

# STATIONARY BATTERY INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



**Do Not Remove Vent Valve** 

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n, PA 19536 USA 610-682-6361 Lead Acid Battery Electrolyte (Sulfuric Acid)

## **IN REFERENCE TO THIS MANUAL:**

- "Battery" is defined as an individual 12-volt unit.
- "Battery string" is defined as a series connected electrical system comprised of batteries (individual 12-volt units).

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Although all valve regulated batteries have the electrolyte immobilized within the battery, the electrical hazard associated with batteries still exists. Work performed on these batteries should be done with the tools and the protective equipment listed below. VRLA battery installations should be supervised by personnel familiar with batteries and battery safety precautions.

WARNING: Risk of fire, explosion or burns. Do not disassemble, heat above 65°C, or incinerate.

### **Protective Equipment**

Although VRLA batteries can vent or leak small amounts of electrolyte, electrical safety is the principle but not the only concern for safe handling. Per IEEE 1188 recommendations, the following minimum set of equipment for safe handling of the battery and protection of personnel shall be available:

- 1. Safety glasses with side shields, or goggles, or face shields as appropriate. (Consult application specific requirements)
- 2. Electrically insulated gloves, appropriate for the installation.
- 3. Protective aprons and safety shoes.
- 4. Portable or stationary water facilities in the battery vicinity for rinsing eyes and skin in case of contact with acid electrolyte.
- 5. Class C fire extinguisher.
- 6. Acid neutralizing agent.



For Energy Storage applications following UL 1973 requirements Appendix A must be reviewed.



#### Protective Equipment cont.

- Adequately insulated tools (as defined by ASTM F1505 "Standard Specification for Insulated and Insulating Hand Tools").
- 8. Lifting devices of adequate capacity, when required.

#### **Procedures**

The following safety procedures should be followed: Always wear safety glasses or face shield when working on or near batteries.

1. These batteries are sealed and contain no free electrolyte. Under normal operating conditions, they do not present any acid danger. However, if the battery case or cover is damaged, acid could be present. Sulfuric acid is harmful to the skin and eyes. Flush affected area with water immediately and consult a physician if splashed in the eyes. Consult SDS for additional precautions and first aid measures.

SDS sheets can be obtained at www.eastpennmanufacturing.com

- 2. Prohibit smoking and open flames, and avoid arcing in the immediate vicinity of the battery.
- Do not wear metallic objects, such as jewelry, while working on batteries. Do not store un-insulated tools in pockets or tool belt while working in vicinity of battery.
- 4. Keep the top of the battery dry and clear of tools and other foreign objects.
- 5. Provide adequate ventilation (per IEEE standard 1187 and/or local codes) and follow recommended charging voltages.
- 6. Never remove or tamper with the pressure relief valves. Warranty void if vent valve is removed.
- 7. Inspect all flooring and lifting equipment for functional adequacy.
- 8. Adequately secure battery modules, racks, or cabinets to the floor.
- 9. Connect support structures to ground system in accordance with applicable codes.
- 10. The below IEEE Standards contain additional information. Other standards may be relevant to your specific application.

IEEE 1184 - Guide for Batteries for UPS Systems

IEEE 1187 – Recommended Practice for Installation Design of VRLA Batteries

IEEE 1188 – Recommended Practice for Maintenance, Testing, of VRLA Batteries

IEEE 1189 – Selection of VRLA Batteries for Stationary Applications

### **RECEIVING & STORAGE**

#### **Receiving Inspection**

Upon receipt, and at the time of actual unloading, each package should be visually inspected for any possible damage or electrolyte leakage. If either the entire shipment should be conducted and noted on the bill of lading. Record receipt date, inspection date and notify carrier of any damage.

Original packaging should remain on battery during storage and transportation to prevent damage to the battery or short circuit of the terminals

#### Unpacking

- 1. Always wear eye protection.
- Check all batteries for visible defects such as cracked containers, loose terminal posts, or other unrepairable problems. Batteries with these defects must be replaced.
- Check the contents of the packages against the packaging list. Report any missing parts or shipping damage to your East Penn agent or East Penn Mfg. Co. immediately.
- 4. Never lift batteries by the terminal posts.

#### Storage / Refresh

Batteries should be installed, and float charged upon delivery. If batteries are to be stored, the below requirements shall be followed.

- 1. Batteries shall be stored indoors in a clean, level, dry, cool location.
- 2. Store, charge, and ship in vertical position only.
- 3. Battery pallets shall not be double stacked, or equipment stored on top.
- Recommended storage temperature is 50°F (10°C) to 77°F (25°C). Acceptable storage temperature is 0°F (-18°C) to 90°F (32°C).
- 5. The batteries shall be given a refresh charge at regular intervals as detailed below:

0°F(-18°C) to 77°F (25°C) Batteries shall be charged by the "battery charge date" marked on pallet. Successive recharges shall be performed every 6 months.

#### 78°F (26°C) to 90°F (32°C)

Battery voltage readings shall be taken monthly. Batteries must be given a refresh charge within 3 months from date of receipt or if any battery voltage falls below 12.72 volts per battery, whichever occurs first.

Successive refresh charges shall be performed every 3 months.

6. Whenever a refresh charge is required, it's important that all batteries to be installed in the same series string receive a charge at the same time to ensure continuity once placed in their intended application.



#### Storage / Refresh cont.

- 7. Each battery shall be charged for 24 hours at a constant voltage equal to 14.40 volts per battery. To ensure the batteries are fully charged within 24hrs, the charger used for this refresh charge must have the capacity to provide at least the minimum charge current specification and not exceed the maximum charge current for the given battery type (model), as called out in Appendix C.
- All requested information on "Refresh Record Form" in Appendix A should be completed for each refresh charge.
- 9. Batteries shall not be stored beyond 12 months. Storing beyond 12 months will affect warranty.
- If the storage / refresh requirements cannot be met, contact the East Penn Reserve Power Product Support Department for alternate instructions.

### INSTALLATION

#### General

Caution should be taken when installing batteries to insure no damage occurs. The battery string cabinet, tray, rack, etc. shall be inspected for sharp edges that could cause damage to the battery casing. Batteries shall not be dropped, slid, or placed on rough or uneven surfaces such as tray lips or grated flooring. Mishandling of batteries could result in equipment damage or human injury. East Penn will not be liable for damage or injury as a result of mishandling or misuse of the product. **NOTE:** If battery monitoring system is installed prior to battery being placed in service; monitoring system should remain off to prevent discharging of battery.

#### **Electrical Connections**

When making electrical connections to the battery string, proper techniques should be applied per electrical standards such as NEC and/or Federal, State and Local codes, as well as User Manual of specific application.

#### Grounding

When grounding the battery string, proper techniques should be applied per electrical standards such as NEC and/or Federal, State and Local codes, as well as User Manual of specific application.

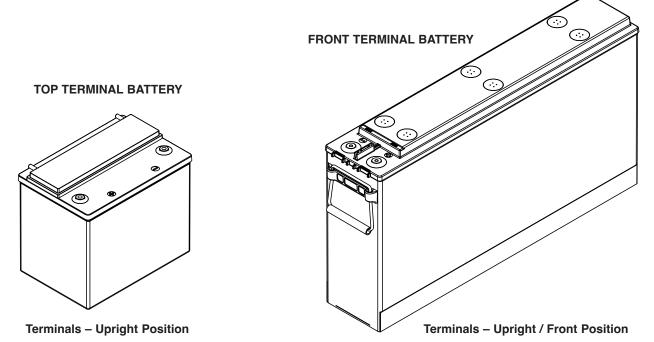
#### Cabinets

Cabinet systems come factory assembled and prewired. Do not tip or turn cabinets on their sides when positioning them in their intended installation area. Cabinets must be used in an upright position. These systems are pre-connected. Only inter-shelf, inter-cabinet and connections to the load are required. See the connection diagram inside the cabinet. Intercabinet and load connection cables are not included.

#### Racks

Assemble racks in accordance with the intended arrangement, align with a level and bolt to the floor. See rack assembly instructions.

#### DEKA FAHRENHEIT BATTERIES ARE TESTED AND APPROVED TO BE INSTALLED AND OPERATED IN THEIR UPRIGHT POSITION.



FOR ANY OTHER INSTALLATION ORIENTATION, THE PRODUCT WILL NOT BE WARRANTED.



#### Venting

Under normal operation, VRLA batteries emit hydrogen gas, which is combustible at certain concentrations. Proper ventilation should be provided per IEEE 1187 and/or local codes. Some batteries are designed to accommodate the use of vent tubing. Ventilation equipment is not designed or supplied by East Penn Mfg. Safe installation of any venting equipment is the responsibility of the installer.

### **BATTERY ASSEMBLY**

#### (ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION.)

Set up the battery string so that the positive post

 (+) of one battery is connected to the negative post
 (-) of the next battery for all series connections. The interbattery connector contact surfaces shall be cleaned by rubbing gently with a non-metallic brush or pad before installing connectors.

# Only approved oxide inhibitors (No-Ox-ID "A" from Sanchem, Inc.) may be applied to connections or battery posts.

- 2. For future identification, individual batteries should be numbered in electrical connection sequence, beginning with number one (1) at the positive end of the battery string.
- 3. Install all interbattery connectors using lock washer and bolts loosely to allow for final alignment of batteries, then torque to 100 in lb +/- 5. After torquing the connections on racked batteries, read the voltage of the battery string to assure that individual batteries are connected correctly. The total voltage should be approximately equal to the number of batteries times the measured voltage of one battery (when connected in series). If the measurement is less, recheck the connections for proper voltage and polarity.
- Read and record interbattery connection resistance and note the method of measurement. This helps determine a satisfactory initial installation and can be used as a reference for future maintenance requirements. See Battery Maintenance Report. (Pg. 10 – Appendix E ). Clean, remake and re-measure any connection having a resistance measurement greater than 10% of the average of all the same type of connections (interbattery, inter-tier or shelf, inter-rack or intercabinet).
- 5. Battery performance is based on the output at the battery terminals. Therefore, the shortest electrical connections between the battery string and the operating equipment results in maximum total battery string performance.

Do not select cable size on current carrying capability only. Cable size should not provide a greater voltage drop between the battery system and operating equipment than specified. Excess voltage drop will reduce the desired support time of the battery system.

### SYSTEM OPERATIONS

#### Charger Voltage

These batteries are designed for continuous float applications.

#### FLOAT / STANDBY (per battery)

13.50V +/- 0.06 @ 77°F (25°C)

When setting the float voltage on the charger, the battery string should be set to float at the nominal battery float voltage times the number of batteries in the string. The charger must be able to maintain the system voltage within  $\pm 0.5\%$  of the desired level at all times. The desired float voltage varies with temperature. Consult Voltage Compensation Chart (Pg. 8 – Appendix C).

#### **TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION**

Battery voltage should be adjusted for ambient temperature variations.

12mV per °C (1.8°F) per 12V battery

Consult Voltage Compensation Chart (Pg. 8 – Appendix C) for temperature compensation voltage maximum and minimum limits.

#### Charger Current

Charge current should not exceed the recommended min. and max. requirements. Consult **Appendix D** for min. and max. charge current limits.

#### **Battery Voltage**

Although the charger must maintain the system voltage within  $\pm$  0.5%, individual battery voltages may vary by  $\pm$  0.30V per battery of the average battery string float voltage.

#### Equalizing

Upon installation of the battery string, an optional charge of 14.40V per battery  $\pm 0.06 @ 77^{\circ}F (25^{\circ}C)$  for 24 hours (not to exceed 24 hours) can be applied. (NOTE: Verify that the higher battery voltage will not adversely affect any other connected equipment). If this is done, be sure to reset the charging equipment to the proper float voltage.

#### **Battery Operation**

Battery operating temperature will affect battery string capacity and operating life.

Temperatures greater than  $95^{\circ}F(35^{\circ}C)$  will reduce the operating life of the battery. For every  $19.8^{\circ}F(11^{\circ}C)$  increase in operating temperature above  $95^{\circ}F(35^{\circ}C)$ , the warranty period will be proportionally reduced by 50% as shown below:

Operating T	emperature	Proportional Percentage (%) of Life				
۴	°C					
95°	35°					
100.4°	38°	80%				
109.4°	43°	60%				
114.8°	46°	50%				



Battery Operation cont.

The battery string operating temperature should not exceed 140°F ( $60^{\circ}$ C). If operating temperatures are expected to be in excess of 140°F ( $60^{\circ}$ C), contact East Penn for recommendations.

Discharging at temperatures less than  $77^{\circ}F$  ( $25^{\circ}C$ ) will reduce the capacity of the battery. If operating temperatures are expected to be less than  $50^{\circ}F$  ( $10^{\circ}C$ ), contact East Penn for recommendations.

The battery string must be located in a manner that the individual batteries do not vary by more than  $5^{\circ}F$  (2.8°C) between the lowest and highest individual battery temperatures.

**NOTE:** The battery system should not be discharged below published EOD (End of Discharge) ratings.

#### **Rectifier Ripple Voltage**

#### FREQUENCY

Ripple that has a frequency greater than 667Hz (duration less than 1.5ms) is acceptable, unless it is causing additional battery heating.

Ripple that has a frequency less than 667Hz (duration greater than1.5ms), must meet the following voltage specification to be acceptable.

#### **VOLTAGE SPECIFICATION**

Ripple voltage shall be less than 0.5% peak to peak of the manufacturer's recommended battery string voltage.

Failure to comply can void the warranty.

### **RECORD KEEPING**

#### Voltages, Temperatures & Ohmic READINGS

Record keeping is an important part of stationary battery maintenance and warranty coverage. This information will help in establishing a life history of the battery string and inform the user if and when corrective action needs to be taken. **Consult Battery Maintenance Report. (Pg. 10 – Appendix E).** 

While it is acceptable to operate at temperatures less than  $77^{\circ}F$  (25°C), it will require longer charging time to become fully recharged. Also, the capacity will be less at operating temperatures below  $77^{\circ}F$  (25°C).

After installation and when the battery string has been on float charge for one week, the following data should be recorded:

- 1. Battery string voltage at battery terminals while battery is on float charge.
- 2. Charger voltage at charger panel meter.
- 3. Individual battery float voltages.
- 4. Ambient temperatures within area of battery string.

#### READINGS cont.

5. Terminal connections should be checked to verify that the installer did torque all connections properly to 100 in lb +/- 5. Micro-ohm readings should be taken across every connection. Refer to meter manufacturer's instructions for proper placement of probes. If any reading differs by more than 20% from its initial installation value, re-torque the connection to 100 in lb +/- 5. If reading remains high, clean contact surfaces according to Step 1 under Battery Assembly.

Failure to maintain proper records including information as detailed above may result in voiding any applicable warranty.

### ACCEPTANCE TESTING

Each battery should be at 100% State of Charge prior to performing an acceptance test on the battery system. To ensure the batteries are fully charged the following charge schedule should be followed.

Batteries should be charged at the equalization rate of 14.40 volts per battery for 24 hours. Temperature compensated charging parameters shall be applied as detailed in *"Voltage Compensation Chart"* in Appendix C of this manual.

To ensure the batteries are fully charged within 24hrs; the charger used for this charge must have the current equal to the maximum charge current for the given battery type (model), as called out in Appendix D of this manual.

If these requirements cannot be met, contact the East Penn Product Support Department for alternate instructions.

Upon completion, the charge voltage should be lowered to the float voltage of 13.50 volts per battery for a minimum period of 72 hours. Reference: IEEE 1188-2005 Section 7.2 for additional acceptance test requirements.

Upon completion of the above charge, the desired acceptance test can be performed.

**NOTE:** There shall be no discharges of any duration between the start of the equalization and the completion of the float period. If a discharge does occur, the charging regime detailed above shall be repeated.

Upon completion of the acceptance test, the battery system should be placed on float charge at 13.50 volts per battery to restore the battery to its' rated capacity.

Batteries should not require an equalization charge once they have passed their initial acceptance test. Consult with the East Penn Product Support Department before performing additional equalizing charges on batteries that have successfully passed their initial acceptance test.



### MAINTENANCE

Always wear eye protection when working on or near batteries. Keep sparks and open flames away from batteries at all times. **Review "Safety Precautions"** (Pg. 1).

#### Annual Inspection(1)

- 1. Conduct a visual inspection of each battery.
- 2. Record the battery string voltage at battery terminals while battery is on float charge.
- 3. Record the charger voltage at charger panel meter.
- 4. Record the individual battery voltages. The accuracy of the DMM (Digital Multimeter) must be 0.05% (on dc scale) or better. The DMM must be calibrated to NIST traceable standards. Because float readings are affected by discharge and recharges, these readings must be taken when the battery string has been on continuous, uninterrupted float for at least one month. Battery should be within  $\pm$  0.30 volts of the average battery string voltage.
- 5. Record the ambient temperatures.
- 6. Record the battery string temperature at the negative terminal.
- 7. Record individual battery Ohmic readings.
- 8. Record all interbattery and terminal connection resistances. Micro-ohm readings should be taken during this inspection. If any reading differs by more than 20% from initial readings taken, retorque the connection. Retourque value is equal to initial torque value as indicated in BATTERY ASSEMBLY section. Recheck the micro-ohm reading. If the reading remains high, clean the contact surface according to installation portion of this manual.
  - <sup>(1)</sup> Other Maintenance Inspection intervals follow IEEE 1188

#### **Battery Cleaning**

Do not use any chemical compounds to clean batteries. Batteries, cabinets, and racks, shall only be cleaned with: clear water, a mixture of baking soda and water or East Penn Mfg battery cleaner (part # 00321).

Any other types of chemical compounds or solvents other than listed above, to clean the battery may damage the battery case and / or cover causing possible exposure to sulfuric acid.

#### **Capacity Testing**

Per IEEE 1188 "Capacity testing is used to trend battery aging. The result of a capacity test is a calculation of the capacity of the battery. The calculated capacity is also used to determine if the battery requires replacement."

When performing capacity testing and recording data refer to IEEE 1188 recommendations.

NOTE: When discharging at higher rates, extra connectors may need to be added to prevent excessive voltage drop and/or excessive temperature rise.

Should it be determined that only individual battery(ies) need to be replaced, contact East Penn.



### **APPENDIX A**

#### For Energy Storage applications following UL 1973, the following shall be reviewed:

- 1. Batteries and components shall be installed in accordance with Article 480 or Article 706 of NFPA 70 or Section 64 of CSA C22.1.
- 2. The charger shall comply with one of the following standards: UL 1012, UL 1741, UL 60335-2-29/CSA C22.2 No. 60335-2-29, CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 107.2, or UL 62368-1/CSA C22.2 No. 62368-1
- 3. If the batteries are being installed in a system greater than 60V, a disconnecting mean shall be provided for all ungrounded conductors in accordance with Article 480 of NFPA 70 or Section 64 of CSA C22.1.
- 4. Service disconnects shall be provided as applicable to the end product battery system in accordance with Article 480 of NFPA 70 or Section 64 of CSA C22.1.
- 5. Protection devices supplied with the battery should be installed prior to use. Consult electrical standards such as NEC and/or Federal, State and Local codes for additional protection device requirements, as well as User Manual of specific application.
- 6. The grounding and bonding system shall be checked after the completion of the assembly to ensure that the resistance is less than or equal to 0.1  $\Omega$ .
- 7. The maximum battery system voltage should not exceed a nominal 960 VDC. If this voltage is exceeded, a repeat of the dielectric voltage withstand test of the assembly of the higher voltage shall be performed.
- 8. Recommended minimum spacing of 0.50" (12.7mm) from adjacent battery, walls and / or equipment.

### **APPENDIX B**

<i>∕</i> €ASTPENN	EPM Ord	er Number*	Pallet ID	) Number	Individual P	erforming Tes	Date of Refresh	Refresh Duration		
Model		Information F	Prior to Refre	sh	Inform	ation within 1 fresh Complet				
Number	Date Code Battery Serial Number		Open Circuit Voltage		Battery Voltage Reading	Charging Current	Battery Temperature	Notes & Comments		
Battery 1										
Battery 2										
Battery 3										
Battery 4										
Battery 5										
Battery 6										
Battery 7										
Battery 8										
Battery 9										
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ALL FIELDS TO THE RIGHT OF THE CELL NUMBER ABOVE MUST BE COMPLETED EPM ORDER NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON THE SHIPPING LABEL ON THE CARTON COVERING EACH PALLET OF CELLS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF WARRANTY, SUBMIT FORMS TO: East Penn Mfg. Co, Inc., Reserve Power Division, Product Support & Warranty Dept. (reservepowerwarranty@dekabatteries.com)



## **APPENDIX C**

# **VOLTAGE COMPENSATION CHART**

°C	Float	Equalize	°F				
>35	13.38	14.28	>95				
34	13.39	14.29	93.2				
33	13.40	14.30	91.4				
32	13.42	14.32	89.6				
31	13.43	14.33	87.8				
30	13.44	14.34	86.0				
29	13.45	14.35	84.2				
28	13.46	14.36	82.4				
27	13.48	14.38	80.6				
26	13.49	14.39	78.8				
25	13.50	14.40	77.0				
24	13.51	14.41	75.2				
23	13.52	14.42	73.4				
22	13.54	14.44	71.6				
21	13.55	14.45	69.8				
20	13.56	14.46	68.0				
19	13.57	14.47	66.2				
18	13.58	14.48	64.4				
17	13.60	14.50	62.6				
16	13.61	14.51	60.8				
15	13.62	14.52	59.0				
14	13.63	14.53	57.2				
13	13.64	14.54	55.4				
12	13.66	14.56	53.6				
11	13.67	14.57	51.8				
<10	13.68	14.58	<50				

12mV per °C

### **APPENDIX D**

# **DEKA FAHRENHEIT CHARGE CURRENT LIMITS**

Battery Type	Max. Charge Current (A)	Min. Charge Current (A)**				
HT30	5.5	1.6				
HT80ET	14.5	4.3				
HT145ET	26.0	7.8				
HT150ET	26.2	7.8				
HT170ET	30.4	9.1				
HT200ET	36.4	10.9				
HT7500ET	35.4	10.6				

\*\* = Using minimum charge current will extend recharge time

and increase risk of battery being undercharged



### **APPENDIX E**

Battery

# **BATTERY MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Inspection Date	No. of Units/String
Company	Туре
Address	Date New
Battery location and/or number	Date Installed

Individual Battery Readings					Charger Output Amp Total Battery String Voltage							Air Temperature°F Panel Meter Volts					
Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos	Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos	Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos	Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos	Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos	Unit No.	Volts	Ohms or Mhos
1			41			81			121			161			201		
2			42			82			122			162			202		
3			43			83			123			163			203		
4			44			84			124			164			204		
5			45			85			125			165			205		
6			46			86			126			166			206		
7			47			87			127			167			207		
8			48			88			128			168			208		
9			49			89			129			169			209		
10			50			90			130			170			210		
11			51			91			131			171			211		-
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19			50			98 99			130			170			210		
20			60			100			140			180			213		
21			61			101			141			181			221		
22			62			102			142			182			222		
23			63			103			142			183			223		
24			64			104			144			184			224		
25			65			105			145			185			225		
26			66			106			146			186			226		
27			67			107			147			187			227		
28			68			108			148			188			228		
29			69			109			149			189			229		
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36			76			116			156			196			236		
37			77			117			157			197			237		
38			78			118			158			198			238		
39			79			119			159			199			239		
40			80			120			160			200			240		
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Readings Taken By

**Remarks/Recommendations** 

Readings should be taken at installation and annually thereafter.



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