey
	Odor:	Odorless
PH	N/A	
Melting point/freezing point.	327.4 °C(melting point)	-35 to -60 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range.	1740 °C(lit.)	Approx. 108~114°C
Flash point.	N/A	
Evaporation rate.	N/A	
Vapor pressure. (mm Hg at 20°C)	N.A.	< 0.3 mmHg
Vapor density.(Air=1)	7.1	3.4
Density(20°C)	11.35 g/cm ³	1.2 to 1.3 g/cm ³
solubility in water :	Very low (0.15mg/l)	Fully soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water.	N/A	
Decomposition temperature.	N/A	
Lead and Lead compounds used in Lead Acid batteries are poorly soluble in water; Lead can be dissolved in an acidic or alkaline environment only		

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity:	Broken batteries may result in small amounts of spilled electrolyte. Electrolyte is a corrosive, nonflammable liquid. Electrolyte can destroy organic materials such as cardboard, wood, textiles. Electrolyte may produce hydrogen as a reaction with some metals.
10.2 Chemical Stability:	The battery and contents are stable under normal conditions.
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
10.4 Conditions to avoid:	Overheating or overcharging the battery may results in acid mist and hydrogen generation.
10.5 Incompatibility (materials to avoid):	Strong alkaline materials, conductive metals, organic solvents, spark or open flame.
10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:	Hydrogen gas may be generated in an overcharged condition, in fire or at very high temperatures. In fire, may emit CO, CO ₂ and Sulfur Oxides.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

Our VRLA batteries are sealed, recombinant design that require no water replacement throughout their service life, thus no contact is made with the battery's internal components or chemical hazards. Under normal use and handling, these batteries do not emit regulated or hazardous substances.

Sulfuric Acid (7664-93-9)

Administration Route	Method	Dose	Test Animal
Acute oral toxicity	LD50	2140 mg/kg	Rat
Acute inhalative toxicity (vapor)	LC50	510 mg/m ³	Rat

11.2 Routes of exposure:

	Acute	Chronic
Inhalation	Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Contents of an open battery can cause respiratory irritation.	Repeated and prolonged exposure may cause irritation.
Skin	Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.	No data available
Eye	Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Exposure to dust may cause irritation.	No data available.
Ingestion	Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Lead ingestion may cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and severe cramping.	No data available

Carcinogenicity: The International Agency on Cancer (IARCC) has classified "strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid" as a category 1 carcinogen (inhalation), a substance that is carcinogenic to humans. This classification does not apply to the liquid forms of sulfuric acid contained within the battery. Misuse of the product, such as overcharging, may result in the generation of sulfuric acid mist at high levels.

Section 12: Ecological information

This information is of relevance if the battery is broken and the ingredients are released to environment.

12.1 Electrolyte (diluted sulphuric acid)

In order to avoid damage to the sewage system, the acid has to be neutralized by means of time or sodium carbonate before disposal. Ecological damage is possible by change of pH. The electrolyte solution reacts with water and organic substances, causing damage to flora and fauna. The electrolyte may also contain soluble components of lead that can be toxic to aquatic environments.

12.2 Lead and Lead compounds

Chemical and physical treatment is required for the elimination from water. Waste water containing lead must not be disposed of in an untreated condition. The former classification of Lead compounds as toxic for the aquatic environment R50/53 had been triggered from test results generated in the 80's for soluble Lead compounds (Lead Acetate). The hardly soluble Lead compounds such as Battery Lead Oxide were not tested at this time. Tests on Battery Lead Oxide were carried out in 2001 and 2005. The respective test results conclude that Battery Lead Oxide is not toxic for the environment, neither R50 nor R50/53 nor R51/53. From this it follows that the general classification for Lead compounds (R50/53) does not apply to Battery Lead Oxide. As the result of this the Risk Phrase R52/53 (Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause longterm adverse effects in the aquatic environment) applies to Battery Lead Oxide.

Effects of Battery Lead Oxide in the aquatic environment:

Toxicity for fish:	96 h LC 50 > 100 mg/l
Toxicity for daphnia:	48 h EC 50 > 100 mg/l
Toxicity for alga:	72 h IC 50 > 10 mg/l

The results demonstrate these Battery Lead Oxide compounds in a concentration of 100 mg/l have no adverse effect on fish and daphnia. A concentration of these Battery Lead Oxide of 10 mg/l has no adverse effect on the rate of growth and the biomass. For the classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC the most sensitive adverse effect has to be considered. As a result of the toxicity for alga at > 10 mg/l Battery Lead Oxide has to be classified according to the R-Phrases 52/53 (Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment).

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Spent lead acid batteries (EWC 160601) are subject to regulation of the EU Battery Directive and its adoptions into national legislation on the composition and end of life management of batteries.

Spent Lead Acid batteries are recycled in lead refineries (secondary lead smelters). The components of a spent Lead Acid battery are recycled or reprocessed.

At the points of sale, the manufacturers and importers of batteries, respectively the metal dealers take back spent batteries, and render them to the secondary lead smelters for processing.

To simplify the collection and recycling or reprocessing process spent Lead Acid batteries must not be mixed with other batteries. By no means may the electrolyte (diluted sulphuric acid) be emptied in an inexperienced manner. This process is to be carried out by the processing companies only.

Section 14: Transport Information

All batteries are identified as "Battery, Electric Storage, Wet, Nonspillable" when transported by air, sea or by land transportation. The battery(s) must be identified as above on the Bill of Lading and properly packaged with their terminals protected from short circuit. **NA or UN numbers do not apply.** Our battery(s) warning label identifies each battery as **NONSPILLABLE**.

Our seal lead-acid batteries are classified as "Nonspillable" for the purpose of transportation by DOT, and IATA/ICAO as result of passing the Vibration and Pressure Differential Test described in DOT [49 CFR 173.159 (f)] and IATA/ICAO [Special Provision A67]. Our seal lead-acid batteries can be safely transported on deck, or under deck stored on either a passenger or cargo vessel as result of passing the Vibration and Pressure Differential Tests as described in the IMDG regulations (Special Provision 238).

To transport these batteries as "non-spillable" they must be shipped in a condition that would protect them from short-circuits and be securely packaged so as to withstand conditions normal to transportation by a consumer, in or out of a device, they are unregulated thus requiring no additional special handling or packaging.

For all modes of transportation, each battery and outer package is labeled "NON-SPILLABLE" per 49 CFR 173.159(f) and 49 CFR 173.159a. If you repackage our batteries either as batteries or as a component of another product you must label the outer package "NON-SPILLABLE" per 49 CFR 173.159(f) and 49 CFR 173.159a.

Section 15: Regulatory Information

In accordance with EU Battery Directive and the respective national legislation, Lead Acid batteries have to be marked by a crossed out dust bin with the chemical symbol for lead shown below, together with the ISO return/recycling symbol.



In addition some of the following hazard symbols described below might apply:



Corrosive



Explosive gas mixture



Read Instructions



Keep out of reach of children



No Smoking, no open flames, no sparks.



Wear Safety Goggles

15.1 STATE REGULATIONS (US):

California 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.

15.2 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS (Non-US):

National regulations(Canada):

Canadian Domestic Substanc List (DSL):

All ingredients remaining in the finished product as distributed into commerce are included on the Domestic Substances List.

Canada NDSL:

None of the components on this SDS are listed on the Canadian NDSL

WHMIS Classifications:

Class E: Corrosive materials present at greater than 1%

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

About Battery Handling, please see the OSHA 29 CFR 1910.268(b) as below:

1910.268(b)(2)(i)

Eye protection devices which provide side as well as frontal eye protection for employees shall be provided when measuring storage battery specific gravity or handling electrolyte and the employer shall ensure that such devices are used by the employees. The employer shall also ensure that acid resistant gloves and aprons shall be worn for protection against splattering. Facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided unless the storage batteries are of the enclosed type and equipped with explosion proof vents, in which case sealed water rinse or neutralizing packs may be substituted for the quick drenching or flushing facilities. Employees assigned to work with storage batteries shall be instructed in emergency procedures such as dealing with accidental acid spills.

1910.268(b)(2)(ii)

Electrolyte (acid or base, and distilled water) for battery cells shall be mixed in a well ventilated room. Acid or base shall be poured gradually, while stirring, into the water. Water shall never be poured into concentrated (greater than 75 percent) acid solutions. Electrolyte shall never be placed in metal containers nor stirred with metal objects.

1910.268(b)(2)(iii)

When taking specific gravity readings, the open end of the hydrometer shall be covered with an acid resistant material while moving it from cell to cell to avoid splashing or throwing the electrolyte.

Section 16: Other Information

Products such as Batteries are not in the scope of regulation which requires the publication of an EU Safety Data Sheet (91/155/EEC).

The information given above is provided in good faith based on existing knowledge and does not constitute an assurance of safety under all conditions. It is the user's responsibility to observe all laws and regulations applicable for storage, use, maintenance or disposal of the product. If there are any queries, the supplier should be consulted.

However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship. The contents and format of this SDS are in accordance with EEC Commission Directive 1999/45/EC, 67/548/EC, 1272/2008/EC and EEC Commission Regulation 1907/2006/EC (REACH) Annex II.

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