



VRLA Non Spillable Battery Packaging and Shipping Instructions for Recycling

These instructions must be followed exactly!

These instructions are for **VRLA or gel type lead acid batteries** only. If you are unsure of the type of batteries that you have, please contact us for assistance.

Planning

- Under the Universal Waste Law, you must contact Battery Solutions, Inc. **before** sending a shipment of Universal Waste Batteries to us so we can assign a recycling authorization tracking number to the shipment.
- We will provide you with the address of the nearest Battery Solutions Recycling Center for your shipment and arrange transportation and handling as required.
- When calling please let us know:
 - If you do not have a loading dock or lift truck to load the battery for shipment so Battery Solutions can quote and arrange for special equipment.
 - If you do not have an asphalt or concrete loading area. Please inform us before you package the batteries.
 - If you have a single VRLA battery to be shipped.

Packaging and Labeling

- A single VRLA battery can be packaged in a box and shipped FedEx Ground. Label the box with the non-spillable and prepaid FedEx PRP labels provided.
- All batteries must be packaged on a pallet in individual boxes or with an ample amount of cardboard separating the batteries and protecting all the terminals.
- **Do not use Styrofoam packaging material, i.e. peanuts, foam padding, flow-foam products, etc. in the battery boxes or in the pallets. Using these materials will incur a surcharge.** All types of cardboard and shrink-wrap material are acceptable.

- Only use heavy-duty pallets with two by four supports. When packaging the batteries, if the batteries are not in boxes, place one layer of batteries upright, then place cardboard on top of that layer before you put another layer of batteries on the pallet. Place more cardboard on top. When packaging batteries that are over 16 inches tall, only put one layer high on each pallet.
- All batteries should be carefully banded to a strong wooden pallet with 5/8 inch vinyl banding making certain that the banding does NOT come in contact with battery terminals. The top surface of the pallet itself should have 2X2 wooden strips nailed to the pallet surrounding the base of the batteries to prevent the batteries or drums from sliding off the pallet during transit.
- Shrink-wrap the layers heavily to the pallet making sure the shrink-wrap is all the way down around the pallet itself. Use enough shrink-wrap to keep the batteries from shifting during transportation. NEVER put more than two layers on each pallet. The whole pallet with the layers should never be taller than it is wide.
- If the batteries are damaged or leaking please call the Logistics Department for instructions.
- The provided non-spillable labels must be placed on opposite sides of each pallet.

Shipping

- Have the driver of the trucking company sign the bill of lading that was provided to you. Keep a signed copy for your records.

Contact Information

To plan a shipment or for any questions call our Logistics Department at 800-852-8127.

