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## Alkaline Manganese Dioxide Battery

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### Product Safety, Transportation and Disposal

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#### **PRODUCT SAFETY**

##### **PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING AND USE**

DURACELL alkaline manganese cells and batteries will provide long, reliable and safe service when used correctly. To achieve optimum performance and trouble-free operation, the following precautions should be observed.

ALWAYS take care to fit batteries correctly, observing the 'plus' and 'minus' signs on the battery and appliance.

ALWAYS replace batteries in your equipment with the type and size of DURACELL battery specified by the manufacturer.

ALWAYS replace the whole set of batteries at one time.

ALWAYS remove dead batteries from equipment.

ALWAYS remove batteries from equipment you know you are not going to use for a long time.

ALWAYS keep batteries away from small children. If swallowed seek medical advice immediately and contact the DURACELL subsidiary in your country.

NEVER mix different types of batteries.

NEVER deliberately short-circuit batteries.

NEVER take apart, crush, puncture or mutilate alkaline manganese batteries.

NEVER dispose of cells or batteries in fires.

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#### PRECAUTIONS FOR STORAGE

Batteries should be stored at temperatures between 10°C and 25°C with relative humidity not exceeding 65%. To maximise shelf life, excessive temperature cycling and storage at temperatures greater than 25°C, or less than 10°C, should be avoided. Storage of alkaline manganese batteries at lower temperatures is possible, providing care is taken in returning the batteries to room temperature prior to use.

Store unused cells and batteries in their packaging and keep away from metal objects which may cause a short-circuit resulting in possible leakage, or in extreme cases an explosion.

#### CHARGING

Alkaline manganese cells and batteries are of the primary type and are NOT designed to be recharged. Attempts to recharge these batteries can lead to leakage and possibly an explosion.

No responsibility is accepted by **DURACELL** for injury or damage resulting from the cells having been recharged or otherwise abused.

#### HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Where alkaline manganese batteries leak, due to misuse, or are taken apart, crushed or punctured, the internal materials will be exposed. The hazards of these materials, together with safety advice is given below.

<u>Component</u>	<u>Appearance</u>	<u>Material</u>
Anode	Silver grey paste	Zinc powder
Cathode	Black pellet	Manganese dioxide/graphite
Electrolyte	Clear liquid	Potassium hydroxide solution

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Hazards: All materials are CORROSIVE (due to the presence of potassium hydroxide solution) and may cause burns to eyes and skin. Additionally, manganese dioxide is HARMFUL by inhalation (when dry) and if swallowed.

Safety Advice: In case of contact with skin or eyes rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

**IF PART OR WHOLE OF THE BATTERY IS SWALLOWED**  
**SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IMMEDIATELY**

Note: Alkaline manganese cells and batteries are not subject to EC requirements on the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances or preparations (directives 67/548/EEC and 88/379/EEC as amended) or EC requirements on hazardous substance data sheets (directive 91/155/EEC as amended).

### **TRANSPORTATION**

There are no special restrictions on the international transportation of alkaline manganese batteries by land (ADR Agreement), rail (RID Regulations), sea (IMDG Code), or air (ICAO/IATA Regulations). For regulations applying to individual countries, the relevant regulatory authority should be consulted.

## DISPOSAL

### DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**DURACELL** alkaline manganese cells and batteries contain less than the prescribed amounts of mercury, cadmium and lead, they are not subject to the provisions of the EC directive 91/157/EEC on batteries and accumulators containing certain dangerous substances. However, individual countries may also establish regulations that cover the disposal of waste batteries. These may be more stringent than EC requirements. Thus, local regulatory authorities should be contacted for their disposal guidelines.

In the absence of specific regulations or guidelines, the following is recommended for the disposal of **DURACELL** alkaline manganese cells and batteries.

1. Batteries in household use:  
Individual alkaline manganese cells and batteries can be disposed of with other domestic waste.
2. Bulk quantities:  
The recommended procedure for disposal of alkaline manganese cells and batteries is in a hazardous waste landfill. Local regulations, which may specify other methods for the disposal of these batteries supersede these recommendations. Waste management companies can provide assistance with disposal.

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#### **COLLECTION AND HANDLING**

Where necessary commercial or bulk quantities of spent alkaline manganese cells and batteries should be collected and transported under cover, in leak proof containers and in a manner to prevent compaction, mutilation, or any other physical abuse that would destroy their physical integrity. They should not be exposed to fire or high temperatures.

Caution: Cells and batteries which are not fully discharged may leak, vent or explode when subjected to short circuit or other forms of electrical abuse.

#### **STORAGE**

Separately collected spent alkaline manganese batteries should be stored in a well ventilated, covered area, preferably using relatively small heat-resistant plastic containers. Containers should not be hermetically sealed.

**Note: Guidelines for the disposal of alkaline manganese cells and batteries are continually being revised. Contact your local DURACELL company for further information.**