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.

Tape Required

- ALL Lithium & Lithium-ion with exposed terminals
- All Lead Acid
- Electronic Batteries, (if plastic casing is cracked or it has exposed terminals)
- 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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