



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET FOR LEAD- ACID BATTERIES, WET, FILLED WITH ACID – UN 2794

## SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Manufacturers Name: CONTINENTAL BATTERY COMPANY  
Street Address: 4919 WOODALL STREET  
City, State, Zip: DALLAS, TX 75247  
Phone Number: 214 631-5701

EMERGENCY NO: DAYS - 800 442-0081  
OR NIGHTS - 214 631-5701

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## SECTION II: MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION

COMPONENTS	PERCENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	OTHER LIMITS	CAS NUMBER
Hazardous Components 1% or greater					
Carcinogens 0.01 % or greater					
METALLIC METAL ALLOY	25.5%	0.05mg/m3	.05 mg/m3	NONE	7439-92-1
LEAD SULFATES	18.2%	0.05mg/m3	.05 mg/m3	NONE	7439-92-1
LEAD OXIDES	18.0%	0.05mg/m3	.05 mg/m3	NONE	7439-92-1
POLYPROPYLENE CASE MTL SEPARATORS	6.4% 3.5%				
SULFURIC ACID (H2SO4)	5.2%	1.0 mg/m3	1.0 mg/m3	NONE	7664-93-9
WATER	19.2%				

## SECTION III: PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Boiling Point: Approximately 203F  
Vapor Pressure: 14 @ 37% @ 80 F  
Solubility in Water: 100%  
Specific Gravity: 1.245 - 1.295 Battery Electrolyte  
Appearance & Odor: Clear Liquid with Sharp Pungent Odor

Vapor Density: Greater than 1  
Melting Point: -35 F to +10.6 F  
Water Reactive: Yes, Produces Heat

## SECTION IV: FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA:

Flash Point: Not Combustible  
Auto Ignition Temperature: N/A  
Extinguishing Media: Dry Chemical Carbon Dioxide, Water Fog, Water  
Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Sulfuric Acid Fumes, Sulfur Dioxide Gas or Carbon Monoxide may be released when acid decomposes. Wear NIOSH approved self contained breathing apparatus.

NFPA WARNING: 1  
Flammability Limits in Air % by Volume: N/A

Unusual Hazards: Water applied to sulfuric acid generates heat and causes acid to spatter. Wear full-cover acid resistant clothing. Sulfuric acid reacts violently with metals, nitrates, chlorates, carbides, fulminates, picrates and other organic materials. Reacts with most metals to yield explosive/flammable hydrogen gas. This reaction is intensified when sulfuric acid is diluted with water to form battery electrolyte.

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**SECTION V: REACTIVITY DATA**

Stability: STABLE

NFPA WARNING: 0

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Charging and over-charging without proper ventilation.

Incompatibility: AVOID COMBUSTIBLES, ORGANIC MATERIALS, AND STRONG REDUCING AGENTS.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

SULFUR TRIOXIDE, CARBON MONOXIDE, SULFURIC ACID FUMES AND SULFUR DIOXIDE. Hydrogen, Arsine, Stibene with over charging.

Hazardous Polymerization: Should not occur

**SECTION VI – HEALTH HAZARD DATA**

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inhalation - Yes  
Skin Yes  
Ingestion Yes

NFPA WARNING: 3

HEALTH HAZARDS - Acute: Eyes, Skin, Respiratory System & Digestive System  
Chronic: Eyes, Skin, Respiratory System & Digestive System

Exposure to Lead Compounds can occur only when product is heated, oxidized or other-wised processed or damaged to create dust vapor or fume. Lead is a systemic poison.

Carcinogenicity - NTP: No

Carcinogenicity - IARC: Yes (Group 2 B \*94-4\*

Carcinogenicity -OSHA: No

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Irritation of Exposed Area, Burns, and Respiratory Problems  
No possibility of over exposure of lead will occur unless battery is destroyed.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY:

Aggravated by Exposure: Exposure to acid mist may cause lung damage & aggravate pulmonary conditions.

**EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES**

Seek medical assistance for further treatment, observation and support if necessary.

Eye Contact: Wash with copious quantities of cool water for at least 15 minutes.

Skin Contact: Flush area with large amounts of cool water for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air, if breathing is difficult – give oxygen.

Ingestion: Give milk to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING, CALL PHYSICIAN.

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**SECTION VII: SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND SPILL/LEAK PROCEDURES**

STEPS TO TAKE IF MATERIALS RELEASED:

Wash area with water, neutralize with lime, caustic soda or sodium bicarbonate. If released on soils: work neutralizing materials into top three inches of soils.

Neutralizing Agent: Lime, Caustic Soda, or Sodium Bicarbonate.

Waste Disposal Method: Neutralize and dispose of residue in accordance with federal, state and local regulation for chemical and toxic metals disposal.

Lead and Sulfuric Acid is packed into a container to form the lead-acid battery. Since all containers are subject to leakage and breakage, employees who work in operations where they handle batteries in containers are potentially exposed to hazardous chemicals, and, therefore, need access to information as well as training.

**SECTION VI II– SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION/CONTROL MEASURES**

Respiratory Protection: Sulfuric Acid Mist-Mask with filter approved for acid mist.

Ventilation: Local exhaust: Room air change four times per hour.

Protective Gloves: Rubber

Eye Protection: Goggles, Face Shield

Other Protective Equipment: Rubber Apron, Acid Resistant Clothing Recommended

Work Hygienic Practices: Wash thoroughly after handling

**SECTION IX - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**COMPONENTS**

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**SECTION X – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Stability:** STABLE

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**Incompatibility:** AVOID COMBUSTIBLES, ORGANIC MATERIALS, AND STRONG REDUCING AGENTS.

**SECTION XI: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**HEALTH HAZARDS** - Acute: Eyes, Skin, Respiratory System & Digestive System  
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**SECTION XII – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

All care should be taken to protect the environment from any adverse impact by lead-acid batteries or from the batteries ingredients.

**SECTION XIII – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION**

Lead-Acid Batteries are restricted land disposal objects. All spent lead-acid batteries should be properly Recycled to a permitted Secondary Lead Smelter.

All battery parts should be properly recycled.

No whole spent lead-acid battery should be land-filled or placed in house hold garbage.

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**SECTION XIII – TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Electric storage batteries containing electrolyte acid or alkaline corrosive battery fluid, must be completely protected so that short circuits will be prevented.

DOT SHIPPING NAME: LEAD-ACID BATTERIES, WET, FILLED WITH ACID

DOT CLASS: 8

DOT ID NUMBER: UN2794

DOT PACKING GROUP: III

DOT LABEL REQUIREMENTS: CORROSIVE

**SECTION XV – REGULATION INFORMATION**

**REGULATORY INFORMATION:** Those ingredients in lead-acid batteries listed above are not subject to the reporting requirements of 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act, if the lead acid batteries are in storage and have no potential to leak, spill or break during normal storage prior to use.

DOT REGULATIONS: 49 CFR 173.159

EPA REGULATIONS: 40 CFR 266.80

OSHA REGULATIONS: 29 CFR 1910.1200