



Battery Maintenance Maintenance Batteries Only

3 simple rules for good battery maintenance.

Maintain Proper Electrolyte Level (Weekly) - Use distilled water in batteries whenever possible. If batteries are discharged, add just enough water to cover the plates in each cell. If batteries are fully charged, fill each cell to the bottom of the filler tube. **Do not over-fill the batteries!**

Keep the Batteries Charged (weekly) – batteries should be charged each time that a machine is used for more than 1 hour. Machine operators should open the battery compartment cover for charging, to avoid a concentrated build-up of hydrogen gas. Even when a machine is stored, the batteries should be charged once a month to prevent the batteries from “sulfating”. Almost all battery caps are vented, so there’s no need to loosen or remove them for charging.

Keep the Batteries Clean (Monthly) – Use a damp cloth to wipe dirt from the top of the batteries. Battery terminals must be clean and tight. If the tops of the batteries are wet after charging, the batteries have probably been over-filled or over-charged. Note: If there is acid on the batteries, wash the tops of the batteries with a solution of baking soda and water (2) tablespoons of baking soda to 1 quart of water.

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