

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

PzS & PzB

| | Follow instructions Pay attention to the operation instruction and fix them close to the battery. | | Chemical hazard Risk of chemical burns by the electrolyte Sulfuric acid can cause blindness or severe burns. Flush eyes and affected body parts with water. Get medical help fast. | | | | |
|--|---|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| @ | Use protective clothes Use protective glasses and clothes when working on batteries. Pay attention to the accident prevention rules as well as EN 50272-3 and EN 50110-1. | & ® | Ignition hazard Risk of explosion or fire No smoking, open flames, sparks and electrostatic discharges near the battery. Do not use dry rags or feather dusters for cleaning. | | | | |
| | Specialty equipment Work on batteries to be carried out by skilled personnel only! | | Case crazing hazard Risk of battery case damage by chemicals Do not use chemicals, sprays or similar to clean the battery. Use water damp cloth only. | | | | |
| | Electrical hazard Dangerous electrical voltage! | ╉ | Warning Acid splashes in the eyes or on the skin must be washed with water. In case of accident consult a doctor immediately! Clothing contaminated by acid should be washed in water. | | | | |
| | Risk of fire, explosion, or burns Do not disassemble, heat above 60°C, or incinerate. Avoid any short circuit. Metallic parts under voltage on the battery, do not place tools or items on top of the battery | Pb | Environmental hazard Risk of lead contamination. Dispose spent batteries properly with the help of your supplier. Do not throw them into garbage. | | | | |
| Ignoring the operation instructions, repair with non-original parts or using additives | | | | | | | |
| for the electrolyte will render the warranty void. | | | | | | | |



Rating Date.

| Nominał capacity | C ₅ | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Nominal voltage | 2.0V x no of cells | | |
| Nominal discharge | C₅/5h | | |
| current | | | |
| Nominal specific gravity | 1.29 kg/dm ³ | | |
| (will be reached after 10 | | | |
| cycles) | | | |
| Rated temperature | +30°C | | |
| Nominal electrolyte level | Up to mark "max" | | |

1. Commissioning.

BATER supply battery filled and charged Upon receiving a shipment of battery s, it is advisable to open the shipping containers and carefully check the battery and hardware against the packing list. The contents of each consignment are carefully inspected by BATER before shipment. Any damage must be reported immediately to the carrier and the damaged items retained for inspection by the carrier's representative.

The charger cables must be connected to ensure a good contact, taking care that the polarity is correct. Otherwise battery, vehicle or charger could be damaged.

The specified torque loading for the poles screws of the charger cables and post connectors is 22±1Nm. In case the interval between delivery (see manufacturing date on type plate) and commissioning is longer than 8 weeks or the electrolyte level sensor is indicating low electrolyte level (see point 3.1.), the electrolyte level has to be checked.

If the battery is equipped with a single point water topping up system (BFS), for the removal of the BFS plugs only the appropriate tool must be used. Otherwise the floats of plugs may be permanently damaged, which can cause overflow of the cells. If it is below the antisurge baffle or the top of the separator it must first be topped up to this height with purified water (DIN 43530 part 4). The battery is then charged as in item 2.2. The electrolyte should be topped up to the specified level

2. Operation.

FN 50272-3 "Traction batteries for industrial trucks" is the standard which applies to the operation traction batteries in industrial trucks.

2.1. Discharging.

Be sure that all ventilation holes are not sealed or covered. Electrical connections (e.g. plugs) must only be made or broken in the open circuit condition. To achieve the optimum life for the battery, operating discharges of more than 80% of the rated capacity should be avoided (deep discharge). This corresponds to an electrolyte specific gravity of 1.14 kg/dm³ at 30°C at the end of the discharge. Discharged batteries must be recharged immediately and must not be left discharged. This also applies to partially discharged batteries.

Specific gravity vs DOD @+30°C

| Specific gravity kg/dm ³ | 1.29 | 1.24 | 1.20 | 1.16 | 1.12 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| DOD | 0% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100% |

2.2. Charging.

Only direct current must be used for charging. Procedures in accordance with DIN 41773-1 and DIN 41774 are permitted.

with purified water.



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Charging characteristic IU characteristic Charging time 10h DOD 80%



IUIa characteristic.

Charging time 8 ÷ 10h DOD 80%



Wa characteristic

Charging time 10 ÷ 14h DOD 80%





WOWa characteristic

Charging time 7 ÷ 9h DOD 80%







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Only connect the battery assigned to a charger, suitable for the size of battery, in order to avoid overloading of the electric cables and contacts, unacceptable gassing and the escape of electrolyte from the cells. In the gassing stage the current limits given in EN 50272-3 must not be exceeded. If the charger was not purchased together with the battery it is best to have its suitability checked by the manufacturers service department. When charging, proper provision must be made for venting of the charging gases. Doors, battery container lids and covers of battery compartments must be opened or removed. During the charge the battery must be removed from the closed battery compartment on the truck.

The ventilation must comply to EN 50272-3 standard. The vent plugs should stay on the cells and remain closed. With the charger switched off connect up the battery, ensuring that the polarity is correct. (positive to positive, negative to negative). Now switch on the charger. When charging the temperature of the electrolyte rises by about 10°C, so charging should only begin if the electrolyte temperature is below +45°C. The electrolyte temperature of batteries should be at least +10°C before charging otherwise a full charge will not be achieved. A charge is finished when the specific gravity of the electrolyte and the battery voltage have remained constant for two hours.

Batteries fitted with electrolyte circulation system: if the warning light on the pump controller is illuminated or if a defect signal on the electrolyte mixing system appears, check that the piping system is connected and examine the piping circuit for leaks or defects. (see 3.4. Maintenance)

The air pipe should never be removed during charge.

2.3. Equalizing charge.

Equalizing charges are used to safeguard the life of the battery and to maintain its capacity. They are necessary after deep discharges, repeated incomplete recharges and charges to an IU characteristic curve. Equalizing charges are carried out following normal charging. The charging current must not exceed 5 A/100 Ah of rated capacity (end of charge - see point 2.2). Check the temperature!

2.4. Temperature.

An electrolyte temperature of 30°C is specified as the rated temperature. Higher temperatures shorten the life of the battery, lower temperatures reduce the capacity available. 55°C is the upper temperature limit and is not acceptable as an operating temperature.

2.5. Electrolyte.

The rated specific gravity of the electrolyte is related to a temperature of 30°C and the nominal electrolyte level in the cell in fully charged condition.

Higher temperatures reduce the specified gravity of the electrolyte, lower temperatures increase it. Specific gravity is 1.29 kg/dm³ at 30°C. The temperature correction factor is $0.0007 \text{ kg/dm^3 per °C.}$

The electrolyte must conform to the purity regulations in DIN 43530 part 2.



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3. Maintenance.

3.1. Daily.

Charge the battery after every discharge. Battery with electrolyte circulation system: towards the end of charge the electrolyte level should be checked and if necessary topped up to the specified level with purified water (according DIN 43530 part 4). The electrolyte level must not fall below the antisurge baffle or the top of the separator or the electrolyte "min" level mark.

In the case of batteries with filling level sensors, the illuminated display should be observed daily.

Display green = level OK

Display red blinking = level too low.

Check the electrolyte level (visual inspection by opening the vent plug or by the position of the float indicator of the aquamatic plug) and top-up with demineralized water at the end of the charge. Since the display always refers to a selected reference cell, please also pay attention to the additional instructions under 3.3.

3.2. Weekly.

Visual inspection after recharging for signs of dirt and mechanical damage to all component parts of the battery, pay particular attention to the battery charging plugs and cables. By special applications with charge with a IU characteristic curve an equalizing charge must be carried out (see point 2.3).

3.3. Monthly.

At the end of the charge the voltages of all cells or bloc batteries should be measured with the charger switched on, and recorded. After charging has been completed, the electrolyte density, electrolyte temperature as well as the filling level of all cells are to be measured and recorded.

If significant changes from earlier measurements or differences between the cells are found further testing and maintenance by the BATER -service should be requested.

This should be done following a complete charge and minimum of 2 hours rest time.

Measure and record:

- total voltage
- voltage per cell

• if the voltage readings are irregular, also check the specific gravity of each cell.

3.3. Annualy.

In accordance with EN 1175-1 at least once per year, the insulation resistance of the truck and the battery must be checked by an electrical specialist. The tests on the insulation resistance of the battery must be conducted in accordance with EN 1987 part 1. The insulation resistance of the battery thus determined must not be below a value of 50 Ω .per Volt of nominal voltage, in compliance with EN 50272-3. For batteries up to 20 V nominal voltage the minimum value is 1000 Ω . Batteries fitted with electrolyte circulation system: the filter of the air pump has to be checked during the annual maintenance and eventually to be cleaned or replaced. Earlier replacement of the filter is necessary if for undefined reasons (no leaks in the air pipes) the defect signal of the air mixing system on the charger or on the battery (on DC air pump or remote signal) is illuminated. During the annual maintenance, check the correct operation of the air pump.

4. Care the battery.

The battery should always be kept clean and dry to prevent tracking currents. Cleaning must be done in accordance with the ZVEI code of practice "The Cleaning of Vehicle Traction batteries".

Any liquid in the battery tray must be extracted and disposed of in the prescribed manner. Damage to the insulation of the tray should be repaired after cleaning, to ensure that the insulation value complies with EN 50272-3 and to prevent tray corrosion. If it is necessary to remove cells it is best to call BATER- service for this.



5. Storage.

If batteries are taken out of service for a lengthy period they should be stored in the fully charged condition in a dry, frost-free room. To ensure the battery is always ready for use a choice of charging methods can be made:

- a monthly equalizing charge as in point 2.3, or
- float charging at a charging voltage of 2.27 V/cell x the number of cells.

The storage time should be taken into account when considering the life of the battery.

6. Malfunctions.

If malfunctions are found on the battery or the charger Bater- service should be called without delay. The measurements taken in point 3.3 will facilitate fault finding and their elimination. A service contract with us will make it easier to detect and correct faults in good time. 7. BFS (Battery Filling System).



- 1. tank
- 2. outflow connector with ball valve
- 3. plug with magnetic valve
- 4. plug with ball valve
- 5. flow control
- 6. coupling
- 7. connector
- 8. battery charger
- 9. charger main switch



7.1. Function.

The water refilling system is used to automatically maintain the nominal electrolyte levels. The charging gasses escape through the vent on each cell. A valve and a float together control the topping up process and maintain the correct water level in each cell. The valve allows the flow of water into each cell and the float closes the valve when the correct water level has been reached.

For fault-free operation of the water refilling system, please note the instructions below.

7.2. Manual or automatic connection.

The battery should be topped up shortly before completion of a full charge, as at this point the battery has reached a defined operational state resulting in satisfactory electrolyte mixing. Filling takes place when the connector (7) from the tank is connected to the coupling (6) on the battery.

- a) If manual connection is used the battery should only be connected to the filling system once a week.
- b) If automatic coupling is used (with a magnetic valve controlled by the charging apparatus) the charger main switch selects the correct moment for filling.
 Note: In this case we recommend a water refilling at least once a week to ensure the right level of the electrolyte.
- c) In multiple shift and warm ambient temperature operations, it may be necessary to have shorter topping up intervals.

7.3. Filling time.

Filling time depends on the load during operation and the corresponding battery temperature. Generally speaking, the top up process takes a few minutes and can vary according to the battery range; after this, if manual filling is being used, the water supply to the battery should be turned off.

7.4. Working pressure.

The water refilling system should be installed in such a way that a water pressure of 0.2 to 0.6 bar is obtained (with at least 2 m height difference between the upper edge of the battery and the lower edge of the tank). Any deviation from this means that the system will not function properly.

7.5. Purity.

The topping up water must be purified. The water used to refill the batteries must have a conductance of not more than 30 μ S/ cm. The tank and pipes must be cleaned before operating the system.

7.6. Pipe system on the battery.

The pipe system to the individual battery cells must follow the battery's electrical circuit. This reduces the risk of current leakage in the presence of electrolytic gas causing an explosion (EN 50272-3). A maximum of 20 cells may be connected in a series.

The system should not be modified in any way.

7.7. Working temperature.

In winter, batteries fitted with BFS should only be charged or refilled in a room temperature above 0°C.

7.8. Flow control.

A flow indicator built into the water supply pipe to the battery monitors the filling process. During filling the water flow causes the built-in disc in the flow indicator to turn. When all the plugs are closed the disc stops, indicating that the filling process is complete.



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