

Joint Service Power Expo 2009

Battery Management and Sustainment System



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Battery Failure in 24 Volt Systems

- Most 24V systems are made up of multiple batteries in series or series parallel
- Failure occurs for a variety of reasons
 - Received "new" in an undercharged condition
 - Never fully recharged
 - Key off loads
 - Parasitic drains
 - Environmental
 - Battery set imbalance
 - 12 Volt Taps
 - Dissimilar Chemistries



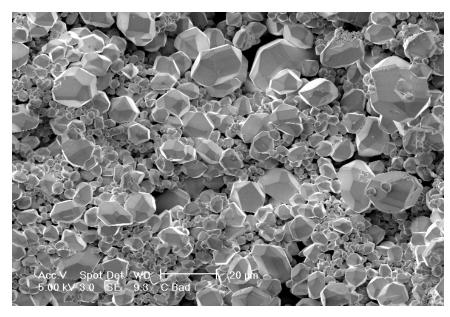
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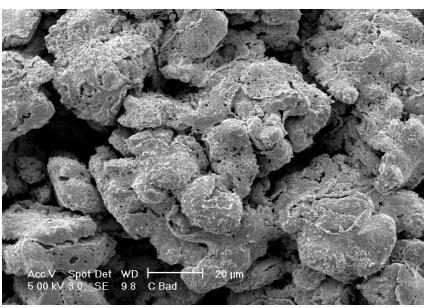
- Lead Sulfate Build up---Enlarged Crystals
- All L/A batteries create PbSO4
 - AGM slower formation
 - Flooded Cell- faster formation
 - Heat accelerates self discharge/crystal formation



Common Causes of Battery Failure

Ohio State University 5-yr. old fully charged batteries





Cathode crystalline structures remaining after charging without pulsing

Cathode after charging with pulsing



Impact on Battery Performance

- Overall capacity is reduced
- Starting issues begin to increase
 - Heat
 - Cold
- Shorter "silent watch" times
- Insulating layer of crystals

Premature battery replacement



Operational & Financial Impact of Battery Failure

- Equipment Not Mission Capable
- Shrinking O&M budget spent on batteries
- Man-hours wasted on replacing batteries
- HAZMAT requirements
- RBE whole fleet battery replacement



Overcoming Battery Problems

- Goals
 - Minimize handling batteries
 - Keep them in the vehicles
- Training at every level
- Testing
- Preventive Maintenance
- Corrective Maintenance



Diagnostic Testing

490 PT and MBT-1

Part Nos. 741x490 and 741x800

(NSNs: 6130-01-510-9594 and 6130-01-463-8499)







Preventive Maintenance

PM Goal KEEP BATTERIES IN VEHICLES

• Pro HDs





Solar Chargers



Corrective Shop Maintenance

- When batteries are too far gone to be recharged/recovered in the vehicle
 - Caused by:
 - Imbalanced set
 - Short run times
 - Too many add-on loads
 - Low output alternator
 - Mixed chemistries
 - Sitting too long without Solar Maintenance Charging (RBE)
 - How long is too long?



Corrective Shop Maintenance



HD Pallet Charger Part No. 746x820 NSN: 6130-01-532-7711



Redi-Pulse Pro HD Part No. 746x800 NSN: 6130-01-500-3401



Pulse Charger/World Version Part No. 746x725 NSN: 6130-01-477-4703



490PT Part No. 741x490 NSN: 6130-01-510-9594

Redi-Pulse Pro-12 Part No. 746x912 NSN: 6130-01-535-2718

Battery Service Equipment Set (BSES)

- 1 HD Pallet Charger
- 1 Redi-Pulse Pro-HD 12/24V Charger
- 1 Redi-Pulse Pro-12
- •10 MBT-1 Battery Testers
- 1 490PT Battery Analyzer

"Initially we didn't think it was going to be anything other than additional charging stations, but immediately we found that we could recover twice as many batteries using the technology incorporated into the BATTCAVE Chargers." DOL – Fort Lewis



- Many battery failures are preventable
- AGM (Hawker, Optima) can have over
 6 yr service life
- Flooded Cell (6T's, 2/4HN, Grp 31's) can have over 3 yr service life

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