# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET FOR

# VALVE REGULATED SEALED LEAD ACID RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

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**SECTION1: PRODUCTS & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION** 

PRODUCT NAME: VALVE REGULATED SEALED LEAD ACID RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

**MANUFACTURER'S NAME: ULTRA MAX BATTERIES** 

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## **SECTION 2: HAZARDOUS IDENTIFICATION**

COMPONENTS	%WEIGHT	TLV	LD50 ORAL	LC50 INHALATION	LC50 CONTACT
Lead (Pb, PbO2, PbSO <sub>4</sub> )	About 70%	N/A	(500) mg/Kg	N/A	N/A
Sulfuric Acid	About 20%	1mg/m3	(2.140)mg/Kg	N/A	N/A
Fiberglass Separator	About 5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ABS	About 5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Composition / Information on ingredients						
Exposure Limits				Air Exposure Limits (ug/m3)		
Material	% By Wt.	CAS Number	OSHA	AGGIH	NIOSH	
Lead	57	7439-92-1	50	150	100	
Lead Oxide	22	1309-60-0	50	150	100	
Electrolyte (sulfuric acid)	14	7664-93-9	1	1	1	

## **SECTION3: POSSIBLE HAZARDS**

The chemicals mentioned in section2 are contained in a hermetically sealed can risk of exposure occurs only if the battery is mechanically or electrically abused. (See section7 handing & storage)

The most likely risk is acute exposure when a cell vents
Sulfuric acid is irritating to skin and all the other organs.
Lead is classified as the heavy metal, if eating without mind will lead toxicosis. (See section8 personal protection)

**SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES** 

**SULFURIC ACID PRECAUTIONS** 

SKIN CONTACT: Flush with water, see doctor if it doesn't work.

EYE CONTACT: Flush with water and call doctor immediately.

Ingestion: Call the doctor and flush mouth with water, have the patient drink milk if

patient is conscious. Do not give anything to the unconscious person.

SECTION5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

In case of fire in an adjacent area, use water, CO<sub>2</sub> or dry chemical extinguishers, if cells are packed in. Their original containers since the fuel of the fire is basically paper products. For bulk quantities of unpacked cells use LITH-X. In this case, do not use water.

As with any fire wear, self-contained breathing apparatus to avoid inhalation of hazardous

decomposition products.

**SECTION 6: ACCIDENTIAL RELEASE MEASURES** 

**ACTION TAKEN FOR THE LEAKAGE OR SPILLS** 

If sulfuric acid is spilled from a battery, neutralize the acid with sodium bicarbonate (baking soda), sodium

carbon (soda ash), or calcium oxide (lime).

Flush the area with water discard to the sewage systems. Do not allow acid into the sewage system before

it is neutralized.

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** 

Neutralized acid may be flushed down the sewer. Used batteries must be treated as hazardous waste and disposed of according to local policy and National Laws. A copy of this material safety data must be

supplied to any scrap dealer.

**SECTION7: HANDLING & STORAGE** 

**Spill or Leak Procedures:** 

Stop flow of material, contain/absorb small spills with dry sand, earth, and vermiculite. Do not use combustible materials. If possible, carefully neutralize spilled electrolyte with soda ash, sodium bicarbonate,

 $lime,\,etc.\,\,Wear\,\,acid\text{-resistant}\,\,clothing,\,boots,\,gloves,\,and\,\,face\,\,shield.\,\,Do\,\,not\,\,allow\,\,discharge\,\,of$ 

unneutralized acid to sewer.

Handling and Storage:

Store batteries in cool, dry, well-ventilated areas with impervious surfaces and adequate containment in the

event of spills. Batteries should also be stored under roof for protection against adverse weather

conditions. Separate from incompatible materials. Store and handle only in areas with adequate water

supply and spill control. Avoid damage to containers. Keep away from fire, sparks and heat.

**Precautionary Labeling:** 

**POISON - CAUSES SEVERE BURNS** 

**DANGER - CONTAINS SULFURIC ACID** 

## **SECTION 8: PERSONAL PROTECTION**

EXPOSURE	PROTECTION	COMMENTS
SKIN	Rubber gloves, Apron	Protective equipment must be worn if battery is cracked or otherwise damaged.
RESPIRATORY	Respirator (for lead)	A respirator should be worn during reclaim operations if the TLV exceeded.
EYES	Safety goggles, Face Shield	

# **SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

COMPONENTS	DENSITY	MELTING POINT	SOLLUBILITY (H <sup>2</sup> O)	ODOR	APPEARANCE
Lead	11.34	327.4°C (Boiling)	None	None	Sliver-Gray Metal
Lead Sulfate	6.2	1070°C (Boiling)	40 mg/l (15°C)	No ne	White Powder
Lead Dioxide	9.4	290°C (Boiling)	None	None	Brown Po wder
Sulfuric Acid	About 1.3	About 114°C (Boiling)	100%	Acidic	Clear Colorless Liquid
Fiberglass Sep.	N/A	N/A	SLIGHT	TOXIC	WHITE FIBROUS GLASS
ABS	N/A	N/A	NONE	NO ODOR	SOLID

# **SECTION10: STABILITY & REACTIVITY**

COMPONENT	Sulfuric Acid		
STABILITY	Stable at all temperatures		
POLYMERIZATION	Will not polymarize		
INCOMPATIBILITY	Reactive metals, strong bases, most organic compounds		
DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS	Sulfuric dioxide, trioxide, hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen		
CONDITIONS TO AVOID	Prohibit smoking, sparks, etc. from battery charging area. Avoid mixing acid with other chemicals.		

# **SECTION11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<u>LEAD</u>: The toxic effects of lead are accumulative and slow to appear. It affects the kidneys, reproductive, and central nervous system.

The symptoms of lead overexposure are anemia, vomiting, headache, stomach pain (lead colic), dizziness, loss of appetite, and muscle and joint pain. Exposure to lead from a battery most often occurs during lead reclaim operations through the breathing or ingestion of lead dusts and fumes.

<u>SULFURIC ACID</u>: Sulfuric acid is a strong corrosive. Contact with acid can cause severe burns on the skin and in the eyes.

Ingestion of sulfuric acid will cause GI tract burns. Acid can be release if the battery case is damaged or if the vents are tampered with.

<u>FIBERGLASS SEPARATOR</u>: Fibrous glass is an irritant of the upper respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Please use the relative protection gears if necessary.

#### SECTION12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

COMPONENTS	FLASHPOINT	EXPLOSIVE LIMITS	COMMENTS
Lead	None	None	
Sulfuric Acid	None	None	
Hydrogen		4% - 74.2%	Sealed batteries can emit hydrogen only if over charged(float voltage>2.4VPC)
Fiberglass Sep.	N/A	N/A	Poisonous vapors may be released. Please wear self contained breathing apparatus in case of fire.
ABS	None	N/A	Temperatures over 300 °C (572°F) may r elease combustible gases. Wear positive pressure self contained breathing apparatus.

## **SECTION13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

# **Waste Disposal Methods:**

Spent batteries: Send to secondary lead smelter for recycling.

Place neutralized slurry into sealed containers and handle as applicable with state and federal regulations.

Large water-diluted spills, after neutralization and testing, should be managed in accordance with approved local, state and federal requirements. Consult state environmental agency and/or federal EPA.

# **SECTION14: Packing & Transportation information**

- 14.1 All VRLA batteries must be fully discharged and packaged in a manner as to insure safe handling and conform to all applicable DOT regulations. (49 CFR 173.159d). A dab of silicon caulking or non-conductive tape on each terminal will ensure that no direct shorts occur during shipment.
- 14.2 VRLA batteries shipments should be made in pallet quantities whenever possible.
- 14.3 Palletized shipments should be secured with metal bands or poly-wrapped with stack height limited to four (4) feet.
- 14.4 VRLA batteries shipped on pallets should be of uniform size or be stacked with the larger batteries on the bottom.
- 14.5 VRLA batteries should be stacked upright in a head-to-base arrangement. Each layer should be separated by cardboard to prevent accidental shorting.
- 14.6 Smaller quantities of VRLA batteries may be shipped via standard UPS. Be sure that each box does not exceed the UPS weight limit of 70 lbs. A dab of silicon caulking or non-conductive tape on each terminal will ensure that no shorts occur during shipment.
- 14.7 The outside of every pallet and individual box must be labeled "NON-SPILLABLE" as required by DOT regulations. This label must be visible during transportation.

14.8 As VRLA battery exclude the dangerous goods, can transport by: air, rail, road and water.

#### 14.9 United Nations:

Packaging IATA/IACO special provision A67 For Air Transport

IMDG Special Provision 238 For Sea Transport

14.10 International conventions:

Air IATA/IACO special provision A67 YES
Sea IMDG Special Provision 238 YES
Land ADR(road) YES
RID (rail) YES

14.11 Other: In the USA Code of Federal Regulations

(49 CFR Ch. 1 §171-189)

## **SECTION15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

## **Engineering Controls:**

Store and handle in well-ventilated area. If mechanical ventilation is used, components must be acid-resistant.

#### **Work Practices:**

Handle batteries cautiously to avoid spills. Make certain vent caps are on securely. Avoid contact with internal components. Wear protective clothing when filling or handling batteries.

## **Respiratory Protection:**

None required under normal conditions. When concentrations of sulfuric acid mist are known to exceed PEL, use NIOSH or MSHA-approved respiratory protection.

#### **Protective aloves:**

Rubber or plastic acid-resistant gloves with elbow-length gauntlet.

### **Eve Protection:**

Chemical goggles or face shield.

#### **Other Protection:**

Acid-resistant apron. Under severe exposure or emergency conditions, wear acid-resistant clothing and boots.

## **Emergency Flushing:**

In areas where sulfuric acid is handled in concentrations greater than 1%, emergency eyewash stations and showers should be provided, with unlimited water supply

## SECTION16: OTHER INFORMATION/DISCLAIMER

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