SAFETY DATA SHEET
Nickel Cadmium Batteries

1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product

NICKEL CADMIUM BATTERY (Rechargeable Alkaline Batteries)

Trade name: KPL / KBL / KPM / KBM / KPH / KBH / VRPP /HVM/ HVL/ KRX / KRM
/ KRH/ KFL/ KFM/ KFH/ KFX/ KSH/ FH/ FRX/FRM cells with
Polypropylene containers.

IEC Designation: KL, KM, KH, KX, KGM, KGL according to IEC 60623/ IEC 62259

Relevant identified uses: Re-chargeable Nickel Cadmium batteries for UPS back up, switch gear
applications etc.

1.2 Supplier

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Revision date: June 22, 2015

1.3 Emergency contact:

INFOTRAC 800-535-5053 / 1-352-323-3500

2. HAZARDS

No risk if batteries are used for its intended purpose and according to valid directions for use.

Under normal circumstances, positive, negative electrodes and alkaline electrolyte are inside the cell. Precautions
required to be taken while handling cells, electrolyte during leakages/ filling/ emptying. See also safety data sheet
for electrolyte. Electrolyte is harmful if swallowed and causes severe burns.

Eye effects: Contact with electrolyte extremely corrosive to eye tissues. May result in permanent blindness.

Skin effects: Contact with electrolyte solution inside battery may cause serious burns to skin tissues.

Ingestion: Ingestion of electrolyte solution causes tissue damage to throat area. Ingestion of cadmium and nickel
compounds is carcinogenic.

Inhalation: Mists generated during activation procedures may cause varying degrees of irritation to the nasal
mucous membranes and respiratory tract issues
3. **COMPOSITION**

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<tr>
<th>Positive Electrode</th>
<th>Nickel hydroxide and Cobalt hydroxide on Nickel Plated substrate</th>
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<td>Negative Electrode</td>
<td>Cadmium hydroxide and iron oxide on Nickel plated substrate</td>
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<td>Electrolyte</td>
<td>Potassium Hydroxide + water</td>
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<td>Nominal voltage</td>
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3.1 *(Weight as % of basic materials for a typical medium sized cell)*

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<th>Other %</th>
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<td>Steel (Fe)</td>
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<td>Polypropylene 8-11</td>
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<td>Nickel (Ni)</td>
<td>3-25</td>
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<td>Cadmium (Cd)</td>
<td>3-17</td>
<td>Carbon 0.1-4.0</td>
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3.2 **Chemical**

**CLASSIFICATION OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES CONTAINED INTO THE PRODUCT**
*(In charged condition).*

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For the wording of the listed risk phrases, please refer to section 16.

4. **FIRST AID MEASURES**

When handling electrolyte, precautions must be taken to avoid personal to get in direct contact with it. If this accidentally happens the following must be exercised:

**Inhalation:**
Supply fresh air OR Oxygen.
Rinse mouth and nose with water.
Call for doctor for medical treatment.

**4.1 Skin contact:**
Instantly wash with plenty of running water thoroughly.
If skin irritation persists call for physician.
4.2 **Eyes contact:**
Important: Rinse immediately with plenty of water during at least 15-30 minutes and consult a physician.

4.3 **Ingestion:**
Rinse out mouth and then drink plenty of water (preferably milk).
Do not induce vomiting. Immediately call for medical help.

5. **FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

5.1 **Extinguishing media**
Suitable: Class D-Dry chemical, Carbon dioxide (CO2), Carbon dioxide blanket, Sand, foam.
Not to be used: Water *

*Water sprinklers can be used for fire safety for the cells stored without connecting the inter cell connectors (As individual cells) in plywood boxes.

5.2 **Special exposure hazards**
Cells can be overheated by an external source or by internal shorting and develop potassium hydroxide mist and/or hydrogen gas. In fire situations fumes containing Cadmium, Nickel and Iron may be evolved.

5.3 **Special protective equipment**
Use self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting protective clothing. Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition.

6. **ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

6.1 **Personal precautions, protective equipment & Emergency procedures:**
- Wear protective equipment.
- Keep un-protected persons away.
- Keep away from ignition sources.
- Flush electrolyte spillage with plenty of water. Beware risk of slipping.

6.2 **Environmental precautions:**
- Do not allow electrolyte to enter the ground/ soil.

6.3 **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning:**
- Collect mechanically
- Dilute with much water and neutralize.

7. **HANDLING AND STORAGE**
- Handle and store/ transport cells filled with electrolyte always with vents upwards.
- Avoid direct sunlight, high temperature and high humidity.
- Store in a cool and dry place. (Between 10 to 30 degree C & humidity of 45 to 85 %)
- Do not connect positive terminal to negative terminal with electrically conductive material.
- Do not store/operate the Nickel Cadmium batteries in the same room where the lead acid batteries are stored / operated.
- Keep away from water.
- Do not use the tools used for lead acid batteries for use in Nickel Cadmium batteries (Ex: hydrometer and thermometer etc.)
- Do not store any other material on top of the batteries.
- Batteries shall be stored in adequately ventilated areas.
8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION**
   - Under normal condition of use no special personnel protection is required
   - When emptying or filling cells with electrolyte, eye protection goggles and protection gloves, aprons must be used. (Alkali resistant material)
   - While carrying out preventive and routine maintenance, use only insulated tools.
   - Use self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting protective clothing.
   - Ensure adequate ventilation.
   - Ensure availability of emergency eye wash facility in the battery room.

9. **PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

9.1 **Appearance**
   Batteries supplied in prismatic polypropylene plastic containers.

9.2 **Temperature range** (ambient °C)

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<th>Cell Type</th>
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<td>-50 +70</td>
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9.3 **Specific energy : 13-22 Wh/Kg**
   
   Note:  
   Wh: Normal voltage x Rated Ah  
   Kg: Average battery weight in kg.

9.4 **Specific instant power : 53-106 W/Kg**
   
   Note:  
   W = 0.5 x Nominal voltage x Ip / weight  
   Ip = current in Amperes delivered by a fully charged battery for half the nominal voltage at one second  
   Kg = Average battery weight in kg.

9.5 Melting point : Not applicable  
Boiling point : Not applicable  
Flash point : Not applicable

10. **STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

10.1 **Chemical Stability**
   Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:
   
   No decomposition if used according to specifications.
   
   Temperatures over 85°C. Short-circuit of electrode connections. Deformation of cells.
   
   Do not connect the positive terminal to the negative terminal with electrically conductive material.
   
   Protect from heat and direct sunlight. Protect from humidity and keep away from water. Incompatible materials: Conductive materials, water, seawater, strong oxidizers and strong acids.

10.2 **Material to avoid**
   Do not fill cells with lead-acid battery electrolyte.

10.3 **Possibility of Hazardous decomposition products**
   In the event of misuse of a battery gases like, oxygen or hydrogen accumulates in the cell and these gases may be emitted through the gas release vent. These gases may ignite if in the proximity of a naked flame or source of ignition.
   
   Hazardous decomposition products: Acrid or harmful gas is emitted during fire.
11. **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Nickel Hydroxide  
LD$_{50}$/oral/rat: 1600 mg/kg*

Cadmium Hydroxide  
No data available

Potassium Hydroxide  
LD$_{50}$/oral/rat: 365 mg/kg*

Lithium Hydroxide  
No data available

Cadmium oxide  
LD$_{50}$/oral: 1.3 mg/m3 (30 minutes)

Cadmium oxide  
LD$_{50}$/oral/mouse: 0.7 mg/m3 (30 minutes)

*(INRS data)

12. **ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

There is no ecological harm when batteries are used correctly and recycled after use has ended.

Spilled/released electrolyte: The sharp pH rise may cause harmful impact on fish, plankton and stationary organisms.

13. **DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

As with all battery systems, Ni-Cd cells must be collected separately from other waste and recycled.

13.1 **Incineration**

Never incinerate Nickel Cadmium batteries.

13.2 **Landfill**

Never dispose Ni-Cd cells as landfill.

13.3 **Recycling**

Nickel Cadmium batteries must be recycled. Contact Storage Battery Systems LLC for information.

14. **TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

14.1 **United Nations**

UN No.: 2795

14.2 **International conventions**

Air: IATA  
Sea: IMDG  
Land: ADR (road) or RID (rail) Batteries exempt according to special Paragraph No. 598.

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15. **REGULATORY INFORMATION**

According to item 14.2.

15.1 Product marking

![Cd symbol]

16. **OTHER INFORMATION**

Issue date: 22nd June 2015

Marine pollutant: none
Risk Phrases

(1) **Nature of special risk**
- R22 Harmful if swallowed
- R26 Very toxic by inhalation
- R35 Causes severe burns.
- R36/37 Irritating to eyes and respiratory system.
- R48/23/25 May cause sensitization by skin contact
- R50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
- R62 Possible risk of impaired fertility
- R63 Possible risk to the unborn child
- R68 Possible risk of irreversible effects

(2) **Safety advice**
- S1/2 Keep locked up and out of the reach of children.
- S2 Keep out of the reach of children
- S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
- S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eyes/face protection.
- S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.
- S60 Must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
- S61 Avoid release to the environment.

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