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# Can lead-acid batteries be shipped in containers



## Overview

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UN specification packaging such as 4G fiberboard boxes, various types of drums, and wooden boxes are all compliant to ship lead acid batteries per the 49CFR. Can a lead acid battery be transported in a non-UN standardized container?

If you are shipping domestically within Canada, we would look at Packing Instruction 801 in the TP14850. Here it says that the lead acid batteries may be handled, offered for transport, or transported in a non-UN Standardized container if the dangerous goods are placed in a rigid container, wooden slatted crate, or on a pallet.

How are lead acid batteries transported?

The transportation of lead acid batteries by road, sea and air is heavily regulated in most countries. Lead acid is defined by United Nations numbers as either: The definition of 'non-spillable' is important. A battery that is sealed is not necessarily non-spillable.

Can I ship lead acid batteries internationally?

Similarly, the IMDG code sets out similar requirements at Packing instruction P801 when you are shipping internationally by Sea. Using UN packaging would also be acceptable to ship lead acid batteries within Canada as well as by Sea internationally. If you are shipping internationally by air, we would look in IATA at Packing instruction 870.

How do I ship lead acid batteries?

UN specification packaging such as 4G fiberboard boxes, various types of drums, and wooden boxes are all compliant to ship lead acid batteries per the 49CFR. If you are shipping by air, a leakproof liner is also a requirement as well.

Are lead-acid batteries safe to ship?

Lead-acid batteries are widely used in various applications, including automobiles, motorcycles, and emergency power supplies. However, due to their hazardous nature, they require special precautions during shipping and storage. The first step in battery shipping is choosing the right packaging.

What is a lead acid battery?

Let's take a look at the various domestic and international regulations. For the purpose of this blog, we will be examining Lead Acid Batteries classified as UN2794 which are Batteries, wet, filled with acid. Per the 49CFR 173.159, lead acid batteries must be packaged in a manner to prevent a dangerous evolution of heat and short circuits.

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