

**RECHARGEABLE SEALED  
LEAD ACID BATTERIES**

**SPECIAL PROVISION**

**A67**



## Shipment of Power-Sonic Rechargeable Sealed Lead Acid Batteries. Non-Restricted Status

### ***NORTH AMERICA – SURFACE AND AIR SHIPMENTS***

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### ***INTERNATIONAL***

Our nonspillable lead acid batteries also are excepted from the international hazardous materials (also known as "dangerous goods") regulations since they comply with the following requirements:

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- The vibration, pressure differential, and "crack" tests found in Special Provision 238.1 and 238.2 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.
- Under I.A.T.A. classification Power-Sonic batteries fall under UN number 2800: "Batteries, wet, non-spillable, electric storage".



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### PS, PSH, PSG and PG Valve Regulated (VRLA) Batteries Absorbed Electrolyte (AGM)

#### Section 1 - Product Identification

<b>Manufacturers Name</b>  <b>Power-Sonic Corporation,</b> <b>7550 Panasonic Way</b> <b>San Diego, CA 92154</b>	<b>Emergency Telephone Numbers:</b> <b>CHEMTREC (Domestic): (800) 424-9300</b> <b>CHEMTREC (International): (703) 527-3887</b>
	<b>Telephone Number for Information</b> <b>Power-Sonic Corporation: (619) 661-2020</b>
	<b>Date Issued: July 1, 2009</b>
<p><i>The information contained within is provided as a service to our customers and is for their information only. The information and recommendations set forth herein are made in good faith and are believed to be accurate at the date compiled. Power-Sonic Corporation makes no warranty expressed or implied.</i></p>	

#### Section 2 - Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information

Components	CAS Number	Approx Wt. %	OSHA PEL ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	ACGIH TLV ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	NIOSH ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
Inorganic Lead/Lead Compounds	7439-92-1	65%-75%	50	150	10
Tin	7440-31-5	<0.5%	2000	2000	N/A
Calcium	7440-70-2	<0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electrolyte: Dilute sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	14-20%	1000	1000	1000
Fiberglass Separator	-	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Case Material: Acrylonitrile Butadine Styrene (ABS)	9003-56-9	5-10%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Inorganic lead and electrolyte (sulfuric acid) are the main components of every Valve Regulated Lead Acid battery supplied by Power-Sonic Corporation. Other ingredients may be present dependent upon the specific battery type. For additional information contact Power-Sonic Corporation Technical Department.

#### Section 3 - Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Components	Density	Melting Points	Solubility (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Odor	Appearance
Lead	11.34	621 °F	None	None	Silver-Gray
Lead Sulfate	6.20	1950 °F	40mg/l (60 °F)	None	White Powder
Lead Dioxide	9.40	554 °F	None	None	Brown Powder
Sulfuric Acid	About 1.30	203-240 °F	100%	Sharp penetrating pungent	Clear Colorless Liquid
Fiberglass Separator	N/A	N/A	Slight	None	White Fibrous
Case Material: Acrylonitrile Butadine Styrene (ABS)	N/A	N/A	None	None	Solid

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## Section 4 – Flammability Data

Components	Flashpoint	Explosive Limit	Comments
Lead and Sulfuric Acid	None	None	None
Hydrogen		LEL = 4.1%	Sealed batteries can emit hydrogen if overcharged (float voltage > 2.40 VPC)
Fiberglass Separator	N/A	N/A	Toxic vapors may be released. In case of fire, wear self contained breathing apparatus
Acrylonitrile Butadine Styrene (ABS)	None	N/A	Temp over 527°F (300°C) may release combustible gases. In case of fire, wear self contained breathing apparatus

## Section 5 - Reactivity Data

<b>Stability</b>	Unstable		Conditions to Avoid
	Stable	X	Prolonged overcharge on high current, ignition sources. Sulfuric acid remains stable at all temperatures
<b>Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)</b>			
<p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Contact with combustibles and organic materials may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulfur trioxide gas, strong oxidizers, and water. Contact with metals may product toxic sulfur dioxide fumes and may release flammable hydrogen gas.</p> <p><b>Lead Compounds:</b> Avoid contact with strong acids, bases, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen, and reducing agents.</p>			
<b>Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts</b>			
<p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Sulfur trioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen sulfide.</p> <p><b>Lead Compounds:</b> High temperatures above the melting point are likely to produce toxic metal fume, vapor, or dust; contact with strong acid or base or presence of nascent hydrogen may generate highly toxic arsine gas. Hazardous Polymerization.</p>			
<b>Polymerization:</b> Sulfuric acid will not polymerize			
<b>Decomposition Products:</b> Sulfuric Dioxide, Trioxide, Hydrogen Sulfide, Hydrogen.			
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b> Prohibit smoking, sparks, etc. from battery charging area. Avoid mixing acid with other chemicals.			

## Section 6 - Health Hazard Data

<b>Routes of Entry</b>
<p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Harmful by all routes of entry</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Hazardous Exposure can occur only when product is heated, oxidized, or otherwise processed or damaged to create dust, vapor or fume.</p>
<b>Inhalation</b>
<p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Breathing sulfuric acid vapors and mists may cause severe respiratory problems.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Dust or fumes may cause irritation of upper respiratory tract or lungs.</p> <p><b>Fiberglass Separator:</b> Fiberglass is an irritant to the upper respiratory tract, skin and eyes. For exposure up to 10°F/ use MSA Comfoll with type H filter. Above 10°F use Ultra Twin with type H filter. This product is not considered carcinogenic by NTP or OSHA.</p>
<b>Skin Contact</b>
<p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Severe irritation, burns and ulceration.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Not absorbed through the skin</p>

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<p><b>Ingestion</b></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> May cause severe irritation of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and stomach.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> May cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and severe cramping. Acute ingestion should be treated by a physician.</p>
<p><b>Eye Contact</b></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Severe irritation, burns, cornea damage and possible blindness.</p> <p><b>Lead Compounds:</b> May cause eye irritation.</p>
<p><b>Acute Health Hazards</b></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Severe skin irritation, burns, damage to cornea may cause blindness, upper respiratory irritation.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> May cause abdominal pain, nausea, headaches, vomiting, loss of appetite, severe cramping, muscular aches and weakness, and difficulty sleeping. The toxic effects of lead are cumulative and slow to appear. It affects the kidneys, reproductive and central nervous systems. The symptoms of lead overexposure are listed above. Exposure to lead from a battery most often occurs during lead reclamation operations through the breathing or ingestion of lead dust or fumes.</p>
<p><b>Chronic Health Hazards</b></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Possible scarring of the cornea, inflammation of the nose, throat and bronchial tubes, possible erosion of tooth enamel.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> May cause anemia, damage to kidneys and nervous system, and damage to reproductive system in both males and females.</p>
<p><b>Carcinogenicity</b></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> The National Toxicological Program (NTP) and The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have classified strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid as a Category 1 carcinogen, a substance that is carcinogenic to humans. The ACGIH has classified strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid as an A2 carcinogen (suspected human carcinogen). These classifications do not apply to liquid forms of sulfuric acid or sulfuric acid solutions contained within a battery. Inorganic acid mist (sulfuric acid mist) is not generated under normal use of this product. Misuse of the product, such as overcharging, may result in the generation of sulfuric acid mist.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Human studies are inconclusive regarding lead exposure and an increased cancer risk. The EPA and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have categorized lead and inorganic lead compounds as a B2 classification (probable/possible human carcinogen) based on sufficient animal evidence and inadequate human evidence.</p>
<p><b>Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure</b></p> <p>Inorganic lead and its compounds can aggravate chronic forms of kidney, liver, and neurological diseases. Contact of battery electrolyte (acid) with the skin may aggravate skin diseases such as eczema and contact dermatitis. Overexposure to sulfuric acid mist may cause lung damage and aggravate pulmonary conditions.</p>
<p><b>Emergency and First Aid Procedures</b></p> <p><u>Inhalation</u></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Remove to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Remove from exposure, gargle, wash nose and lips, consult physician</p> <p><u>Ingestion</u></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Do not induce vomiting, consult a physician immediately.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Consult a physician immediately</p> <p><u>Eyes</u></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Flush immediately with water for 15 minutes, consult a physician.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Flush immediately with water for 15 minutes, consult a physician</p> <p><u>Skin</u></p> <p><b>Sulfuric acid:</b> Flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, remove any contaminated clothing. If irritation develops seek medical attention.</p> <p><b>Lead compounds:</b> Wash with soap and water.</p>

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## Section 7 - Precautions for Safe Handling and Use

<p><b>Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled</b></p> <p>There is no release of material unless the case is damaged or battery is misused/overcharged. If release occurs stop flow of material, contain/absorb all spills with dry sand, earth, or vermiculite. Do not use combustible materials. Neutralize spilled material with soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, lime, etc. Wear acid-resistant clothing, boots, gloves, and face shield. Dispose of as hazardous waste. Do not discharge acid to sewer</p>
<p><b>Waste Disposal Method</b></p> <p>Spent Batteries - send to secondary lead smelter for recycling. Follow applicable federal, state and local regulations Neutralize as in preceding step. Collect neutralized material in sealed container and handle as hazardous waste as applicable. A copy of this MSDS must be supplied to any scrap dealer or secondary lead smelter with the battery.</p>
<p><b>Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storing</b></p> <p>Store batteries in a cool, dry, well ventilated area that are separated from incompatible materials and any activities which may generate flames, sparks, or heat. Keep all metallic articles that could contact the negative and positive terminals on a battery and create a short circuit condition.</p>
<p><b>Electrical Safety</b></p> <p>Due to the battery's low internal resistance and high power density, high levels of short circuit current can be developed across the battery terminals. Do not rest tools or cables on the battery. Use insulated tools only. Follow all installation instructions and diagrams when installing or maintaining battery systems.</p>
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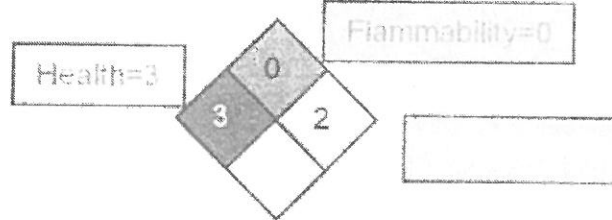
## Section 8 - Control Measures

<p><b>Respiratory Protection</b></p> <p>None required under normal conditions. If battery is overcharged and concentrations of sulfuric acid are known to exceed PEL use NIOSH or MSH approved respiratory protection.</p>	
<p><b>Engineering Controls</b></p> <p>Store and handle batteries in a well ventilated area. If mechanical ventilation is used, components must be acid resistant</p>	
<p><b>Protective Gloves</b></p> <p>None needed under normal conditions. If battery case is damaged use rubber or plastic elbow length gauntlets</p>	<p><b>Eye Protection</b></p> <p>None needed under normal conditions. If handling damaged or broken batteries use chemical splash goggles or face shield</p>
<p><b>Other Protective Clothing or Equipment</b></p> <p>None needed under normal conditions. In case of damaged or broken battery use an acid resistant apron. Under severe exposure or emergency conditions wear acid resistant clothing.</p>	
<p><b>Work Hygienic Practices</b></p> <p>Handle batteries carefully to avoid damaging the case. Do not allow metallic articles to contact the battery terminals during handling. Avoid contact with the internal components of the battery.</p>	

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## Section 9 Regulatory Information

### NFPA Hazard Rating for Sulfuric Acid



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### Regulatory Information

**RCRA:** Spent lead acid batteries are not regulated as hazardous waste by the EPA when recycled, however state and international regulations may vary.

#### CERCLA (superfund) and EPCRA:

- Reportable Quantity (RQ) for spilled 100% sulfuric acid under CERCLA (superfund) and EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act) is 1,000lbs. 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 1,000lbs.
- EPCRA Section 302 Notification is required if 1,000lbs. or more of sulfuric acid is present at one site. The quantity of sulfuric acid will vary by battery type. Contact Power-Sonic Corporation for additional information.
- EPCRA Section 312 Tier 2 reporting is required for batteries if sulfuric acid is present in quantities of 500lbs. or more and/or lead is present in quantities of 10,000lbs. 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:

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**Regulatory Information continued:**

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Toxic Chemical	CAS Number	Approximate % by weight
Lead	7439-92-1	60
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9 10-	30
Arsenic	7440-38-2	0.2

If you distribute this product to other manufacturers in SIC codes 20 through 39, this information must be provided with the first shipment in a calendar year. The Section 313 supplier notification requirement does not apply to batteries which are "consumer products". Not present in all battery types. Contact Power-Sonic Corporation for further information.

**TSCA**

Ingredients in Power-Sonic Corporation's batteries are listed in the TSCA Registry as follows:

Components	CAS Number	TSCA Status
Electrolyte Sulfuric Acid (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	7664-93-9	Listed
Inorganic Lead Compound: Lead (Pb)	7439-92-1	Listed
Lead Oxide (PbO)	1317-36-8	Listed
Lead Sulfate (PbSO <sub>4</sub> )	7446-14-2	Listed
Arsenic (As)	7440-38-2	Listed
Calcium (Ca)	7440-70-2	Listed
Tin (Sn)	7440-31-5	Listed

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