



Technical Service Bulletin

Battery Storage and Recharge

This memo is intended as a reminder to all customers and end users of Marathon Power UPS products that it is **imperative** that the lead-acid storage batteries utilized in the UPS be maintained properly and regularly.

If lead-acid batteries are overly discharged or left standing in the discharged state for prolonged periods, hardened lead sulphate coats the electrodes and will not be removed during recharging. Such build-up reduces the efficiency and life of batteries and may permanently damage the battery. Also, over-charging can cause electrolyte to escape as corrosive gases. If a battery that has been damaged due to its internal chemistry as described above is used in a UPS, it can appear to the charging circuit as a “short circuit” causing excessive current to flow through the input and charger circuits and consequently destroying them.

As stated in our product manuals, in order to avoid this type of misuse and damage, batteries must be maintained with a full-charge at least once every 3 to 6 months. This can be accomplished very easily by simply connecting the UPS to its rated-power input line and allowing the batteries to recharge.

Storage Notes

Please adhere to the following storage instructions if the UPS is not to be installed shortly after delivery:

1. Store the unit as is in its original packing and shipping container.
2. The optimum storage temperature range is 5°F to 77°F (-5°C to +25°C).
3. Ensure that the equipment is fully protected from wet or damp areas and from moisture.
4. *Ensure that the UPS is recharged every 6 months for at least 8 hours in order to maintain battery energy and maximize useable life.*

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