



# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

### Product Identifier

**Product Name** Lead Acid Batteries

### Other means of identification

**SDS #** BB-001  
**UN/ID No** UN2794  
**Product Code** UN2794

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended Use** Batteries, wet, filled with acid.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### **Manufacturer Address**

Battery Builders Inc.  
 31 W238 91st St  
 Naperville, IL 60564  
 PO Box 5005  
 Naperville, IL 60567

### Emergency Telephone Number

**Company Phone Number** Phone: 630-851-5800  
 Fax: 630-851-1040  
**Emergency Telephone (24 hr)** INFOTRAC 1-352-323-3500 (International)  
 1-800-535-5053 (North America)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

This product is a battery. The classification below is based on the battery acid contained in the battery, which would only be released during an incident.

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category C
Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Reproductive toxicity	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	Category 2

### Signal Word

**Danger**

**Hazard Statements**

Harmful if swallowed

Harmful if inhaled

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause cancer

May damage fertility or the unborn child

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Appearance** Industrial/commercial lead acid battery**Physical State** Sulfuric acid: Liquid  
Lead: Solid**Odor** Odorless**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

Use personal protective equipment as required

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Call a poison center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

Do not induce vomiting

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other Hazards**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Very toxic to aquatic life

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Formula**

Chemical Name	CAS No	Weight-%
Water	7732-18-5	19.2
Lead	7439-92-1	25.5
Lead Sulfate	7446-14-2	18.2
Lead Oxide	1309-60-0	18
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	5.2
Antimony	7440-36-0	<1

## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

### First Aid Measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If the battery is compromised, the most probably routes of entry would include eyes, skin, mouth, and inhalation. Lead compounds: Hazardous exposure can occur only when product is heated above melting point, oxidized or otherwise processed or damaged to create dust, vapor or fume.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	In case of exposure to electrolyte and lead compounds: Flush immediately with large amounts of clean water or saline for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	In case of exposure to electrolyte, flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. In case of contact with lead compounds: wash immediately with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	In case of exposure to electrolyte, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of exposure to lead compounds, remove from exposure, gargle, wash nose and lips. Call a physician.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. In case of exposure to electrolyte, give large quantities of water. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician. In case of ingestion of lead compounds: consult physician immediately.

### Most important symptoms and effects

<b>Symptoms</b>	Prolonged contact may even cause severe skin irritation or mild burn. Ingestion may cause severe burns to mouth, throat or stomach. Inhalation of sulfuric acid vapors or mists may cause severe respiratory irritation. In severe cases, burns, corneal damage, and blindness may occur.
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### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.
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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Not determined.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Highly flammable hydrogen gas is generated during charging and operation of batteries. To avoid risk of fire or explosion, keep sparks or other sources of ignition away from batteries. Do not allow metallic materials to simultaneously contact negative and positive terminals of cells and batteries.

### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. If batteries are on charge, shut off power. Water applied to electrolyte generates heat and causes it to spatter. Wear acid-resistant clothing.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal Precautions**           Wear acid-resistant clothing, boots, gloves, and face shield.

**Environmental Precautions**   Do not allow discharge of unneutralized acid to sewer.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for Containment**       Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for Clean-Up**           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.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

**Advice on Safe Handling**       Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Handle carefully and avoid tipping, which may allow electrolyte leakage. Single batteries pose no risk of electric shock, but there may be increased risk of electric shock from strings of connected batteries exceeding three 12-volt units.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage Conditions**           Store locked up. Store batteries under roof in cool, dry, well-ventilated areas that are separated from incompatible materials and from activities that may create flames, spark or heat. Store on smooth, impervious surfaces that are provided with measures for liquid containment in the event of electrolyte spills. Keep away from metallic objects that could bridge the terminals on a battery and create a dangerous short-circuit.

**Incompatible Materials**       Electrolyte: Contact with combustibles and organic material may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulfur trioxide gas, strong oxidizers, and water. Lead compounds: Avoid contact with strong acids, bases, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen, and reducing agents.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Exposure Guidelines

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Lead 7439-92-1	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	TWA: 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	IDLH: 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb TWA: 0.050 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.050 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	TWA: 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	IDLH: 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb TWA: 0.050 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb
Lead Oxide 1309-60-0	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	TWA: 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	IDLH: 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb TWA: 0.050 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	TWA: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> thoracic fraction	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Antimony 7440-36-0	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb (vacated) TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb (vacated) TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb	IDLH: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sb

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### Engineering Controls

None under normal use conditions. Use engineering controls (work station design and ventilation) to reduce exposure below OSHA PEL when potential exposure to battery contents exists. Eyewash stations. Showers.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### Eye/Face Protection

Wear safety glasses when handling sealed batteries as a general precaution. If topping is off of a battery or if potential exposure to battery contents exists, wear splash goggles and/or a full face shield.

#### Skin and Body Protection

Wear acid resistant clothing such as apron or splash suit if handling damaged or leaking batteries. Wear chemical and acid resistant gloves when handling electrolyte.

#### Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. When responding to a spill involving damaged batteries or potential exposure to battery contents, use a NIOSH approved respirator with particulate and acid gas cartridges.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Sulfuric acid: Liquid Lead: Solid		
<b>Appearance</b>	Industrial/commercial lead acid battery	<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Color</b>	Not determined	<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not Applicable

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	<1	
Melting Point/Freezing Point	Not applicable	
Boiling Point/Boiling Range	113-116 °C / 235-240 °F	(as sulfuric acid)
Flash Point	Below room temperature	(as hydrogen gas)
Evaporation Rate	< 1	(butyl acetate = 1)
Flammability (Solid, Gas)	Not determined	
Upper Flammability Limits	74% (as hydrogen gas)	
Lower Flammability Limit	4% (as hydrogen gas)	
Vapor Pressure	10 mmHg	

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
Vapor Density	>1	(Air=1)
Specific Gravity	1.27-1.33	(1=Water)
Water Solubility	Completely soluble	(as sulfuric acid)
Solubility in other solvents	Not determined	
Partition Coefficient	Not determined	
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable	
Decomposition Temperature	Not determined	
Kinematic Viscosity	Not determined	
Dynamic Viscosity	Not determined	
Explosive Properties	Not determined	
Oxidizing Properties	Not determined	

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions.

### Chemical Stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

### Conditions to Avoid

Prolonged overcharge at high current. Ignition sources.

### Incompatible Materials

Electrolyte: Contact with combustibles and organic material may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulfur trioxide gas, strong oxidizers, and water. Lead compounds: Avoid contact with strong acids, bases, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen, and reducing agents.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Electrolyte: Sulfur trioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide. Lead compounds: Temperatures above the melting point are likely to produce toxic metal fume, vapor, or dust; contact with strong acid or base or presence of nascent hydrogen may generate highly toxic arsine gas.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

**Eye Contact** Causes severe eye damage.

**Skin Contact** Causes severe skin burns.

**Inhalation** Harmful if inhaled.

**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed.

### Component Information

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	= 2140 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	= 510 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 2 h = 347 ppm ( Rat ) 1 h

**Information on physical, chemical and toxicological effects**

**Symptoms** Please see section 4 of this SDS for symptoms.

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Carcinogenicity** IARC has classified "strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid" as a category 1 carcinogen, substance that is carcinogenic to humans. This classification does not apply to liquid forms of sulfuric acid or sulfuric acid solutions contained within a battery. Inorganic acid mist is not generated under normal use of this product. Misuse of the product, such as overcharging, may result in the generation of sulfuric acid mist.

Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Lead 7439-92-1	A3	Group 2A	Reasonably Anticipated	X
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2	A3	Group 2A	Reasonably Anticipated	X
Lead Oxide 1309-60-0	A3	Group 2A	Reasonably Anticipated	X
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	A2	Group 1	Known	X

**Legend**

**ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)**

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

**IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

**NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

Known - Known Carcinogen

**OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)**

X - Present

**Reproductive toxicity** May damage fertility or the unborn child.

**STOT - repeated exposure** May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Numerical measures of toxicity**

Not determined

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic life. Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Lead 7439-92-1		0.44: 96 h Cyprinus carpio mg/L LC50 semi-static 1.17: 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss mg/L LC50 flow-through 1.32: 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss mg/L LC50 static		600: 48 h water flea µg/L EC50
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9		500: 96 h Brachydanio rerio mg/L LC50 static		29: 24 h Daphnia magna mg/L EC50

**Persistence/Degradability**

Not determined

**Bioaccumulation**

Not determined

**Mobility**

Not determined

**Other Adverse Effects**

Not determined

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste Treatment Methods****Disposal of Wastes**

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. 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.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

**US EPA Waste Number**

Spent lead-acid batteries are not regulated as hazardous waste by the EPA when recycled; however, state and international regulations may vary

Chemical Name	RCRA	RCRA - Basis for Listing	RCRA - D Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Lead 7439-92-1		Included in waste streams: F035, F037, F038, F039, K002, K003, K005, K046, K048, K049, K051, K052, K061, K062, K069, K086, K100, K176	5.0 mg/L regulatory level	
Antimony 7440-36-0		Included in waste streams: F039, K021, K161, K177		

Chemical Name	RCRA - Halogenated Organic Compounds	RCRA - P Series Wastes	RCRA - F Series Wastes	RCRA - K Series Wastes
Antimony 7440-36-0				Toxic waste waste number K021 Waste description: Aqueous spent antimony catalyst waste from fluoromethanes production.

**California Hazardous Waste Status**

Chemical Name	California Hazardous Waste Status
Lead 7439-92-1	Toxic
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2	Toxic
Lead Oxide 1309-60-0	Toxic
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	Toxic Corrosive
Antimony 7440-36-0	Toxic



## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Note** Please see current shipping paper for most up to date shipping information, including exemptions and special circumstances.

### DOT

UN/ID No UN2794  
 Proper Shipping Name Batteries, Wet, Filled with Acid  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

### IATA

UN/ID No UN2794  
 Proper Shipping Name Batteries, Wet, Filled with Acid  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

### IMDG

UN/ID No UN2794  
 Proper Shipping Name Batteries, Wet, Filled with Acid  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### International Inventories

TSCA All ingredients are listed or exempt from listing on Chemical Substance Inventory  
 DSL Listed  
 EINECS Listed

#### Legend:

*TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory*  
*DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List*  
*EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances*  
*ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances*  
*IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances*  
*KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances*  
*PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances*

### US Federal Regulations

#### CERCLA

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Lead 7439-92-1	10 lb		RQ 10 lb final RQ RQ 4.54 kg final RQ
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2	10 lb		RQ 10 lb final RQ RQ 4.54 kg final RQ
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	1000 lb	1000 lb	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ
Antimony 7440-36-0	5000 lb 10 lb		RQ 5000 lb final RQ RQ 2270 kg final RQ RQ 10 lb final RQ RQ 4.54 kg final RQ

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**SARA 313**

Chemical Name	CAS No	Weight-%	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Lead - 7439-92-1	7439-92-1	25.5	0.1
Lead Sulfate - 7446-14-2	7446-14-2	18.2	0.1
Lead Oxide - 1309-60-0	1309-60-0	18	0.1
Sulfuric acid - 7664-93-9	7664-93-9	5.2	1.0
Antimony - 7440-36-0	7440-36-0	<1	1.0

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Lead 7439-92-1 ( 25.5 )		X	X	
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2 ( 18.2 )		X		X
Lead Oxide 1309-60-0 ( 18 )		X		
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9 ( 5.2 )	1000 lb			X
Antimony 7440-36-0 ( <1 )		X	X	

**US State Regulations****California Proposition 65**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Chemical Name	California Proposition 65
Lead - 7439-92-1	Carcinogen Developmental Female Reproductive Male Reproductive
Lead Sulfate - 7446-14-2	Carcinogen Developmental
Lead Oxide - 1309-60-0	Carcinogen Developmental
Sulfuric acid - 7664-93-9	Carcinogen

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Lead 7439-92-1	X	X	X
Lead Sulfate 7446-14-2	X	X	X
Lead Oxide 1309-60-0	X	X	X
Sulfuric acid 7664-93-9	X	X	X
Antimony 7440-36-0	X	X	X

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

<b><u>NFPA</u></b>	<b>Health Hazards</b> Not determined	<b>Flammability</b> Not determined	<b>Instability</b> Not determined	<b>Special Hazards</b> Not determined
<b><u>HMIS</u></b>	<b>Health Hazards</b> Not determined	<b>Flammability</b> Not determined	<b>Physical Hazards</b> Not determined	<b>Personal Protection</b> Not determined

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**