

How to determine your battery type

Many battery types are used in commerce to propel mobility-aid vehicles. Some of these batteries are considered as dangerous goods and require special handling.

Air Carriers are obligated to follow strict rules when transporting dangerous goods.

By identifying your battery type, you will help us ensure that its handling will be done safely and in accordance with the regulations.

If your battery is not visible, (e.g. enclosed in a battery container), you may verify the user's manual, contact your vendor, or the mobility aid manufacturer to find out the battery type.

DRY batteries (Non spillable)

These batteries are not considered as dangerous goods.

Batteries must be thoroughly tested before a manufacturer is allowed to label the battery as DRY or non-spillable.

However, there are no international rules mandating manufacturers to use standard terms and nomenclature for their battery labels.

For this reason, only the batteries with a label that indicates the following English “key words” can be considered as non-spillable:

**AGM
Absorbed Glass Mat
Non Spillable
Dry
Dry Cell**

**Gel Cell
SLA
Sealed Lead Acid
Non Regulated**

Examples of non-spillable DRY batteries:

“AGM” or/ou “Absorbed Glass Mat”



“Non spillable”



“Dry” or/ou “Dry Cell” or/ou “Gel Cell”



“SLA” or/ou “Sealed Lead Acid”



WET batteries (Spillable)

These batteries are considered as dangerous goods, but can still be accepted. The Carrier must know about them to ensure the handling requirements are in accordance with the regulations.

If the above english key words do not appear on the label the battery must be considered as WET “spillable”

Examples of spillable WET batteries:

None of the key words appear on the label.



The label is written in foreign language:



The words “*Maintenance free*”, “*Sealed Valve Regulated*”, “*Spill proof*” or “*Leak proof*” do not indicate a non-spillable battery. This is considered a **WET spillable** battery.



Lithium-ion, Lithium-polymer Batteries
(Li-ion, Li-polymer)

Note: *These batteries can not be spilled. However, due to the danger created by the lithium content, they must be classified as dangerous goods and as **WET or spillable batteries**.*



Batteries not accepted.

Lithium-metal, Lithium-alloy Batteries
(Li-metal, Li-alloy)

At this time, these types of batteries are forbidden as baggage.