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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## BATTERY PACK CONTAINING LEAD ACID BATTERY

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### IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### SECTION 1: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Battery pack containing Lead Acid Battery  
Other Names: Lead Acid Battery Wet, non-spillable,  
Manufacturer's Product Code: (APC)RBCXXX(L) or SYBTXXX(-PLP) (where XXX is 001 through 100 and APC and L are optional)  
YYYY(XXX)BP (where YYYY is SU, SUA, UX, UXA or SURT and XXX is 24, 48 or 192)  
Chemical Family: Electrical Storage Battery  
VOL/WGT: Varies with model  
UN Number: 2800  
Dangerous Goods Class: 8  
Packaging Group III  
Hazchem Code: 2W  
Use: Electric Storage Battery

### SECTION 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Chemical Name | CAS Number: | Proportion: |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lead          | 7439-92-1   | 30-60%      |
| Sulfuric Acid | 7664-93-9   | 20-40%      |
| Lead Dioxide  | 1309-60-0   | 10-30%      |

Percentages of components are dependent on both the model of the RBC and the state of charge/discharge of the battery.

NOTE: The Sealed Lead Acid batteries used in APC by Schneider Electric Replacement Battery Cartridges (RBCs) are contained within cartridges and are sealed, non-spillable design. Under normal use and handling, there is no contact with the internal components of the battery or the chemical hazards. Under normal use and handling, these products do not emit regulated or hazardous substances. Misuse of the product, such as overcharging, may result in a discharge of battery electrolyte.

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**SECTION 3: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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| <b>Appearance:</b>          | The RBC is a manufactured article that contains discrete battery elements. The Batteries contain a sulfuric acid electrolyte (Electrolyte).<br><br>The battery is a manufactured article consisting of a plastic, sealed case, terminals and flame arrestor vent caps. Case color varies. The electrolyte is contained within the case and consists of the electrolyte held captive in an adsorbed glass mat (AGM) or gel matrix. There is no "free" electrolyte to leak out of the case. Product is essentially odorless |
| <b>Boiling Point:</b>       | (Electrolyte) 110°C to 112°C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Melting Point</b>        | >149 °C for plastic case                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Vapor Pressure:</b>      | (Electrolyte) 13 to 22 mmHg@ 25°C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Specific Gravity:</b>    | (Electrolyte) 1.300 @25°C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Flashpoint:</b>          | (Electrolyte) Not Applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Flammability Limits:</b> | (Electrolyte) Not Applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Solubility in Water:</b> | (Electrolyte) Lead and Lead Oxide are insoluble in water. Sulfuric Acid is 100% soluble in water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Other Properties:**

Sulfuric Acid: Contact with combustibles and organic materials may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulphur trioxide gas, strong oxidizers and water. Contact with metals may produce toxic sulphur dioxide fumes and may release flammable hydrogen gas.

Lead Compounds: Avoid contact with strong acids, bases, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen and reducing agents. Ingredients:

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**SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**Battery Electrolyte**

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| <b>Inhalation</b>            | Remove from exposure. Seek medical attention.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Skin</b>                  | Flush the exposed skin with large amounts of water for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Seek medical attention.                                                                                  |
| <b>Eyes</b>                  | Force eyes open and rinse with clean, cool, running water for 15 minutes. Do not use eye drops or other medication unless advised to do so by a doctor. Seek medical attention immediately after rinsing. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>             | Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, drink large quantities of milk or water. Follow with milk of magnesia, beaten egg, egg whites or vegetable oil. Seek medical attention immediately.                 |
| <b>Workplace Facilities:</b> | Provide emergency Showers and eyewash facilities.                                                                                                                                                         |

Wash hands thoroughly after working with batteries and before eating, drinking or smoking.

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**SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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| <b>Flash Point:</b>              | Not Applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Autoignition temperature:</b> | Not Applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Flammable Limits:</b>         | (Hydrogen Gas) 4.1% LEL, 74.2% UEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Fire Fighting:</b>            | Use Carbon Dioxide or Dry Chemical extinguishers. Fire fighter to wear acid-resistant full protective clothing, including rubber footwear and self-contained breathing apparatus. Water should not be used unless from a safe distance due to vigorous and exothermic reaction which will result.                  |
| <b>Explosion:</b>                | Hydrogen and oxygen gases are produced during normal battery operation and charging. These gases escape through the battery vents and may form an explosive atmosphere around the battery if ventilation is poor. Avoid open flame, sparks and other ignition sources in areas where batteries are used or stored. |
| <b>Special Information:</b>      | Sulfuric acid is an oxidizer and can ignite combustibles upon contact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Hazardous Combustion:</b>     | Acid mists and vapors, toxic fumes from burning plastic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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**SECTION 6: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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| <b>Stable:</b>                   | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>      | Use only approved charging methods. Avoid overcharging. Avoid short-circuiting. Avoid sparks and other ignition sources. Keep away from oxidizing and reducing materials. Do not open, break or melt the casing.                                                                        |
| <b>Incompatible Materials:</b>   | Heat, open flames, sparks, strong oxidizing or reducing agents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition:</b>  | Can emit highly toxic fumes when heated. Combustion can produce carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Will release an explosive hydrogen/oxygen gas mixture. Oxides of lead, lead and/or lead compounds may be released. Sulfuric acid may release sulfur dioxide and/or sulfur trioxide. |
| <b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b> | Will not occur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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**SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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| <b>Storage Temperature:</b> | Min: -20°F (-28°C) for fully charged batteries. 20°F (-6°C) for completely discharged batteries.<br>Max: 80°F (26°C) for low shelf discharge but up to 100°F (38°C) is safe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Shelf Life:</b>          | Not determined.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Special Sensitivity:</b> | Avoid direct conductive connection across positive and negative terminals to prevent short circuit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Storage Precautions:</b> | Batteries should be kept in an upright position away from ignition sources. Stack batteries so as to prevent accidental contact between terminal and/or other damage to terminals or containers. Whenever feasible, store on shipping pallet or rack. Do not stack loaded pallets or racks on top of other batteries. Store batteries in cool, well-ventilated location. Avoid storage in areas exposed to heat or solar buildup. |

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## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

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| <b>Eye Protection:</b>               | Chemical splash goggles or a full-face shield with safety glasses.                        |
| <b>Skin Protection:</b>              | Acid resistant clothing with rubber/neoprene boots for major spill clean-up.              |
| <b>Protective Gloves:</b>            | Acid resistant gloves such as rubber, neoprene, vinyl coated, PVC.                        |
| <b>Respiratory Protection:</b>       | Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection when concentrations exceed exposure guidelines. |
| <b>Other Protective Equipment:</b>   | Lab apron, acid resistant steel-toed boots and protective clothing.                       |
| <b>Ventilation:</b>                  | Must be provided when charging in an enclosed area.                                       |
| <b>Engineering Controls:</b>         | Use only in well ventilated area.                                                         |
| <b>Workplace/Hygienic Practices:</b> | Upon skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Keep work areas clean.            |

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## SECTION 9: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| <b>Toxicology Data:</b>    | Wet storage batteries are sealed articles. Exposure to lead, acid and lead contaminated acid is not anticipated during normal storage, handling and intended use or maintenance of the battery. Battery recycling personnel should carefully follow established employer protocols when processing batteries and battery components.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Eye Effects:</b>        | Sulfuric Acid - Severe eye irritant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Skin Effects:</b>       | Sulfuric Acid - Extremely irritating, corrosive, and toxic to tissue, resulting in rapid destruction of tissue, causing severe burns. If much skin is involved, exposure is accompanied by shock, collapse and symptoms similar to those seen in severe burns. Repeated contact with dilute solutions can cause dermatitis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Ingestion Effects:</b>  | Lead - Poison by ingestion in large dosages and with prolonged exposure leading to the same effects as seen in exposure by inhalation. Adults absorb 5-15% of ingested lead and retain less than 5%. Children absorb about 50% and retain about 30%.<br><br>Sulfuric Acid - Moderately toxic by ingestion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Inhalation Effects:</b> | Lead - For industry, inhalation is much more important than is ingestion. Systemic effects include loss of appetite, anemia, malaise, insomnia, headache, irritability, muscle and joint pains, tremors, flaccid paralysis without anesthesia, hallucinations and distorted perceptions, muscle weakness, gastritis and liver changes. Major organ systems affected are the nervous system, blood system and kidneys. Experimental evidence suggests that blood levels of lead below 10 µg/dL can lower the IQ scores of children. Low levels of lead impair neurotransmission and immune system function and may increase systolic blood pressure. Reversible kidney damage can occur from acute exposure. Chronic exposure can lead to irreversible vascular sclerosis, tubular cell atrophy, interstitial fibrosis, and glomerular sclerosis. Very heavy intoxication can sometimes be detected by formation of a dark line on the gum margins. |

Sulfuric Acid - Experimental poison by inhalation. Repeated or prolonged inhalation of sulfuric acid mist can cause inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, leading to chronic bronchitis. Severe exposure may cause chemical pneumonitis. Erosion of tooth enamel due to strong acid fume exposure has been observed in industry. Workers exposed to low concentrations of the vapors gradually lose their sensitivity to its irritating action.

Occupational exposures to strong-acid mists containing sulfuric acid have been associated with several respiratory tract cancers. However, there is no animal data supporting the carcinogenicity of sulfuric acid. Sulfuric acid has been found to be non-mutagenic, and in two studies of workers employed in lead acid battery manufacture, no association between sulfuric acid mist exposure and respiratory tract cancers was observed.

**Mutagenicity:** Lead - Human mutation data reported.

**Reproductive Effects:** Lead - Severe toxicity can cause sterility, abortion, and neonatal mortality and morbidity. Experimental teratogen. Experimental reproductive effects. Pathological lesions have been found on male gonads.

Sulfuric Acid - Experimental teratogen.

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## SECTION 10: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### NFPA HAZARD RATING FOR SULFURIC ACID:

Flammability (Red) =0  
Health (Blue) =3  
Reactivity (Yellow) =2  
Sulfuric acid is water-reactive if concentrated.

**Proposition 65 Notice:** The State of California has determined that certain battery terminals contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. The only possible exposure would be to terminal posts on the battery. RBC terminals and other ancillary components do not contain lead.

### CERCLA (Superfund) and EPCRA:

- Reportable Quantity (RQ) for spilled 100% sulfuric acid under CERCLA (Superfund) and EPCRA Emergency Planning Community Right to Know) is 1,000 lbs. State and local reportable quantities for spilled sulfuric acid may vary.
- Sulfuric acid is a listed "Extremely Hazardous Substance" under EPCRA, with a Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) of 1,000 lbs.
- EPCRA Section 302 notification is required if 1,000 lbs. of more of sulfuric acid is present at one site. The quantity of sulfuric acid will vary by battery type. Contact your Yuasa Battery representative for additional information.
- EPCRA Section 312 Tier 2 reporting is required for batteries if sulfuric acid is present in quantities of 500 lbs. or more and/or if lead is present in quantities of 10,000 lbs. or more.
- Supplier Notification: This product contains toxic chemicals, which may be reportable under EPCRA Section 313 Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (Form R) requirements. If you are a manufacturing facility under SIC codes 20 through 39, the following information is provided to enable you to complete the required reports:

| Toxic Chemical  | CAS Number | Approximate % by Wt. |
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| Lead            | 7439-92-1  | 70                   |
| Sulfuric Acid 7 | 664-93-9   | 10-30                |

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## SECTION 11: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) regulatory requirements affecting the packaging and transportation of batteries containing acid or alkali are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 CFR Section 173.159. The batteries used in APC Uninterruptible Power Supplies are non-spillable wet, electric storage batteries. When shipped in the original factory packaging or contained within UPSs, batteries are excepted from the requirements of the DOT's hazardous materials regulations because they meet the requirements of 49 CFR 173.159a.

A brief summary of the requirements to classify a battery as non-spillable follows:

- Batteries can be considered as non-spillable provided they are capable of withstanding a vibration test and pressure differential test (173.159(f))
- Non-spillable batteries are subject to incident reporting requirements (173.159a(b))
- Non-spillable batteries are excepted from the packaging requirements of §173.159 under the following conditions: (173.159a(c))
  1. Non-spillable batteries must be securely packed in strong outer packagings and meet the requirements of §173.159(a).
  2. The battery and outer packaging must be plainly and durably marked "NON-SPILLABLE" or "NON-SPILLABLE BATTERY."
- Non-spillable batteries are excepted from all other requirements of this subchapter when offered for transportation and transported in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section and the following: (173.159a(d))
  1. (1) At a temperature of 55 °C (131 °F), the battery must not contain any unabsorbed free-flowing liquid, and must be designed so that electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case; and
  2. For transport by aircraft, when contained in a battery-powered device, equipment or vehicle must be prepared and packaged for transport in a manner to prevent unintentional activation in conformance with §173.159(b)(2) of this Subpart. APC RBCs are packed in such a way to prevent short circuits, securely packaged, marked "NON-SPILLABLE" or "NON-SPILLABLE BATTERY", and have been tested by an independent laboratory in accordance with the DOT regulations. **Therefore, they do not require performance oriented packaging, hazardous materials markings (eg., UN number), or a hazardous materials label.**

The APC RBCs manufactured batteries listed above are also excepted from the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations pursuant to Special provisions A48, A67, A164, A183 and Packing Instruction 872. The words "Not Restricted" and the Special Provision numbers must be included in the description of the substance on the Air Waybill as required by 8.2.6, when an Air Waybill is issued (for APC RBCs, that would be A67)

Transportation of hazardous materials by sea is governed by the IMO's International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. Under the IMDG Code, in order to be classified as a non-spillable lead acid battery and excepted from sea transportation regulations, the battery must meet the requirements of Special Provision 238.1 (which contains the Vibration and Pressure Differential Tests referenced above) AND the requirements of Special Provision 238.2 noted below.

IMDG Code Special Provision 238.2 – Non-spillable batteries are not subject to the provisions of this [IMDG] Code if, at a temperature of 55° C, the electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case and there is no free liquid to flow and if, when packaged for transport, the terminals are protected from short circuit. APC batteries listed above are excepted from IMDG regulations pursuant to the requirements above.

**This notice is to clarify to shippers and transporters that APC Replaceable Battery Cartridges are packaged and marked in accordance with 49 CFR 173.159a and are determined to be in compliance with DOT HMR49 Non-Hazardous Materials, the International Air Transportation Association (IATA), Special Provisions S.P. A48, A67, A164, A183 & Packing Instruction 872 and IMDG S.P. 238.1 & 238.2. Therefore, these batteries are not restricted for shipment by air, sea or ground and are exempted from the hazardous material category. Please ensure that you follow the requirements of DOT, IATA and IMDG to ensure these exceptions remain applicable.**



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## SECTION 12: OTHER INFORMATION

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**California Proposition 65:** Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm, and during charging, strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid are evolved, a chemical Known to the State of California to cause cancer. Wash hands after handling.

**Disposal Considerations:** Refer to the local waste disposal authority for disposal of lead compounds, sulfuric acid and spend soda ash/sodium bicarbonate. Lead-acid batteries are completely recyclable. For information on returning batteries to APC for recycling, contact your APC representative or obtain recycling information on the website ([www.apc.com/recycle/](http://www.apc.com/recycle/)).

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