How To Guide: Battery Terminal Protection

Why tape? The terminals, or exposed metal parts, of certain batteries can rub together creating a spark. It only takes one to start a fire! Properly taping these batteries ensures safe transit, but most batteries do NOT need to be taped! The guide below will help you to determine what should be taped.

**No Tape Required**
- Alkaline
- "Heavy Duty" Zinc Carbon
- Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) or Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), less than 9 volts
- Electronic Batteries (plastic casing intact, with recessed terminals)
- Non-Lithium Button Cell

Tape is NOT required for any of these chemistries, but if in doubt, go ahead and use CLEAR tape.

**Separate + Tape**
- Lithium-based batteries must be separated into their own container separate from drum or other large volume collection.
- ALL Lithium & Lithium-ion with exposed terminals
- All Lead Acid
- Electronic Batteries, (if plastic casing is cracked or it has exposed terminals)

**Tape Required**
- All Batteries OVER 9 Volts
- Tape ALL terminals with a piece of CLEAR tape before putting them in the container.

Mix & ship all these batteries together in any approved container...

...And we will handle the rest!

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