



PLEASE READ BEFORE PLACING BATTERIES IN SERVICE
THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO BE SHIPPED WITH
BATTERY AND TO BE DELIVERED TO USER

FLOODED FLAT-PLATE FAST CHARGE MOTIVE POWER BATTERIES

INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. SAFETY

- 1.1 Follow your company's Safety Instructions when working with or near industrial truck batteries. Observe the caution label affixed to the battery. Thoroughly familiarize yourself with industry and government guidelines (OSHA, ANSI) for charging, handling, and maintaining industrial batteries.
- 1.2 Assign battery and charger care to properly trained personnel.
- 1.3 This battery contains sulfuric acid electrolyte. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wear rubber apron, gloves, boots, and goggles or face shield when handling, checking, filling, charging or repairing batteries.
- 1.4 Keep water readily available for flushing spilled electrolyte from eyes or skin. Use plain water only and obtain medical attention immediately. Special deluge showers and eye wash basins are required.
- 1.5 Batteries produce hydrogen and oxygen gas during charge. Keep open flames away. Do not check electrolyte level with a cigarette lighter or match. Use a flashlight or permanent lights. Switch on/off away from the top of the battery. Do not smoke or create sparks.
- 1.6 Lift batteries with a certified/approved hoist, crane, lift truck, or similar equipment. Move batteries with trucks, conveyors, or rollers. Be sure to place a rubber mat or similar insulating material across the tops of coverless batteries when handling. Make sure equipment is of ample strength and properly installed.

DO NOT USE CHAIN OR WIRE ROPE SLINGS.

- 1.7 Never lay metal tools, such as wrenches or screwdrivers, on top of a battery.
- 1.8 Disconnect the battery from the truck when performing maintenance and repair on motor or electrical system.
- 1.9 Open or "break" the battery circuit before attempting repairs to the charging plug or receptacles.
- 1.10 Apply a strong neutralizer, such as baking soda or soda ash, when electrolyte is spilled on the floor. Check local regulations regarding the disposal of neutralized waste.

2. RECEIVING BATTERIES

Immediately upon receipt of shipment, examine the outside of the packing for signs of rough handling before accepting the battery from the carrier. Wet spots on the shipping pallet may be an indication of leaking jars broken in shipment.

If there is evidence of damage, the receipt should be signed and both copies (carrier's and receiving copies) marked "Shipment Received Damaged". The carrier should be called immediately and asked to make a "Carrier's Inspection for Damage Report".

If "concealed" damage is later detected, the carrier should be called immediately and requested to make a "Carrier's Inspection for Concealed Damage Report". After inspection by the carrier, arrangements should be made with the local GNB® Industrial Power representative to have the battery repaired before placing it in service.

**POST THESE INSTRUCTIONS IN
THE BATTERY MAINTENANCE AREA.**



BEFORE PLACING BATTERIES IN SERVICE, REVIEW AND FOLLOW THE SAFETY GUIDELINES LISTED IN ITEM 1. SAFETY.

3. PLACING IN SERVICE

Verify that the battery weight meets or exceeds the minimum truck weight requirements. Allow the battery to cool or warm to room temperature before charging or adding water. Make sure the battery charger is properly matched to the battery and GNB-approved for use with GNB Flooded Classic Platinum fast charge batteries. Use a charger with automatic charger termination controls.

Remove the vent caps from each cell and check to see that the electrolyte level is above the perforated, plastic element protector. If it is obvious that the electrolyte has spilled out of any cells, replace it with electrolyte of the same specific gravity as found in the other cells of the battery. Replace the vent caps and give the battery a freshening charge until there is no increase in specific gravity for three hydrometer readings taken at one hour intervals.

During shipment of the battery, low temperatures and/or normal shock and vibration often results in a drop in the electrolyte level. If the level is below the element protector, recheck it after 3 hours of charging. If the level remains below the element protector, add water or electrolyte to the proper level at the end of charging.

Following the first month of service, the battery should reach its normal operating specific gravity of $1.305 \pm$

IF BATTERIES ARE NOT IN USE, KEEP THEM CHARGED. CHECK THE SPECIFIC GRAVITIES MONTHLY AND GIVE A FRESHENING CHARGE (3 OR 4 HOURS AT THE FINISH RATE) IF THE GRAVITIES HAVE FALLEN 0.030 OR MORE; OTHERWISE GIVE A FRESHENING CHARGE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

0.005 at 77° F (25°C).

4. OPERATION

Batteries are rated in ampere-hours (Ah) and are selected to perform a specific workload within an established period of time. Because fast charge systems are designed to return a significant amount of ampere-hours in short periods of time, fast charge batteries are capable of

delivering up to 160% of their rated capacity within a 24-hour period. To achieve such high levels of usage, operators must be diligent to "plug in" at all opportunities throughout the day, including breaks, meals, and shift changes. Care must be taken to ensure specific gravity readings in the battery cells do not go below 1.160 at any time.

A GNB Flooded Classic Platinum fast charge battery is designed for fast charging during breaks, meal times, and shift changes. When not being used, the battery should always be connected to the charger.

A battery should always be recharged immediately following a complete discharge. Never allow it to remain in a discharged condition, otherwise, permanent damage may result.

Flooded flat-plate motive power batteries are designed and built to deliver 80% of their rated capacity at 77° F (25°C.)

5. TEMPERATURE

In the operation of fast charge lead-acid batteries, the electrolyte temperature must not exceed a maximum of 140°F (60°C), and must maintain an average temperature of 125°F (52°C). Following the end of the day full charge, the battery should be allowed to cool to ambient temperature prior to the next discharge.

If a battery consistently operates at temperatures close to the allowable maximums, contact your local GNB representative for service.

6. CHARGING

The start rate of a fast charge battery can be as high as 40% of the batteries rated capacity at the 6 hour rate. During the end of the day full charge, the charge rate should taper down to the finish rate (approximately 5% of the rated capacity) by the time the battery is 85% charged and may be even lower when the battery is fully charged.

Short running times and/or low end-of-charge specific gravities may indicate inadequate recharge. Consult your local GNB representative on specific charging problems.

7. MAINTENANCE

- **KEEP RECORDS...** Showing specific gravities, equalizing, charging, temperature, and voltages on a monthly basis. These records are required to maintain your warranty.
- **TEMPERATURE...** Under normal fast charge operating conditions, the electrolyte temperature shall be between 60-140° F (15-60° C). Operating temperature above 100° F will reduce the battery's service life. Operating temperature below 60° F results in less capacity and special charging is required.

- **WATER ADDITIONS...** GNB-approved fast chargers have the capability for equalize charging at specific times and days of the week (eg. Sunday 08:00). Water additions can be made the following day prior to use, provided an equalization charge is confirmed to have been performed.
- **EQUALIZE...** Once a week.
- **DEPTH OF DISCHARGE...** Do not discharge the battery below 80% of the rated capacity. Over discharging shortens the battery life and voids the warranty.
- **CLEANING...** Keep the top of the battery clean and dry. See Item 8.
- **PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE...**

WEEKLY

- Check electrolyte levels (see water additions).
- Equalize charge.

MONTHLY

- Record electrolyte specific gravities.
- Visual inspection and confirmation that the battery-mounted monitor is functioning properly.
- Inspect the cables and charging plugs.
- Clean the top of the cells.

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- Inspect the charger. Confirm proper output voltage and current. Check for external damage, frayed cables, or worn connectors.
- Clean the exterior of the battery.

TROUBLE SIGNS

- Battery temperature averages more than 125°F (52°C).
- Open circuit cell voltages vary by 0.15 volts or more and specific gravity varies by 0.020 or more during equalizing.
- The top of the battery is always wet or one cell requires excessive water.

8. MAINTENANCE CLEANING

The top of the battery should be kept clean and dry. Keep the vent caps in place during use and charging. Remove them only to observe electrolyte levels, make water additions, take temperatures, or take specific gravity readings with a hydrometer. If the battery requires cleaning, contact your local GNB servicing representative. The solution used to clean and neutralize the outside of the batteries should be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

9. WATER ADDITIONS

Maintain electrolyte levels above the bottom of the perforated, plastic element protector, but no higher than 1/8" from the bottom of the cell cover vent well. Check the electrolyte level weekly, or as necessary depending on battery use prior to charging. If the level is not visible (below the element protector) add just enough water to cover it and then proceed with charging the battery. Otherwise, defer watering the battery until the end of the charging period when the battery is fully charged and the charger has tapered to its finish rate. At that time, add enough water to bring the electrolyte level to between 1.2-2.2" of the top of the cover. Always use distilled water or water that is known to be free of abnormally high amounts of impurities. Contact your local GNB representative if you are not sure of your water quality.

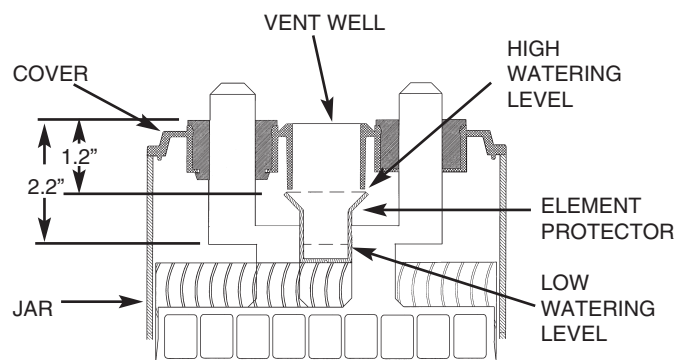
**BATTERIES MUST BE VISUALLY INSPECTED
PER THE ABOVE SCHEDULE EVEN WITH THE
USE OF A WATERING SYSTEM.**

10. SERVICE AND PARTS

Your local GNB sales representative has more information regarding the full range of maintenance and repair service available. GNB can also supply all of your battery, charger, and accessory device replacement part needs. For more information in the U.S.A. and Canada, call 1-888-563-6300. All others, please contact your local GNB battery sales representative.

11. RECYCLING

U.S. Federal and State Regulations require that lead acid batteries be handled and disposed of in compliance with strict guidelines. GNB offers disposal service for lead acid batteries. Call 1-888-438-5865 to arrange a pick-up or to get additional information.



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