

# MSDS FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES










## Material/Product Safety Data Sheet (MSDS-PSDS)

<b>MP/VL products</b>	<b>Rechargeable lithium-ion single cells and multi-cell battery packs</b>	<b>Simplified Advice Code</b>
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1. Identification of the Substance or Preparation and Company		
<b>Product</b>	<b>Rechargeable lithium-ion cylindrical and medium prismatic single cells and multi-cell battery packs</b>	
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2. Composition & Information on Ingredients					
Each cell consists of an hermetically sealed metallic container containing a number of chemicals and materials of construction of which the following could potentially be hazardous upon release.					
Ingredient	Content	CAS No.	CHIP Classification		
Lithium metal	0 <i>(in spite of their name, these batteries do not contain any lithium metal)</i>				
LiCoO <sub>2</sub> (Lithium cobaltite)	≈ 30%	12190-79-3			R22, R43 S2, S22, S24, S26, S36, S37, S45
Organic solvents	≈ 13% EA (Ethyl Acetate) EC (Ethyl Carbonate) DMC (DiMethyl Carbonate) <i>(Boiling Points: EA: -84°C; EC: +38°C DMC: +4°C)</i>	141-78-6 96-49-1 616-38-6			R21, R22, R41, R42, R43 S2, S24, S26, S36, S37, S45
LiPF <sub>6</sub> (Lithium hexafluoro phosphate)	≈ 1%		 		R14, R21, R22, R4, R43 S2, S8, S22, S24, S26, S36, S37, S45
Carbon (C <sub>n</sub> )	≈ 16%	1333-86-4			NONE KNOWN
<i>Amount varies depending on cell size</i>					







<b>3. Hazards Identification</b>	
<p>Do not short circuit, puncture, incinerate, crush, immerse, force discharge or expose to temperatures above the declared operating temperature range of the product. Risk of fire or explosion. The rechargeable lithium-ion batteries described in this Product Safety Data Sheet are sealed units which are not hazardous when used according to the recommendations of the manufacturer.</p> <p>Under normal conditions of use, the electrode materials and liquid electrolyte they contain are not exposed to the outside, provided the battery integrity is maintained and seals remain intact. Risk of exposure only in case of abuse (mechanical, thermal, electrical) which leads to the activation of safety valves and/or the rupture of the battery container. Electrolyte leakage, electrode materials reaction with moisture/water or battery vent/explosion/fire may follow, depending upon the circumstances.</p>	

<b>4. First Aid Measures</b>	
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, rest and keep warm. In severe cases obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off skin thoroughly with water. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. In severe cases obtain medical attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Irrigate thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Wash out mouth thoroughly with water and give plenty of water to drink. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Further treatment</b>	All cases of eye contamination, persistent skin irritation and casualties who have swallowed this substance or been affected by breathing its vapours should be seen by a Doctor.

<b>5. Fire Fighting Measures</b>	
<p>CO<sub>2</sub> extinguishers, halon or copious quantities of water or water-based foam can be used to cool down burning Li- ion cells and batteries.</p> <p>Do not use for this purpose sand, dry powder or soda ash, graphite powder or fire blankets.</p>	
<b>Extinguishing media</b>	Use water or CO <sub>2</sub> on burning Li-ion cells or batteries

<b>6. Accidental Release Measures</b>	
<p>Remove personnel from area until fumes dissipate. If the skin has come into contact with the electrolyte, it should be washed thoroughly with water.</p> <p>Sand or earth should be used to absorb any exuded material. Seal leaking battery and contaminated absorbent material in plastic bag and dispose of as Special Waste in accordance with local regulations.</p>	

7. Handling and Storage	
<b>Handling</b>	Do not crush, pierce, short (+) and (-) battery terminals with conductive (i.e. metal) goods. Do not directly heat or solder. Do not throw into fire. Do not mix batteries of different types and brands. Do not mix new and used batteries. Keep batteries in non conductive (i.e. plastic) trays.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in a cool (preferably below 30°C) and ventilated area, away from moisture, sources of heat, open flames, food and drink. Keep adequate clearance between walls and batteries. Temperature above 70°C may result in battery leakage and rupture. Since short circuit can cause burn, leakage and rupture hazard, keep batteries in original packaging until use and do not jumble them.
<b>Other</b>	Follow Manufacturers recommendations regarding maximum recommended currents and operating temperature range. Applying pressure on deforming the battery may lead to disassembly followed by eye, skin and throat irritation.

8. Exposure Controls & Personal Protection	
<b>Occupational exposure standard</b>	Compound: LiCoO <sub>2</sub> 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> max. (OSHA) EC, EA, DMC                N/A LiPF <sub>6</sub> N/A
	<b>Respiratory protection</b> In all fire situations, use self-contained breathing apparatus.
	<b>Hand protection</b> In the event of leakage wear gloves.
	<b>Eye protection</b> Safety glasses are recommended during handling.
	<b>Other</b> In the event of leakage, wear chemical apron.



9. Physical and Chemical Properties	
<b>Appearance</b>	Cylindrical or prismatic shape
<b>Odour</b>	
<b>pH</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable unless individual components exposed
<b>Flammability</b>	Not applicable unless individual components exposed
<b>Relative density</b>	Not applicable unless individual components exposed
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Not applicable unless individual components exposed
<b>Solubility (other)</b>	Not applicable unless individual components exposed

10. Stability and Reactivity	
Product is stable under conditions described in Section 7.	
<b>Conditions to avoid.</b>	Heat above 70°C or incinerate. Deform. Mutilate. Crush. Pierce. Disassemble Short circuit. Expose over a long period to humid conditions.
<b>Materials to avoid</b>	
<b>Hazardous decomposition Products</b>	CO, CO <sub>2</sub>

11. Toxicological Information	
<b>Signs &amp; symptoms</b>	None, unless battery ruptures. In the event of exposure to internal contents, corrosive fumes will be very irritating to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Overexposure can cause symptoms of non-fibrotic lung injury and membrane irritation.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Lung irritant.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Skin irritant
<b>Eye contact</b>	Eye irritant.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Tissue damage to throat and gastro-respiratory tract if swallowed.
<b>Medical conditions generally aggravated by exposure</b>	In the event of exposure to internal contents, eczema, skin allergies, lung injuries, asthma and other respiratory disorders may occur.

12. Ecological Information	
<b>Mammalian effects</b>	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
<b>Eco-toxicity</b>	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
<b>Bioaccumulation potential</b>	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
<b>Environmental fate</b>	None known if used/disposed of correctly.

13. Disposal Considerations	
Do not incinerate, or subject cells to temperatures in excess of 70°C. Such abuse can result in loss of seal, leakage, and/or cell explosion. Dispose of in accordance with appropriate local regulations.	



14. Transport Information	
<b>Label for conveyance</b>	For the single cell batteries and multicell battery packs that are non-restricted to transport, use lithium-ion batteries inside label. For the single cell batteries and multicell battery packs which are restricted to transport (assigned to the Miscellaneous Class 9), use Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods and UN Identification Number labels. In all cases, refer to the product transport certificate issued by the Manufacturer.
<b>UN number</b>	UN 3090
<b>Shipping name</b>	Lithium Batteries
<b>Hazard classification</b>	Depending on their equivalent lithium metal content, some single cells and small multicell battery packs may be non- assigned to Class 9 (Refer to Transport Certificate)
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>IMDG Code</b>	9033
<b>CAS</b>	
<b>EmS No.</b>	4.1-06
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No
<b>ADR Class</b>	Class 9

15. Regulatory Information			
<b>Risk phrases</b>	LiCoO <sub>2</sub>	R22 R43	Harmful if swallowed. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
	EA/EC/DMC Organic solvents mix	R21 R22 R41 R42 R43	Risk of damage to the skin Harmful if swallowed. Risk of serious damage to eye. May cause sensitization by inhalation. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
	LiPF <sub>6</sub>	R14 R21 R22 R41 R43	Reacts with water Harmful in contact with skin Harmful if swallowed. Risk of serious damage to eye May cause sensitization by skin contact.
<b>Safety phrases</b>	LiCoO <sub>2</sub>	S2 S22 S24 S26 S36 S37 S45	Keep out of reach of children Do not breathe dust Avoid contact with skin. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear suitable gloves. In case of incident, seek medical attention.
	EA/EC/DMC Organic solvents mix	S2 S24 S26 S36 S37 S45	Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with skin. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear suitable gloves. In case of incident, seek medical attention.
	LiPF <sub>6</sub>	S2 S8 S22 S24 S26 S36 S37 S45	Keep out of reach of children. Keep away from moisture Do not breathe dust Avoid contact with skin In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear suitable gloves. In case of incident, seek medical attention.
<b>UK regulatory references</b>	Classified under CHIP		



#### **16. Other information**

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