



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1	IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT AND OF THE SUPPLIER						
1.1	Product:	Nickel Metal Hydride Battery					
	Chemical System:	Nickel Metal Hydride					
	Designed for recharge:	Yes					
	Detail of Supplier:	Address: Power-Sonic Europe Ltd 3 Buckingham Square Wickford Essex SS118YQ Contact: Ken Gainda Position: Technical Manager Telephone: 01268 560686 email: ken.gainda@power-sonic.co.uk					
2	HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION						
	IMPORTANT NOTE: The battery should not be opened or burned. Exposure to the ingredients contained within or their combustion products could be harmful.						
2.1	The content of elements are based on homogeneous materials level of NiMH battery:						
	Element	Lead	Cadmium	Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+)	Mercury	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBBs)	Polybrominated Diphenyls Ethers(PBDEs)
	% W. t.	<0.1	<0.01	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
2.2	The content of elements are based on total weight of NiMH battery:						
	MATERIAL OR INGREDIENTS	% W. t.					
	Nickel as Nickel Hydroxide Nickel Oxide Nickel Powder	30-50					
	Potassium Hydroxide	< 5					
	Cobalt as Cobalt Metal Cobalt Oxide Cobalt Hydroxide	2.5-6.0					
	Sodium Hydroxide	< 3					
	Zinc as Zinc Metal Zinc Oxide Zinc Hydroxide	< 3					
	Mercury	0-0.0005					
	Lead as Lead Metal Lead Oxide	0-0.004					
	Cadmium as Cadmium Metal Cadmium Oxide Cadmium Hydroxide	<0.002					
	Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+)	0-0.0005					
	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBBs)	Nil					
	Polybrominated Diphenyls Ethers(PBDEs)	Nil					
3	PHYSICAL/ CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS						
	Boiling Point	N.A.					
	Vapour Pressure (mm Hg)	N.A.					
	Vapour Density (AIR=1)	N.A.					
	Specific Gravity (H2O=1)	N.A.					
	Melting Point	N.A.					
	Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate)	N.A.					
	Solubility in Water	N.A.					
	Appearance and Odour	Cylindrical Shape, Odourless					



4	REACTIVITY DATA	
	Stability	Unstable Stable X
	Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)	Conditions to Avoid
	Hazardous Decomposition or By-products	
	Hazardous Polymerization	May Occur Will Not Occur X
5	FIRE AND EXPLOSION MEASURES	
	In case of fire where nickel metal hydride batteries are present, apply a smothering agent such as METL-X, sand, dry ground dolomite, or soda ash, or flood the area with water. A smothering agent will extinguish burning nickel metal hydride batteries. Water may not extinguish burning batteries but will cool the adjacent batteries and control the spread of fire. Burning batteries will burn themselves out. Virtually all fires involving nickel metal hydride batteries can be controlled with water. However, when water is used hydrogen gas may evolve. In a confined space hydrogen gas can form an explosive mixture. In this situation smothering agents are recommended. Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Burning nickel metal hydride batteries can produce toxic fumes including oxides of nickel, cobalt, aluminium, manganese, lanthanum, cerium, neodymium, and praseodymium.	
6	HEALTH HAZARD DATA	
	Under normal conditions of use, the battery is hermetically sealed.	
	Ingestion:	Swallowing a battery can be harmful. Contents of an open battery can cause serious chemical burns of mouth, oesophagus, and gastrointestinal tract.
	Inhalation:	Contents of an open battery can cause respiratory irritation. Hypersensitivity to nickel can cause allergic pulmonary asthma. Provide fresh air and seek medical attention.
	Skin Contact:	Contents of an open battery can cause skin irritation and/or chemical burns. Nickel, nickel compounds, cobalt, and cobalt compounds can cause skin sensitization and an allergic contact dermatitis. Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with soap and water. If a chemical burn occurs or if irritation persists, seek medical attention.
	Eye Contact:	Contents of an open battery can cause severe irritation and chemical burns. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower lids, until no evidence of the chemical remains. Seek medical attention.
7	PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE	
	Action	
7.1	Storage:	Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Elevated temperatures can result in shortened battery life.
	Mechanical Containment:	Never seal or encapsulate nickel metal hydride batteries. Do not obstruct safety release vents on batteries. Encapsulation (potting) of batteries will not allow cell venting and can cause high pressure rupture.
	Handling:	Accidental short circuit for a few seconds will not seriously affect the battery. However, this battery is capable of delivering very high short circuit currents. Prolonged short circuits will cause high cell temperatures which can cause skin burns. Sources of short circuits include jumbled batteries in bulk containers, metal jewellery, and metal covered tables or metal belts used for assembly of batteries into devices. Do not open battery. The negative electrode material may be pyrophoric. Should an individual cell from a battery become disassembled, spontaneous combustion of the negative electrode is possible. This is much more likely to happen if the electrode is removed from its metal container. There can be a delay between exposure to air and spontaneous combustion.
	Charging:	This battery is made to be charged many times. Because it gradually loses its charge over a few months, it is good practice to charge battery before use. Use recommended charger. Improper charging can cause heat damage or even high pressure rupture. Observe proper charging polarity.
8	ACCIDENTAL RELEASE OR SPILLAGE	
	Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled. Batteries that are leaking should be handled with rubber gloves. Avoid direct contact with electrolyte. Wear protective clothing and a positive pressure Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).	
9	SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION	
	Ventilation Requirements:	Not necessary under normal conditions.
	Respiratory Protection:	Not necessary under normal conditions.
	Eye Protection:	Not necessary under normal conditions. Wear safety glasses with side shields if handling an open or leaking battery.
	Gloves:	Not necessary under normal conditions. Use neoprene or natural rubber gloves if handling an open or leaking battery.
	Open Battery Storage:	Battery should not be opened. Should a cell become disassembled, the electrode should be stored in a fireproof cabinet, away from combustibles. Keep batteries between -20°C and 35°C for prolong storage. When the cells are closed to fully charged, the storage temperature should be between -20°C and 30°C and should be controlled at 10-20°C during transportation and packed with efficient air ventilation.



10	EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSON PROTECTION	
	Occupational Exposure Limits: LTEP N.A.	STEP N.A.
	Respiratory Protection (Specify Type) N.A.	
	Ventilation	Local Exhausts N.A.
		Mechanical (General) N.A.
	Protective Gloves	Special N.A.
		Other N.A.
	Other Protective Clothing or Equipment N.A.	Eye Protection N.A.
	Work / Hygienic Practices N.A.	
11	ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION	
	N.A.	
12	DISPOSAL METHOD	
	Dispose of batteries according to government regulations.	
13	TRANSPORT INFORMATION	
	<p>Power-Sonic Europe Ltd hereby certify that the above NiMH cylindrical batteries are non-dangerous and non-hazardous materials for air transport in any nature. The consignment is fully described by the proper shipping name and packed to prevent short circuit and from movement that could lead to short-circuiting, marked and in proper conditions for carriage conditions by air.</p> <p>We here certify that the above batteries are not classified as dangerous under the current edition of IATA. Dangerous Goods Regulations and comply to the provision of A199 and all applicable and government regulations.</p>	
14	REGULATORY INFORMATION	
	Special requirement be according to the local regulatory.	
15	OTHER INFORMATION	
	The data in this Material Safety Data Sheet relates only to the specific material designated herein.	
16	MEASURES FOR FIRE EXTINCTION	
	In case of fire, it is permissible to use any class of extinguishing medium on these batteries or their packing material. Cool exterior of batteries if exposed to fire to prevent rupture. Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus.	