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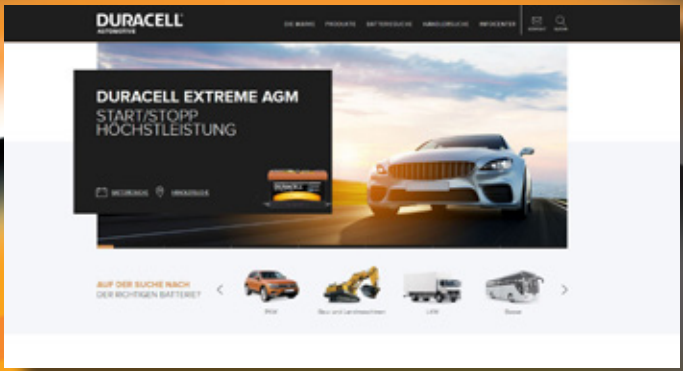
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AUF DER SUCHE NACH
DER RICHTIGEN BATTERIE?

WHAT IS A BATTERY?

A battery is a device consisting of several, identical, interconnected galvanic cells, which is able to store chemical energy. Voltage is created whenever two differing metals are found in an electrolyte solution (galvanic cell). This voltage depends upon the type of metal (electrochemical voltage series), the solution concentration and the temperature. In the case of lead-acid batteries, the positive electrode is made of lead oxide and the negative electrode of lead. Diluted sulphuric acid is employed as electrolyte and provides a rated voltage of 2 V per cell. Therefore, in a 12 V battery, six cells must be interconnected in series.

Dependent upon whether or not batteries can be recharged, a differentiation is made between primary elements that can only be discharged once and secondary elements, which can be recharged several times during their service life.

A further differentiation is made with regard to the area of application. Device batteries are used mainly for the supply of small items of electrical equipment and traction batteries for electrical vehicles, while among other applications, stationary batteries are employed for the provision of an uninterrupted power supply.
As a rule, **starter batteries** (= SLI batteries – starting, lighting, ignition) are used for the ignition of combustion engines. They supply a large amount of energy for a short period and are able to initiate several thousand starting procedures.

In addition, a considerable number of battery types, which for example differ with regard to their mesh technology (alloys), as well as vented and valve regulated batteries, are available on the market.

Although the principle of the lead battery is relatively old, it remains in successful current use. The lead battery continues to offer the best compromise between reliability, usability, robustness and price.

BATTERY DESIGN.

- A 12 V battery consists of six cells interconnected in series (rated voltage of a lead-acid cell = 2 V), which are installed in a battery casing divided by separating walls and connected in series by a cell connector.

- Each cell consists of a plate block comprised of a positive and a negative plate set.

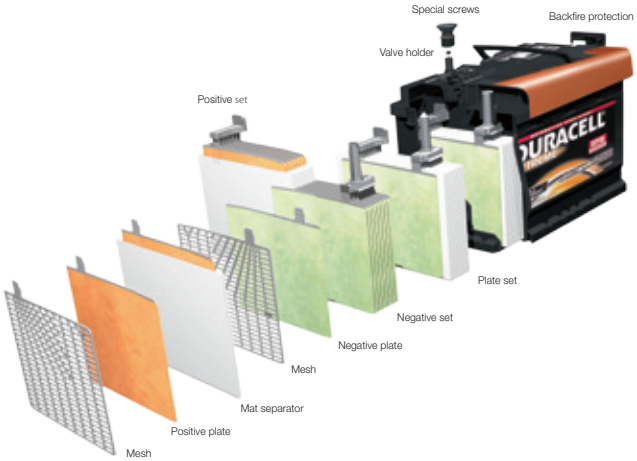
- Separators keep the electrodes with differing polarity apart. In the case of wet batteries, a polyethylene separator is used and in AGM batteries, a highly absorbent glass mat separator, which binds in the electrolyte.

- The electrodes are formed by a lead grid (expanded metal, Con-Cast and book casting technology) and active mass. The individual electrodes are linked to a both negative and positive plate set by the connector.

- Diluted sulphuric acid serves as electrolyte (acid density of a fully charged sealed battery: 1.28-0.01+0.02 kg/l).

- Differing pole diameters (the positive pole is thicker than the negative pole) prevent the false connection of the battery.

- Batteries are closed using a number of differing lid designs. In the case of AGM batteries, apart from a reinforced casing, special screws are employed that provide an airtight sealing.



BATTERY FUNCTION.

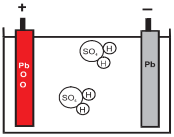
Two electrodes, which are linked inside the cell by a solution (electrolyte), are required for the conversion of chemical energy into electrical energy (galvanic process). In a charged condition, the electrode plates are comprised of lead and lead oxide. The positive electrode consists of lead oxide and the negative electrode of lead. Diluted sulphuric acid forms the electrolyte, which ensures the flow of ions between the electrodes. The electrolyte can be liquid, gel-like or be bound into a glass mat, as is the case in an AGM battery.

When the battery supplies power, the negative charged sulphate ions (SO_4^{2-}) from the sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) are bound on the plates. Both plates are gradually turned into lead sulphate ($PbSO_4$). The uncharged lead atoms (Pb) of the lead plate are positively charged twice (Pb^{2+}) and the previously fourfold positively charged lead ions (Pb^{4+}) in the lead oxide plate are also positively charged twice.

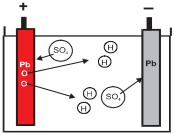
The lead plate is electrochemically oxidized (von Pb auf Pb^{2+}), while the lead oxide plate undergoes an electrochemical reduction (from Pb^{4+} to Pb^{2+}). In order to compensate for the charge gradient, electrons flow from the lead plate to the lead oxide plate. The battery supplies current.

Charged

$PbO_2 + Pb + 2H_2SO_4$

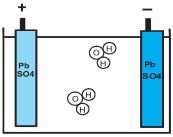


Current output

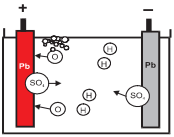


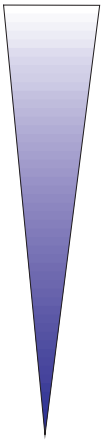
Discharged

$PbSO_4 + PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$



Charged





Chem. Symbol key

Pb	Lead
PbO_2	Lead oxide
H_2SO_4	Sulphuric acid
$PbSO_4$	Lead sulphate
H_2O	Water
H	Hydrogen
O	Oxygen
SO_4	Sulphate

STATE OF CHARGE.

	Conventional
Charged condition	Acid density 25°C%[kg/l]
100 %	Approx. 1.28
90 %	Approx. 1.26
80 %	Approx. 1.24
70 %	Approx. 1.22
60 %	Approx. 1.20
50 %	Approx. 1.18
20 %	Approx. 1.10
0 - 10 %	Approx. 1.05

No vehicle installation

Installation in vehicle

Batteries with an open circuit voltage < 12.50 V are to be recharged immediately!

battery (vented)	AGM battery (valve regulated)
Open circuit voltage [V]	Open circuit voltage [V]
> 12.70	> 12.90
> 12.60	> 12.75
> 12.50	> 12.65
> 12.40	> 12.50
> 12.30	> 12.40
> 12.20	> 12.25
> 11.80	> 11.80
> 10.50	> 10.50

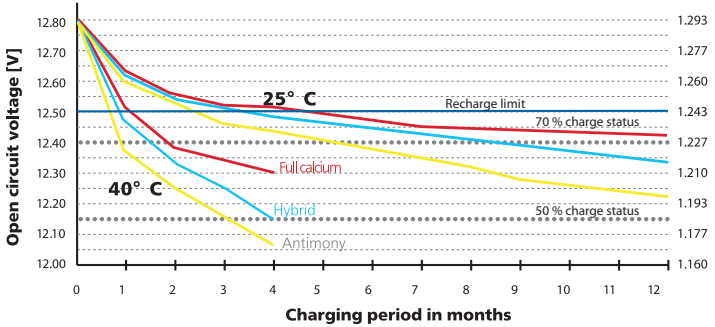
SELF-DISCHARGE.

After a certain time, even when the battery is not connected to any consumers, it becomes electrically empty. This occurrence is described as self-discharge and is caused by the chemical processes in the battery.

The extent of self-discharge depends upon the temperature, the acid-mass ratio and the battery technology.

A change in the storage temperature of 10°C results in a doubling of self-discharge (Arrhenius' Law). Self-discharge has a special influence in the case of seasonally employed vehicles such as those used in agriculture and the construction industry, motorcycles, caravans and convertibles.

In order to prevent irreparable damage, all batteries must be recharged from a voltage of 12.50 V.


Open circuit voltage [V]
12.80
12.70
12.60
12.50
12.40
12.30
12.20
12.10
12.00
1.293
1.277
1.260
1.243
1.227
1.210
1.193
1.177
1.160
25° C
40° C
Recharge limit
70 % charge status
50 % charge status
Full calcium
Hybrid
Antimony
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
Charging period in months

SERIES CONNECTION.

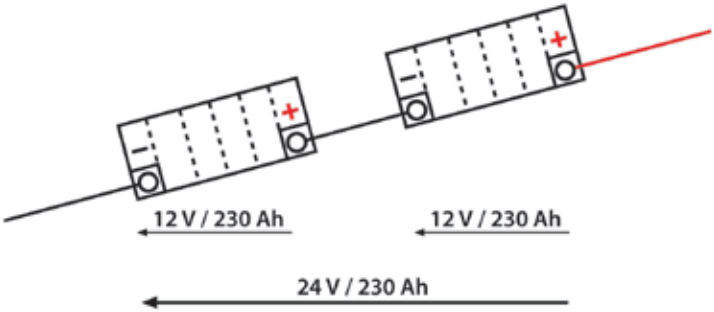
During series connection the voltages of the individual batteries accumulate. In order to create a 24 V electrical supply system, two batteries must be connected in series.

Please note:

- Both batteries must have the same type designation.
- Both batteries must be of roughly the same age.
- Both batteries must have the same charge status.
- The connecting lines must have sufficient dimensions and be as short as possible.
- Always exchange both batteries!

Should the aforementioned recommendations not be followed, differing internal resistance of the individual batteries causes a corresponding voltage distribution and thus an asymmetrical load during the loading and discharge phase.

The charging equalizer provides two batteries connected in series with a uniform charge status.


12 V / 230 Ah
12 V / 230 Ah
24 V / 230 Ah

PARALLEL CONNECTION.

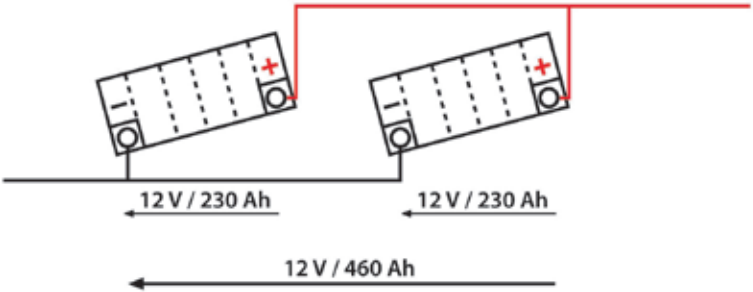
In a parallel connection, the individual capacities and the cold start current of the individual batteries are accumulated.

Please note:

- Both batteries must have the same type designation.
- Both batteries must be of roughly the same age.
- Both batteries must have the same charge status.
- The connecting lines must have sufficient dimensions and be as short as possible.
- Always exchange both batteries!

Should the aforementioned recommendations not be followed, differing internal resistance of the individual batteries causes a corresponding current distribution and thus an asymmetrical load during the loading and discharge phase. As a result, partly high equalizing current flows between the batteries.

Where installation allows, the use of only one battery with a larger capacity is to be recommended.


+
-
+
-
12 V / 230 Ah
12 V / 230 Ah
12 V / 460 Ah

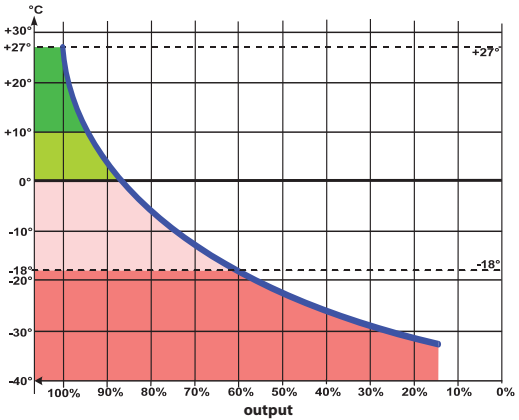
OUTPUT CAPACITY AND ENERGY REQUIREMENT.

A battery has its maximum output capacity at a room temperature of 25°C. The colder the temperature, the slower the chemical processes in the battery and hence the lower its output capacity.

Engines also prefer warm temperatures, as the engine oil is very fluid and friction is reduced. However, as the temperature falls the energy required for starting increases massively. Consequently, the highest starting power is required when the battery has a poor output capacity.

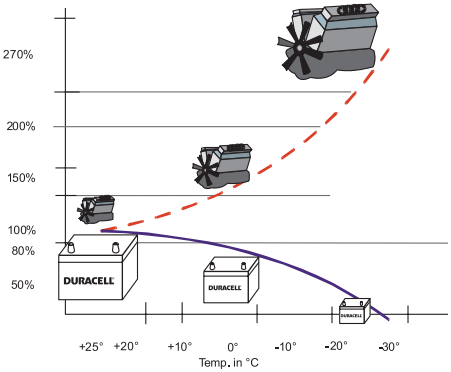
Therefore, many batteries tend to fail in the cold period of the year.

BATTERY OUTPUT CAPACITY



ENERGY REQUIREMENT OF THE ENGINE DURING STARTING

Engine energy requirement



WARNING!

Please obtain additional information regarding the secure handling of lead batteries from the product datasheet concerning starter battery safety on our homepage:
http://www.duracell-automotive.com/fileadmin/content/docs/Duracell_Instructions_for_the%20safe_handling_of_laed_acid_accumulators_en_04_2013.pdf

Warnings and safety instructions for lead-acid batteries

Adhere to the information printed on the batteries, in the instructions for use and the vehicle operating manual.

Wear eye protection.

Keep children away from acid and batteries.

Danger of explosions:
- A highly explosive oxyhydrogen gas mixture is created during battery charging.

Open flames, sparks, open lights and smoking are prohibited:
- Avoid sparks when handling cables and electrical devices! Avoid short circuits!

Danger of chemical burns:
- Battery acid can cause severe burns therefore.
- Wear gloves and eye protection!
- Do not tip the battery, as acid can escape from the degassing valves.

First aid:
- In the case of acid splashes in the eyes, immediately rinse out with clean water for several minutes! Then consult a doctor without delay!
- Treat acid splashes on the skin or clothing with an acid neutralizer or soap and rinse with large amounts of water.
- Should acid be swallowed, consult a doctor immediately!

Warning:
- Do not subject batteries to direct daylight.
- Discharged batteries can freeze; therefore use frost-free storage.

Disposal:
- Used batteries should be handed in at a collection point. The information provided under Item 1 should be taken into account during transport. Never dispose of batteries with household waste!

BATTERY TECHNOLOGIES.

AGM

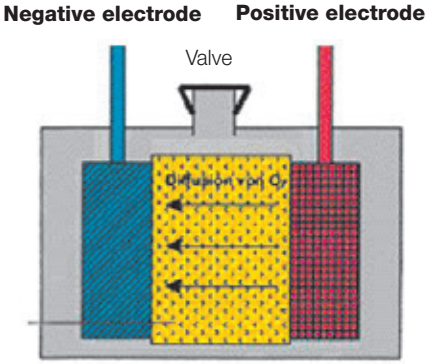
The absorbent glass mat (AGM) battery is of recombination design.

A glass mat separator absorbs the acid and leaves sufficient pores free, in order to facilitate oxygen diffusion from the positive to the negative plate. On the negative plate, the oxygen combines with lead to form lead oxide. This lead oxide then reacts with the sulphuric acid to create lead sulphate, whereby water results as a reaction product. Charging then causes the lead sulphate to convert back into metallic lead. As a consequence there is no water loss!

In view of the predominant cell overpressure, the battery casing is of even more stable design and the lid is fitted with special over-pressure valves, which may never be opened. Moreover, compact installation presses the electrode plates so closely together that sludging is reduced greatly, thus providing very high cyclical and vibration resistance.

However, if owing to excessive charge voltages or extremely high temperatures excessive gas is formed, recombination is no longer complete. The pressure in the battery rises continually until the safety valves open.

Duracell recommendation. For safety reasons, when installing the battery indoors always use a degassing hose, which in an emergency will conduct the gas outwards.



AGM

TECHNICAL DATA AND INFORMATION

- Valve-regulated lead acid battery (VRLA)
- Threefold cycle resistance as compared to standard starter batteries: highest E4 classification pursuant to EN 50342-1
- Leak-proof owing to the electrolyte being bound in (absorbent glass mat - AGM)
- Absolute maintenance-free due to recombination technology
- Highest V3 vibration resistance pursuant to EN 50342-1
- Highest start performance thanks to very low internal resistance
- Installation in a lateral position possible (max. 90° angle of inclination)
- Flexible use as a starter and electrical system battery

AGM
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EFB

The enhanced flooded battery (EFB) is an upgraded conventional battery.

Special additives and the use of a polyester scrim lend the active mass additional hold. As a result, the battery has improved cyclical resistance and is extremely vibration resistant.

Duracell recommendation. For safety reasons, when installing the battery indoors always use a degassing hose, which in an emergency will conduct the gas outwards.

TECHNICAL DATA AND INFOS

- Nonwoven layer on the separator and a special active mass recipe
- Twice the cycle life as compared to standard starter batteries. E3 classification pursuant to EN 50342-1.
- Highest V3 vibration resistance pursuant to EN 50342-1
- Double-lid top for maximum leak protection and the highest operational safety
- Absolute maintenance-free owing to modern calcium mesh technology

EFB
TECHNOLOGY

CONVENTIONAL LEAD-ACID BATTERY

Since its development over a century ago, the conventional lead-acid battery has been continually further developed and is still in successful use. It continues to offer the best compromise between reliability, usability, robustness and price, as well as providing OEM quality for retrofitting.

TECHNICAL DATA AND INFOS

- Improved cold crank characteristics, maximum starting power
- Modern calcium technology – zero maintenance
- Supports high on-board power due to robust cyclical behaviour
- Maximum leak and external ignition protection, superior ESD-safety
- Vibration resistant due to the bonding of the plates to the battery floor
- Product classification with UK number and EN/SAE cold crank power


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CALCULATING THE CAPACITY REQUIREMENT.

How to calculate the correct capacity for the battery in your electrical system: Assuming that you are looking for a battery for an e-boat, in a 24 V electrical system a 500 W e-motor is employed. In addition a radio, various navigational lights and a sonar device have to be supplied with power (total of 50 W). Should you wish to have three hours of independent power, the various values involved are used in the following formula:

Watts : Volts = Amperes x Hours x Safety Factor = Total Capacity in Ah

Accordingly: 550 : 24 = 23 x 3 x 1,3 = 90 Ah (K20)

As a rule, a safety factor (for the prevention of deep discharges) of 70 % should be applied for wet batteries (30 % for recombination batteries, i.e. AGM and gel). For the example above, we would recommend two Duracell Extreme AGM DE 92 AGM batteries (92 Ah respectively) connected in series.

GRID TECHNOLOGIES.

TYPE	DESIGNATION	ADVANTAGE
Ca/Ca	Ca alloy for positive and negative grid (+Ag + Sn)	Minimum H_2O consum Minimum self-discharg Absolute maintenance High cold start power
Hybrid	Antimony alloy for the positive grid, Ca alloy for the negative	Low H_2O consumption Low self-discharge Very robust battery
Antimon	Antimony alloy for the positive and negative grid	Charge acceptance Cycle resistance

S	WEAKNESSES	APPLICATION
ıption ge -free	Higher charging voltage Shorter service life under extreme cyclical loads	Maintenance-free batteries AGM batteries Duracell Extreme AGM and EFB, Duracell Advanced and Starter
n	No absolutely maintenance-free batteries possible	Starter batteries, light cycle batteries Truck applications Duracell Professional + SHD
	Water consumption Self-discharge Maintenance requirement	

THE CORRECT CHOICE OF A BATTERY.

The following guidelines must be followed in order to select the right replacement battery:

Note the technology of the original battery (upgrades are permissible).

- If the original battery was an AGM, the replacement must also be an AGM.
- Where EFB batteries were originally installed, basically EFB batteries must be retrofitted. AGM batteries may also be used in order to prolong battery life.
- Where conventional batteries were originally installed, EFB or AGM batteries can be retrofitted.

Retrofit with the original dimensions.

- Where there is space for batteries with a height of 190 mm, these should be retrofitted instead of batteries with a height of 175 mm. Batteries with this extra 15 mm tend to have a greater acid volume, which results in superior charge acceptance.

Retrofit with powerful batteries.

- Wherever possible, battery types with the biggest capacity (not the maximum cold start performance) should be selected, or the largest battery suitable for installation employed.
- Under no circumstances should a replacement battery be installed for reasons of price, when this has a far lower capacity than that of the original.

Retrofitted energy consumers require a more powerful battery.

- Retrofitted energy consumers such as stationary heating, sound systems, cool boxes, etc. mean that the output of the original battery is insufficient and therefore battery life will be drastically shortened.

Our Product Finder on the Duracell homepage also provides assistance!

http://www.duracell-automotive.com/produkte/produktfinder.html

BATTERY INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL.

Always heed the safety warnings!

- Only install batteries with an open circuit voltage of >12.50 V in a vehicle!
- Follow the vehicle instructions.
- Voltage interruptions can result in data loss. The Duracell Memory Saver provides assistance.
- Before fitting or removing the battery, switch off the engine and all power consumers.
- Avoid short circuits due to tools.
- When removing the battery, first disconnect the negative (-) terminal and then the positive (+) terminal.
- Prior to fitting the battery, clean the battery compartment.
- Ensure that the battery is secured tightly.
- Clean terminals and battery clips and lubricate slightly with acid-free grease.
- When fitting the battery first connect the positive (+) terminal and then the negative (-) terminal. Ensure that the clips are secured.
- Original parts and sleeves are to be put back in place.


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STORAGE AND TRANSPORT.

Storage

- Only store fully charged batteries with short circuit protection.
- Batteries are to be kept in a dry, light-protected and cool (frost-free) place.
- The open circuit voltage of the batteries is to be checked regularly and from 12.50 V the batteries are to be recharged.
- If a battery is to be taken out of service in the winter months, it should be removed from the vehicle.
- If the battery is left in the vehicle, the negative terminal should be disconnected.
- As an alternative, a charge retention device can be used.

Transport

- In line with UN 2794, Duracell declares all starter batteries as wet and filled with acid!
- Filled batteries are to be transported and stored in an upright position, otherwise acid spillages can occur.
- During transport batteries must be secured against tipping and slippage.
- Short circuit protection is essential.
- Detailed information is available in our product datasheet regarding starter battery safety: http://www.duracell-automotive.com/fileadmin/content/docs/Duracell_Instructions_for_the%20safe_handling_of_laed_acid_accumulators_en_04_2013.pdf

BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

Check on the correct connection of the battery cable.

- Loose battery cables result in increased transitory resistance, which leads to incomplete charging and reduced cold starting current.
- The battery may not be covered in dirt. Increased self-discharge derives from permanent creepage current.
- Terminals must be kept clean and greased.
- Oxidized terminals also result in increased transitory resistance, which leads to incomplete charging and reduced cold starting current.
- Regular checks of the electrolyte level in wet batteries and if necessary, top up with demineralized or distilled water to the maximum acid mark, or 15 mm above the upper plate edge. Never refill with acid. In the case of high water losses, a specialist should check the governor voltage.

BATTERY CHARGING.

Always heed the safety warnings!

- Before charging batteries, check the electrolyte level and if necessary top up with de-ionized or distilled water to the maximum acid level mark, or 15 mm above the upper edge of the plates at a maximum.
- Duracell recommends that standard flooded batteries be charged outside the vehicle with 16 V for 24 hours.

Warning! Many chargers have a type of resuscitation mode for deep discharged Ca/Ca batteries. However, these only maintain a charging voltage of 16 V for a short period.

Duracell Extrem AGM:

Always recharge with a voltage-controlled charger (max. 14.8 V). The use of a standard charger without voltage control destroys the battery due to overloading and cause the electrolyte to escape.

Warning! Follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions when disconnecting the terminals.

- Batteries may only be charged with direct current. Connect the positive (+) battery terminal to the positive (+) terminal of the charger, and the negative (-) battery terminal to the negative (-) terminal of the charger.
- Do not switch on the charger until the battery has been connected. First switch off the charger when charging is completed.

- It is recommended that the charging current be equal to at least one tenth of the capacity (e.g. 44 Ah: 10 = 4.4 A charging current).
- The temperature of the acid may not be higher than 55°C during charging. If the temperature exceeds this level, the charging process must be discontinued.
- Charging is finished when the current drops to 0 or stops falling, or if the automatic charger switches off.
- Charging must be performed in a well-ventilated room.
- The battery screws may not be opened.
- Ensure that recharging amounts to 1.2 times the consumed capacity (e.g. Consumed capacity 30 Ah, recharge 36 Ah).

Warning! Highly explosive oxyhydrogen gas is formed during charging! Fires, sparks, open flames and smoking are strictly prohibited!

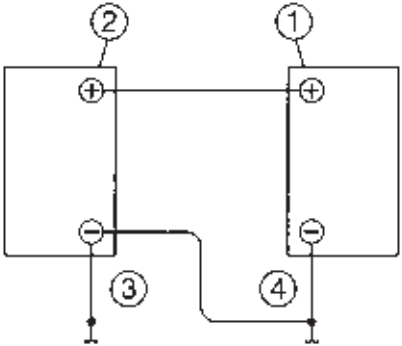
Recharging batteries inside the vehicle.

As a rule, fully automatic chargers (max. charging voltage 14.8 V) are well suited to the charging of batteries installed in the vehicle. Should the charger have an automatic mode with > 15.9 V voltage, the battery must be separated from the vehicle electrical system or removed from the vehicle. Otherwise, in a worst-case scenario the installed control devices can be destroyed due to overvoltage with huge resultant damage. **Please take careful note of the battery charger type.** Useful tips regarding charging in the vehicle are often contained in the operating instructions of the vehicle manufacturer or those of the charger producer.

ASSISTED STARTING.

- In view of the sensitive electronic components in the vehicle, as a rule starting assistance should only be provided by means of a Duracell Booster.
- Starting assistance from vehicle to vehicle can lead to voltage peaks during disconnection, which can damage or even destroy vehicle electronic systems.
- Therefore, it is essential that the following procedure be strictly observed when using starter cables!
- Standardized starter cables (e.g. in accordance with DIN 72 553) should always be used for giving starting assistance.
- Observe the instructions for use of the starter cables.
- Only connect batteries with the same nominal voltage.
- When connecting the terminals, switch off both vehicle engines! First connect the two positive terminals (1) with (2). Then connect the negative terminal of the assisting vehicle (3) with (4), the blank metallic point on the vehicle needing assistance, away from the battery. (Observe the instructions of the vehicle manufacturer.)
- Now start the vehicle needing assistance for a maximum of 15 seconds. Do not start the assisting vehicle.
- When disconnecting the terminals, remove the cables in the reverse sequence to the above.

Battery of the assisting vehicle

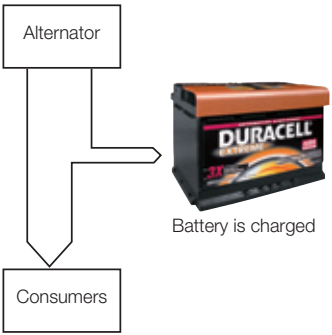


Battery of the vehicle needing assistance

INFLUENCES ON THE ENERGY HOUSEHOLD.

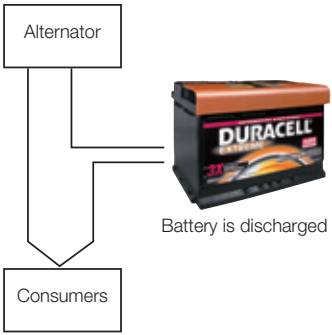
Apart from battery capacity, the power requirement of the electricity consumers, alternator performance and respective driving profile all have a major influence on the energy household of a vehicle. Overall consumption and individual driving conditions are decisive in this regard.

Favourable load conditions
The alternator produces more power than is needed by the electricity consumers. The surplus current is used to charge the battery.



Unfavourable load conditions

The current from the alternator is insufficient to supply all the electricity consumers, e.g. fog lights, seat heating, wing mirrors and rear window heating. Accordingly, in order that all the consumers can be operated, additional energy is taken from the battery.



INCREASED OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS.

The demands made on starter batteries also increase significantly with every new vehicle generation. Indeed, the progressive enlargement of electrical systems presents starter batteries with a growing challenge. In modern cars the energy needs of electronic consumers exceeds the output capacity of the alternator with the result that the battery is additionally burdened. Today, an electrical requirement of over 5,000 W and more than 100 e-motors is far from unusual. This frequently leads to a negative energy balance at the expense of the starter battery and as a final consequence, battery failure due to deep discharge.

Duracell tip. Completion of a battery check by a specialist at least twice yearly and external, equalizing charging where necessary.

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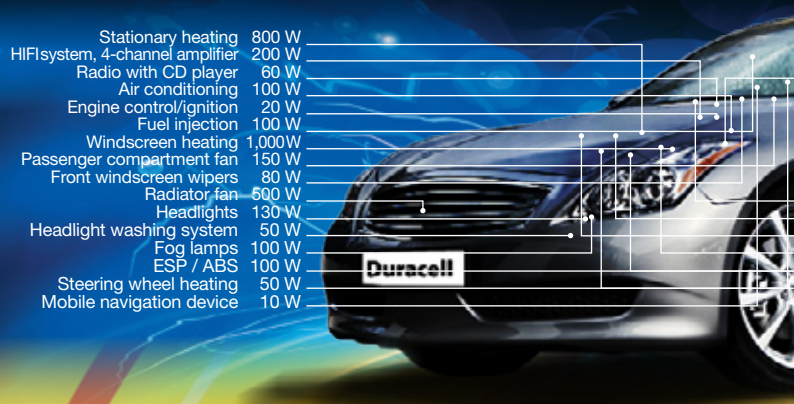

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The Duracell tip
We recommend the installation of the most powerful and therefore the largest possible starter battery that can be accommodated. This provides additional power reserves.

GET STARTED!

LL BATTERY IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!

50 W	Rear window wiper
40 W	Rear lights
40 W	Indicator lights
200 W	Rear window heating
60 W	Seat heating
40 W	Rear fog lights
30 W	Heated rear-view mirrors
100 W	Electric windows
2 W	I-pod
40 W	Heated washer nozzles
60 W	Fuel pump
180 W	Engine management
120 W	Steering booster pump
200 W	Oil pump
250 W	Water pump

All the above values are averages.

THE DURACELL BATTERY IS THE HEART OF YOUR CAR ...

. and has been engineered uncompromisingly for power in order to provide top performance t all times. In modern vehicles, the energy needs of the electrical and electronic consumers an surpass the output of the alternator, which means that additional loads are placed on he battery. In fact, an electrical power requirement of 5,000 W is currently not unusual. **he Duracell battery tip**: 100 W of extra power use means 0.1 l/100 km of additional fuel onsumption. Therefore, it is advisable to switch off any consumers that are not immediately equired, as this reduces environmental impact and cuts your costs!

IRREGULAR DRIVING PATTERNS.

Owing to the continuing trend towards mobilization, second and third cars are often standard in our households. However, these cars are often driven only irregularly and in combination with stop and go traffic, and occasionally short distances, as well as a large number of cold starts (vehicles not garaged), their batteries often demonstrate a negative charge balance. Such repeated undercharging may result in battery failure due to deep discharge.

Duracell tip. In the case of extremely short drives (complete/request) external, equalizing charging at regular intervals.

Duracell tip. In the case of seasonally used vehicles, employ chargers with a charge retention function.

CLOSED CIRCUIT CURRENT.

Closed circuit current is the power that is taken from the battery when the engine is switched off.

The causes of closed circuit current are control devices or electrical consumers, which in spite of apparent inactivity have to constantly react to external influences, e.g. remote radio operation, anti-theft devices and in-board computers. High closed circuit current derived from the run-up of control devices, e.g. for remote radio operations, or owing to a defect in the electrical system, can result in the battery losing an increased amount of energy and failure after a longer stand-still period. In busy traffic areas (airports, multi-storey car parks), the use of control devices causes increased closed circuit current owing to the utilization of similar frequencies by all the vehicles.

Therefore, a separate mode is employed for the transport of new vehicles. You can partly learn how to put the vehicle into this mode yourself using your vehicle's operating manual. In other words, a look at the instructions can save unpleasant surprises.

START/STOP SYSTEMS.

Start/stop systems have been developed to reduce markedly vehicle CO_2 emissions and fuel consumption. The basic idea is that the engine will be turned off in those phases when it is not required.

Apart from energy management and a sensor that measures the state of charge (SOC), health (SOH), function (SOF) and temperature of the battery, the realization of a start/stop system demands special batteries. AGM batteries are needed for start/stop systems with recuperation and EFB batteries for simpler start/stop systems.

Up to 200 shutdown criteria must be fulfilled for functionality. The energy management communicates with the battery sensor and the engine control unit and either switches off or reactivates individual consumers and the engine as required. In addition, the idling speed can be increased.

In the medium-term, 70 per cent of all new vehicles will be fitted with start/stop systems.

Duracell Extreme AGM

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Battery sensor

SOC, SOH, SOF

Energy management system
Open circuit power management, charging management

Shutdown of individual consumers

Engine control unit including start/stop controller

Shutdown criteria

Cooling water temperature
Gear lever position
Catalytic converter temperature
Vehicle speed
Driver's door/engine hood
Parking assistant
Power requirement/consumers
External temperature
...

Automatic shutdown/starting
Increased idling speed

POSSIBLE BATTERY PROBLEMS.

UNDERCHARGING

Changed driving patterns (more short distances) and the resultant increase in the electrical energy requirement may lead to the incomplete charging of the battery. It is frequently the case that the alternator is unable to charge the battery to more than 80 per cent of its capacity. Consequently, parts of the active mass are rendered inactive (sulphating) thus reducing the output and capacity of the battery.

OVERCHARGING

If the battery is already fully charged and nonetheless receives additional energy, this leads to additional gassing and higher water consumption. The battery continues to produce gas until either the charger is switched off or no water is left. Increasing heat results in the acceleration of the chemical processes in the battery and the gas voltage drops. If the charging voltage is not adjusted to match the change in temperature, the battery will be overcharged, which will create the danger of mesh corrosion and severe battery ageing. For example, in the case of an increase in battery temperature of 10°C, both the reaction speed and mesh corrosion double.

Strong gassing also causes a considerable increase in the danger of an explosion. Moreover, sealed gel and AGM batteries can be damaged by just one overcharge. This is especially problematic, as in these batteries the electrolyte (acid) is bound in and topping up is not possible.

BATTERY DEEP DISCHARGE - SULPHATING

Battery discharge results in lead sulphate. If the battery is not immediately charged, or is incompletely charged, the lead sulphate crystals assume a coarser structure and grow, thus reducing the porosity of the lead surface. These crystals can only be converted back with difficulty if at all. Therefore, depending on battery status and design, within just a few days this can lead to the battery being unable to accept any current and becoming useless. Moreover, even if the battery is charged immediately and appears to be fully operative, as a rule, damage remains with a negative effect on service life. Furthermore, an increasing number of electronic components are being installed in vehicles, which require electrical power even when the engine is switched off. Such “hidden” consumers include alarm systems and radio clocks (closed circuit current).

POSSIBLE BATTERY PROBLEMS.

STORAGE WITH AN INSUFFICIENT STATE OF CHARGE

The storage of batteries in a partly charged condition contributes to premature ageing. In particular, this problem occurs frequently in the case of leisure applications, e.g. with motorcycles, veteran cars and boats, which are subject to extended standstills. As soon as the charging status falls below 12.5 V, the ageing process and battery sulphating accelerate rapidly.

STRONG CYCLIZATION

This emanates from numerous deep discharge and charging cycles. Under normal circumstances, such loads do not generally occur unless the starter battery is used for other purposes, e.g. in taxis, for the operation of truck loading platforms, as a traction battery (there are special batteries for these applications), or as an electrical system battery in boats and caravans.

UNDERDIMENSIONING OF THE BATTERY

This derives from insufficient battery capacity and leads to increased cyclization and battery damage. It can also be caused by the excessive power consumption created by retrofitted devices (e.g. sound systems, stationary heating, cool boxes).

BATTERY TESTING.

CONTROL BATTERY USE

- Correct battery for the application
- Driving profile

VISUAL CHECK

- Damage, tightness
- Check the tightness of the battery cables
- Battery clean and dry (creepage current, increased transient resistance)
- Detached labels and increased water consumption indicate overcharging and/or high temperatures.

CHECK THE OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE (OCV)

- Measure six hours after battery charging/discharge.
- Fully charged wet battery: OCV >12.70 V
- Fully charged AGM battery: OCV >12.90 V

MEASURE ACID DENSITY

- Acid density uniformly low > battery discharged
- Acid density in a cell markedly lower > short circuit
- Acid coloured brown> sludging due to strong cyclization
- Acid density does not correspond with the OCV > acid stratification (acid density +0.84 =OCV/cell), e.g. acid density 1.20; OCV 12.67 V: 1.20+0.84=2.04 V/cell > x 6 cells = 12.24 V > acid stratification!
- Acid density uniformly high (~1.28 kg/l) –> battery in order

QUICK TESTING DEVICE

- Only limited validity. No assessment of service life and capacity possible.
- Design (mass, separator, etc.), temperature and charging status have a major influence on the test result.

BATTERY CHARGING

RENEWED CHECK ON THE ACID DENSITY AND CONTROL WITH THE QUICK TESTING DEVICE

COMPLETE LOAD TEST

WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE.

- **8. Warranty and acceptance of responsibility for defects**
- 8.1 Subject to the fulfilment of the agreed conditions of payment, the seller is obliged to repair any design, material or production defects with a negative effect upon functionality that may exist at the date of hand-over in accordance with the stipulations of the following terms. No warranty claims can be made of the basis of information contained in catalogues, brochures, advertising materials, written or verbal statements, which have not been accepted into the contract.
- 8.2 **The warranty period lasts 12 months,** sunless special warranty periods have been agreed for individual delivery items. This also applies to supplies and services, attached to a building or real property. The warranty period commences with the risk transfer in accordance with Item 6.
- 8.3 A prerequisite for warranty claims is that the purchaser has immediately made the defect known in writing. The purchaser has to immediately prove the existence of a defect and provide the seller with available information and data. In the case of a defect subject to warranty in accordance in Item 8.1, the seller can either choose to repair the defective article at the place of performance, have it returned for the purpose of repair, or provide an appropriate price reduction.

- 8.4 All ancillary costs relating to the repair of the defect (e.g. assembly, disassembly, transport, disposal, travel time) are to be borne by the purchaser. For warranty work at the company of the purchaser, the required staff, lifting gear, scaffolding and incidentals are to be supplied free of charge. Replaced parts will become the property of the seller.
- 8.5 Should the seller manufacture an item on the basis of design information, drawings, models or other specifications of the purchaser, then the warranty of the seller only extends to completion according to the stipulated conditions.
- 8.6 Excluded from the warranty are defects originating from arrangement and installation not carried out by the seller, insufficient setting-up, a failure to adhere to the installation requirements and conditions for use, overloading of the components beyond the performance levels stated by the seller, negligent or incorrect handling and the use of unsuitable supplies. This also applies to defects, which can be traced to materials delivered by the purchaser. In addition, the seller does not provide a warranty for damage caused by third parties, atmospheric discharges, overloads and chemicals. The warranty does not extend to the replacement of components subject to natural wear and tear. In the case of the purchase of second-hand goods, the seller does not provide a warranty.

- 8.7 The warranty is immediately null and void should changes or repair work be carried out on supplied goods by the purchaser, or by a third party expressly authorised by the purchaser without the written approval of the seller.
- 8.8 Claims pursuant to §933b ABGB lapse with the expiry of the period contained in Item 8.2.
- 8.9 The conditions 8.1 to 8.8 also apply to each case of defects arising for other legal reasons.

PLEASE SEE THE GENERAL TERMS OF BUSINESS.

IMPORTANT TERMS.

AGM

These batteries containing nonwovens bear the designation absorbent glass mat (AGM) or valve regulated lead acid (VRLA). Above all, they are used in start/stop systems with recuperation and are characterized by the highest levels of cyclical and vibration resistance, as well as very high cold start current. In addition, these batteries are absolutely leak-proof as the electrolyte is bound in. The safety valves may never be opened and special care must be taken when charging these batteries. The charge voltage may not exceed 14.8 V.

EFB

The enhanced flooded battery is a further development of the conventional wet battery. As opposed to the latter, the battery has improved cyclical and vibration resistance owing to a separator with a non-woven layer and a special mass recipe. It is used for less complex start/stop systems.

Electrolyte

The ion conductor, which connects electrodes. Diluted sulphuric acid is employed in lead-acid batteries.

EN 50342-1

This standard applies to lead-acid batteries with a rated voltage of 12 V, which are used primarily for the ignition of combustion engines, lighting and the additional equipment contained in vehicles with combustion engines.

Cranking performance

Cold cranking test current is a parameter for the starting capacity of batteries in cold temperatures. In line with the EN50342-1 standard, this test is completed at -18°C.

Capacity

The electricity output volume (Ah) constitutes battery capacity. The rated capacity of starter batteries always relates to a 20-hour discharge. The available capacity is dependent upon the strength of the discharge current, temperature and battery age. Pursuant to the EN 50342-1 standard, at a temperature of 25 +/- 2°C a new battery must be able to provide discharge current of I = K20/20 h without the voltage falling below 10.5 V.

IMPORTANT TERMS.

Recuperation
Braking energy recovery. The coasting energy derived from braking is converted into electrical energy by the generator and stored in the battery.

OCV
Open circuit voltage is the off-load voltage at the battery terminals following the attainment of a steady-state value (min. 6 hours).

Self-discharge
Off-load discharge of the battery due to chemical processes in the battery. Self-discharge is highly dependent upon temperature, design and technology.

Separator
Ion-permeable material separates the positive and negative plates. Polyethylene is used in wet batteries, glass mat in AGM versions.

SOC
State of charge: battery charge status.

SOF
State of function: functional status of the battery.

SOH
State of health: health status of the battery.

Deep discharge
Discharge of the battery to a very low depth (> 50 %).

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