Safety instructions

Lithium metal cells

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1 Area of application and introduction

Scope

These safety instructions are part of the scope of delivery of an instrument with integrated Lithium cell. They must be read completely and implemented by the user as a supplement to the operating instructions.

Technical background

The implemented Lithium cells are compact energy stores with high energy density. These storage devices feature high cell voltage and cell capacity. They consist of single cells and can be combined into so-called packs.

Responsibility of the user

With that said, it is the responsibility of the user to avoid these dangers through correct handling of the cells. These safety instructions supply the necessary information for personal safety, the safety of the plant as well as protection of the environment. They serve as a supplement to the instructions in chapter " *For your safety*" of the operating instructions.

By buying these cells, you as the buyer take over the responsibility for the risks involved. If you do not agree to this user responsibility, you are not allowed to put the calle into operation. We do not accept liability for damage to the cells and any other resulting damage.

Liability exclusion

This safety instruction manual gives you a short summary of our knowledge and recommendations. We cannot guarantee completeness with respect to worldwide regulations or possible dangers. The existing information was obtained from sources we believe to be reliable and, according to our knowledge, was correct at the time of publication.

The specifications in this document refer to current knowledge, however, they are not an assurance of product properties and do not justify a contractual legal relationship. We do not accept responsibility or give a warranty for the provided information.

We decline any liability for losses and damages resulting directly or indirectly from the use of the cells/accumulators or the information in these safety instructions.

Hotline

In case of any questions, please call our service hotline under the telephone number **+49 1805 858550**.

The hotline is manned 7 days a week round-the-clock. Since we offer this service worldwide, the support is only available in the English language. The service is free, only standard call charges are incurred.

2 Possible dangers and their causes

A cell consists of one or several hermetically sealed containers which are designed to withstand normal temperatures and pressures when used correctly. Under these conditions there is neither a fire/explosion hazard nor a danger of leaking contents. Incorrect handling can cause overheating, ignition, deflagration or explosion. Should this happen, toxic gases can be released and persons injured through acid burns and poisoning.

The following factors could cause fire and explosion damages:

- Mechanical damage
- Short-circuit/wrong polarity on the connection cables leading to the outside
- Excessive current drain due to incorrect use
- Too high temperatures (see technical data)
- Contact of the cell contents with water
- Charging of the cell (not possible, because primary cell!!)

Danger:
In the case of strong mechanical impact or a high-impact event (e.g. fall/accident) the safety of the cell is no longer guaranteed. The cell may look fine but there can be a perforation or damaged wire.

To avoid fire damage through self-ignition due to mechanical effects or impact, the cell must be monitored for **at least one hour** at a fire-proof, well ventilated place. To avoid the risk of undetected damage to the cell, we recommend disposing of the cell according to the valid regulations.

3 Measures to avoid dangers

The following measures serve to avoid dangers:

- Use the cells only in the intended instrument
- Cell must never be charged because it is a primary cell!!
- Never shortcircuit or reverse the cell
- No operation in hazardous environment (combustible gases, dusts, vapours)
- Operation only within the specification (see technical data)
- Do not immerse the cell in water
- Do not expose to strong mechanical shocks or vibrations
- Do not disassemble, modify or deform
- Do not throw into a fire
- Damaged or deformed cells must not be used; they must be disposed of (see chapter " *Disposal*")

4 Storage/Transport/Disposal

Storage

Avoid high temperatures and strong temperature fluctuations as well as direct sun and high humidity. A temperature of approx. 20 °C (68 °F) is ideal to ensure a low self-discharge. Make sure that contact with water is avoided.

Transport

The energy storage installed in the device consists of a single lithium metal cell and is subject to the dangerous goods regulations according to UN 3090/3091. Depending on the mode of transport, it is therefore subject to certain transport regulations. These dangerous goods regulations require, among other things, special, approved packaging with appropriate handling labels and extensive accompanying documents with details of an emergency number as well as specially trained packaging personnel.

Since the lithium content is each below the limit of 2 g, the device does not need to be declared, packaged and shipped as hazardous goods for road transport. We would like to point out that shipment by air freight is generally not permitted.

Danger:
If the transport packaging shows obvious damages, the consignment must not be accepted or further transported because of the danger of ignition.

To avoid fire damage through self-ignition due to mechanical effects or an impact, the device must be monitored for **at least one hour** at a fireproof, well ventilated place. To avoid the risk of undetected damage to the cell in the field test device, we recommend disposing of it according to the valid regulations.

Disposal

Note:
Cells contain some environmentally harmful but also some valuable raw materials that can be recycled. For that reason cells must not be disposed of in household waste.

All consumers are legally obliged to bring cells to a suitable collection point, e.g. public collection points. You can also return the cells or accumulators to us for proper disposal.

5 Reaction in case of contamination/fire

Contamination

Avoid contact with parts of the cell, e.g. after leakage or mechanical damage. If this happens nevertheless, observe the following:

- **Skin contact:** Immediately remove contaminated clothes, rinse thoroughly with water and consult the doctor
- **Eye contact:** Rinse thoroughly for at least 15 minutes with water and consult the doctor immediately
- **Swallowing:** Immediately drink plenty of water and consult the doctor
- **Inhalation:** Immediately get the person into fresh air and seek medical advice

In case of fire

In case of a fire in the environment, bring the cells immediately to a safe place as long as this is possible without risk. If lithium-based cells burn, toxic gases are released and therefore it is necessary to inform the fire brigade. For that reason, leave closed rooms immediately. Inform the fire brigade that lithium cells are burning. The necessary measures are listed in the attached safety data sheet from the cell manufacturer as well as in UN 3090/3091 or UN 3480/3481.

6 Supplement

6.1 Technical data

Lithium cells

Cell type	Lithium metal ($LiSO_2$), not rechargeable
Cell voltage	3.6 V DC
Capacitance	3.6 Ah
Number of cells	
– VEGAPULS Air 23	2
– VEGAPULS Air 41, 42	5
Energy content, each	12.96 Wh
Lithium content, each approx.	0.9 g
Chemical constituents [1]	
– Lithium metal	< 3 %
– Thionildichloride	18 … 47 %
– Aluminiumchloride	1 … 5 %
– Galliumchloride	0 … 2 %
– Lithiumchloride	1 … 2 %
– Carbon	2 … 5 %
– PTFE	0 … 1 %
Weight typ.	23 g
Self-discharge per year/at	<1 %/ +20 °C (+68 °F)
Operating and transport temperature	-20 … +60 °C (-4 … +140 °F)
Recommended storage temperature	0 … +30 °C (32 … +86 °F)

[1] Weight %

6.2 Information sheet of the cell manufacturer

Battery Information Sheet

Primary Li-$SOCl_2$ single cells and multi-cell battery packs

According to REACH regulation (EC 1907/2006, Art 31) and to OSHA regulation (29 CFR 1910.1200), batteries are ARTICLES with no intended release. As such, they are not covered by legal requirements to generate and supply an SDS or an MSDS.

This Battery Information Sheet is provided solely as information document for the purpose of assisting our customers.

1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product

Lithium-thionyl dichloride primary unit cells and multi-cell battery systems composed of these cells

1.2 Supplier

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1.3 Emergency contact For chemical emergency ONLY (in case of spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident) call CHEMTREC at:
International: +1-703-527-3887 for English
Within the USA: +1-800-424-9300

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

The Li-$SOCl_2$ batteries described in this Battery Information Sheet are sealed units which are not hazardous under normal operating conditions in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, as stated in the user's manual or other similar documentation. Under normal use, the battery integrity is maintained and the active components it contains are isolated from the outside.
In particular, the battery should not be submitted to any mechanical (opening, puncture, immersion), thermal (burning, heating to temperatures above the normal temperature range of the product) or electrical abuse (short-circuit, recharge, forced discharge), which will lead to the activation of safety valves and/or the rupture of the battery container.
Any accidental release of the inner components of the cell, or their combustion products could be highly hazardous. Battery content exposition to air humidity/liquid water may be followed by severe battery vent/explosion/fire, depending on the hazard causes and circumstances.

Protection from charging:

Whenever lithium batteries are not the single power source in a circuit, the following measures recommended by Underwriters Laboratories are relevant. The cells should not be connected with an electrical power source that would increase the load through the cells. The electronic circuit shall include one of the following:

A. Two suitable diodes or the equivalent in series with the cells to prevent any reverse (charging) current. The second diode is used to provide protection in the event that one would fail. Quality control, or equivalent procedures, shall be established by the device manufacturer to check that the diode polarity is correct for each unit.

Or

B. A blocking diode or the equivalent to prevent any reverse (charging) current and a resistor to limit current in case of diode failure. The resistor should be sized to limit the reverse (charging) current to the maximum value according to the data sheet of the cell.

3. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION OR INGREDIENTS

Each unit cell consists of a hermetically sealed metallic can containing a number of chemicals and materials of construction of which the following are potentially hazardous upon release to air.

Component	CAS Number	EINECS/ELINCS	Content (wt. %)*
Lithium metal	7439-93-2	231-102-5	2-6
Thionyl dichloride	7719-09-7	231-748-8	18-47
Aluminium chloride	7446-70-0	231-208-1	1-5
Gallium chloride	13450-90-3	236-610-0	0-2
Lithium chloride	7447-41-8	231-212-3	1-2
Carbon	1333-86-4	215-609-9	2-5
PTFE	9002-84-0	N/A	0-1
Stainless steel, Nickel and inert material	N/A	N/A	remainder

* Quantities may vary with cell model

4. FIRST AID MEASURES (not anticipated under normal use)

4.1 Electrolyte contact

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention.

SKIN CONTACT: Remove contaminated clothing and immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. In severe cases, get medical attention.

INHALATION: Contents of an opened cell may cause respiratory tract and mucus membrane irritation. Remove from exposure, rest and keep warm. Immediately inhale Cortisone spray. In severe cases, track medical surveillance for 48 hours.

INGESTION: Wash out mouth thoroughly with water and give plenty of water to drink. Get medical attention.

FURTHER TREATMENT: All cases of eye contamination, persistent skin irritation and casualties who have swallowed this substance or have breathed its vapours should be seen by a Doctor.

4.2 Lithium metal contact

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush with large quantities of water for at least 15 minutes, with open eyelids, and get medical attention.

SKIN CONTACT: Remove particles of lithium from skin as quick as possible. Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention.

INHALATION/INGESTION: Contents of an opened cell may cause respiratory tract and mucus membrane irritation. Remove from exposure, rest and keep warm. Immediately inhale Cortisone spray. In severe cases, track medical surveillance for 48 hours.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES (not anticipated under normal use)

ESTINGUISHING MEDIA:

- During a fire with lithium batteries, using large amounts of cold water or water-based foam has some cooling effect and is effective to prevent fire expansion as long as the extent of the fire has not progressed to the point that the lithium metal they contain is exposed (as marked by appearance of deep red flames). Do not use warm or hot water.
- Lith-X Class D extinguishers are effective on fires involving only a few lithium batteries.
- Do not use CO_2 or Halon-type extinguishers.
- Do not use sand, dry powder or soda ash, graphite powder or fire blankets.
- Use only class D metal extinguishers on raw lithium metal.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

- Fire fighters should wear approved/certified positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Full protective clothing is necessary to prevent potential body contact with electrolyte solution.
- During water spraying, caution is advised as burning pieces of lithium may be ejected from the fire.

- It is permissible to use any class of extinguishing medium, specified above, on these batteries or their packing material. Cool exterior of batteries if exposed to fire to prevent rupture.
- If the cells or batteries are not located at the center of the fire, copious amounts of water may be supplied using a diffuser type nozzle so that the cells remain cool during the fire containment and extinction. A sprinkler system should be suitable for this purpose, the critical factor being that the lithium cells do not experience temperatures above the melting point of lithium (180°C).
- Small amounts of water should never be used such as the volumes contained within portable fire extinguishers. Standard dry powder extinguishers are ineffective. It should be kept in mind that a hazard of hydrogen formation exists whenever hot lithium metal comes into contact with water.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (not anticipated under normal use)

INDIVIDUAL PRECAUTIONS: Evacuate the employees from area until fumes dissipate. In case of electrolyte leakage from a cell or battery, do not inhale vapors or touch liquid with bare hands. In case of skin or eye contact, inhalation or ingestion, follow the measured described in section 12.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTION: Avoid sewage, surface water and underground water contamination. Avoid ground and atmosphere contamination.

WAYS OF CLEANING: With protective glasses and gloves, use absorbent material (sand, earth, chalk ($CaCO_3$) or lime (CaO) powder or Vermiculite) to absorb any exuded material. Seal leaking battery (unless hot) and contaminated absorbent material tight in plastic bag, and dispose of as hazardous waste in accordance with local regulations. Electrolyte traces may be wiped off dryly using household paper. Rinse with water afterwards.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Lithium-thionyle chloride batteries are not rechargeable and should not be tentatively charged or recharged. Manufacturer's recommendations should be followed regarding maximum current and operating

temperature range. Applying pressure or deforming the battery may lead to disassembly and cause eye, skin and throat irritation.

STORAGE: Store in a cool, regulated (preferably below 21°C and in any case below 30°C), dry and ventilated area, away from possible sources of heat, open flames, food and drink. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for long periods. Temperatures above 100°C (or higher for High Temperatures cells and batteries such as the LSH20-150 cell- refer to individual data sheets for maximum temperatures) may cause leakage and rupture, and result in shortened battery service life. Keep proper clearance space between batteries and walls. Since short circuit can cause burn hazard, leakage or explosion hazard, keep batteries in original packaging until use and do not mix them.

HANDLING:

- Do not open the battery system.
- Do not crush or pierce the cells.
- Do not short (+) or (-) terminal with conductors.
- Do not reverse the polarity.
- Do not submit to excessive mechanical stress.
- Do not mix batteries of different types or mix new and old ones together.
- Do not use the unit without its electronic management system.

- Do not expose the unit to water or condensation.
- Do not directly heat, solder or throw into fire. Such unsuitable use can cause leakage or spout vaporized electrolyte fumes and may cause fire or explosion.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION* (not anticipated under normal use)

	Respiratory protection	In all fire situations, use self-contained breathing apparatus
	Hand protection	In case of leakage wear protective gloves
	Eye protection	Safety glasses are mandatory during handling
	Other	In the event of leakage or ruptured cells, wear a rubber apron and protective clothes.

*AFNOR pictograms

Occupational exposure standard:

Compound	8 hour TWA	15 min TWA	SK
Sulfur Dioxide	1 ppm	1 ppm	-
Hydrogen chloride	1 ppm	5 ppm	-

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The lithium-thionyl chloride cell or battery described by this Battery Information Sheet is a sealed unit when offered for sale. It is a manufactured "article" and does not expose the user to hazardous chemicals when used in accordance with manufacturer specifications.

Appearance – Cylindrical shape
Odour – If leaking, gives off a pungent corrosive odour

Flash point – Not applicable	Flammability – Not applicable
Boiling Point – Not applicable	Melting Point – Not applicable
Vapor Pressure – Not applicable	Vapor Density – Not applicable
pH – Not applicable	Specific Gravity – Not applicable
Solubility (in water) – Not applicable	Solubility (other) – Not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

The battery system is stable when handled and stored according to section 4.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: Oxidizing agents, bases, water. Avoid electrolyte contact with aluminium or zinc.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Do not heat above 100°C (or higher (150°C) for High Temperatures cells and batteries such as the LSH20-150 cell- refer to individual data sheets for maximum temperatures) or incinerate. Do not disassemble, crush, pierce, short, charge or recharge. Avoid mechanical or electrical abuse.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:Hydrogen (H_2) as well as lithium oxide (Li_2O) and lithium hydroxide (LiOH) dust are produced in case of reaction of lithium metal with water (hydrolysis).
Chlorine (Cl_2), sulfur dioxide (SO_2) and disulfur dichloride (S_2Cl_2) are produced in case of thermal decomposition of thionyl dichloride above 100°C. Hydrochloric acid (HCl) and sulfur dioxide (SO_2) are produced in case of reaction of thionyl dichloride with water at room temperature.
Hydrochloric acid (HCl) fumes, lithium oxide (Li_2O), lithium hydroxide (LiOH) and aluminium hydroxide ($Al(OH)_3$) dust are produced in case of reaction of lithium tetrachloroaluminate ($LiAlCl_4$) with water.

11. TOXICOLOGICALINFORMATION

There is no risk, unless the battery ruptures. In the event of accidental exposure to internal contents, corrosive fumes will cause severe skin, eye and mucous membrane irritation. Medical conditions are generally aggravated by exposure to battery internal contents: eczema, skin allergies, lung injuries, asthma and other respiratory disorders may occur. Overexposure may cause symptoms of non-fibrotic lung injury and ingestion can cause tissue damage to throat and gastro-respiratory tract.

12. ECOLOGICALINFORMATION

The batteries do not contain mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals.

Eco-toxicity	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
Mammalian affects	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
Bioaccumulation potential	None known if used/disposed of correctly.
Environmental fate	None known if used/disposed of correctly.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Batteries do not contain hazardous materials according to EC Directives 91/157/EEC, 93/86/EEC, and 2002/95/EC (RoHS) Directive). Battery recycling is either mandatory or recommended: The European Directive 2006/66/EC has been implemented by most EC member states.
Dispose of in accordance with local laws and regulations. Store material for disposal as indicated in Section 4. A disposal service is offered upon request by Tadiran Batteries.
Do not incinerate, or subject cells to temperatures in excess of 100°C (or 150°C for LSH20-150 cells and the battery packs assembled from them). Such abuse can result in loss of seal, electrolyte leakage and/or violent disassembly with risk of material projections.

For additional information a Technical Notice is available upon request.

See the section on “Sustainability & Environment” on https://www.saftbatteries.com/about-us/environmental-responsibility

The recycling of batteries must only be conducted by fully trained personnel of licensed recyclers. Attempting to dismantle batteries or modules into individual cells may lead to serious injuries or death due to high electrical voltage and/or energy.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Note: when manufacturing a new battery pack, one must assure that it has fulfilled the tests according to the UN Model Regulations, Manuel of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3.

14.1 United Nations Class

For the single cell batteries and multi-cell battery packs that are non-restricted to transport (non-assigned to the Miscellaneous Class 9), use lithium batteries inside label.

For the single cell batteries and multi-cell battery packs which are restricted to transport (assigned to Class 9), use Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods and UN Identification Number Labels.

In all cases, refer to the product transport certificate issued by the manufacturer.

UN Numbers:	3090	LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES: Shipment of cells and batteries in bulk
	3091	LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT or LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT: Cells and batteries contained in equipmentor packed with it
Shipping name	LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES	
Hazard Classification:	9 Depending on their lithium metal content, some single cells and small multi-cell battery packs may be non-assigned to Class 9. Refer to Transport Certificate.	
Packaging:	Group II	

14.2 International agreements

By Air International:	IATA/ICAO: UN 3090 or UN3091
By Sea International:	IMDG: UN 3090 or UN 3091
European road transportation:	ADR
European rail transportation:	RID

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulations specifically applicable to the product:

- ACGIH and OSHA: see exposure limits of the internal components of the battery in section 14.
- IATA/ICAO (air transportation): UN 3090 or UN 3091.
- IMDG (sea transportation) : UN 3090 or UN 3091.
- Transportation within the US-DOT, 49 Code of Federal Regulations
- UK regulatory references: Classified under CHIP.
- Battery Directive (2006/66/EC): see section 9

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This information has been compiled from sources considered to be dependable and is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate and reliable as of the date compiled. However, neither exhaustively nor perfect reliability can be granted. Information does not imply implicit or specific warranty of it.

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