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Transportation Policy for Lead-Acid Batteries Used in Power Wheelchairs

MK Battery has all GEL and AGM VRLA products tested to the IATA/DOT transportation test procedures for non-spillable batteries. An independent laboratory certifies all testing.

When an MK Battery is labeled with the wording “ICAO, IMDG, IATA, and DOT Air Transport Approved”, this means the product is classified as “non-dangerous” and is not restricted for air transport and is exempt from the hazardous materials regulations.

The three tests required for the above classification are:

1. Pressure Differential Test
2. Vibration Test
3. A67 Special Provision crack case test per IATA air transportation

Passing these tests along with the following additional packaging requirements exclude the batteries from any hazardous material regulations:

1. Battery must be protected against short circuits
2. Battery must be labeled as “Non-Spillable” or “Non-Spillable Battery”
3. Visual inspection shows no obvious defect or damage

If the lead-acid battery is installed in a wheelchair, it must be disconnected, and the terminals must be insulated to prevent short circuits. The battery must also be securely attached to the wheelchair or mobility aid or must be removed and placed in a strong rigid packaging with the packaging marked with “Non-Spillable” or “Non-Spillable Battery”.

Note: Every airline has their own policy/requirements – please visit the website of the airline you are traveling with for more information.