

Uptimax Ni-Cd batteries

Type UP1 L and UP1 M

Installation and operating instructions



Important recommendations

- **WARNING:** Risk of fire, explosion, or burns. Do not disassemble, heat above 70°C, or incinerate.
- Never smoke while performing any operation on the battery.
- For protection, wear rubber gloves, long sleeves, and appropriate splash goggles or face shield.
- The electrolyte is harmful to skin and eyes. In the event of contact with skin or eyes, wash immediately with plenty of water. If eyes are affected, flush with water, and obtain immediate medical attention.
- Remove all rings, watches and other items with metal parts before working on the battery.
- Use insulated tools.
- Avoid static electricity and take measures for protection against electric shocks.
- Discharge any possible static electricity from clothing and/or tools by touching an earth-connected part "ground" before working on the battery.
- Ventilation, in accordance with the IEC 62485-2 standard, is mandatory during commissioning and operation.

1. Receiving the shipment

Upon receipt of the goods, any transportation damage, electrolyte spillage or irregularities must be reported to the carrier and to Saft.

The battery is shipped filled and charged, and is ready for immediate use. Storage of cells must not exceed the maximum storage time indicated on the packing case (first in, first out).

2. Storage

The battery must be stored in a dry indoor location, on open, well ventilated shelves away from direct sunlight between 0°C and +30°C (+32°F and 86°F).

Uptimax batteries are supplied filled with electrolyte and charged. They can be stored in this condition for maximum 24 months from date of shipment in accordance with the recommendations set forth in this I&O.

Storage of a filled battery at temperatures above +30°C (+86°F) can result in permanent change and loss of product performance, depending on the duration of the storage above the maximum recommended temperature. Never drain the electrolyte from the cells. To ensure maximum protection of the cells always store the product in its original packaging.

3. Installation

3.1. Location

Install the battery in a dry and clean room. Avoid direct sunlight and heat.

The battery will give the best performance and maximum service life when the ambient temperature is between +10°C to +30°C (+50°F to +86°F)

3.2. Mounting

Verify that cells are correctly interconnected with the appropriate polarity and with the connectors are correctly torque. Connections between the battery and the load shall be made with nickel plated cable lugs. Tightening torque for the terminals must be:

- M 6 = 11 ± 1.1 N.m (97.4 ± 9.8 lbf.in)
- M 8 = 20 ± 2.0 N.m (177.0 ± 17.7 lbf.in)
- M 10 = 30 ± 3.0 N.m (265.0 ± 26.6 lbf.in)

The connectors and terminals should be corrosion-protected by coating with a thin layer of anti-corrosion oil, NO-OX-ID "A", or approved equal.

3.3. Ventilation

During operation the battery emits an amount of gas mixture (oxygen and hydrogen). Ventilation inside the battery room must be adequately managed, comply with IEC 62485-2 and local regulations.

3.4. Electrolyte

When checking electrolyte levels, a fluctuation in level between cells is normal. This is caused by a small difference in internal pressure in each cell. Normally there is no need to adjust the electrolyte level. If the level is 30 mm (1.2") below the minimum level mark, the affected product must be topped up using Saft's E22 electrolyte.

Do not top-up cells prior to an initial charge. After commissioning, when the level is stabilized, the electrolyte level should be between the maximum mark and 5 mm below.

4. Commissioning

Verify that ventilation, in accordance with the IEC 62485-2 standard, is provided during this operation.

A good commissioning is important. Charge at constant current is preferable. **If the current limit is lower than indicated in the table A, extend the charge time proportionally.**

After commissioning, the battery shall be charged permanently according to section 5.

Prior and during commissioning charge, record all data requested in the commissioning report available on www.saftbatteries.com.

■ Cells stored up to 6 months:

A commissioning charge is normally not required and the cells are ready for immediate use. However, the product's full performance will only be achievable after six months of charging in service (see section 7.3 charge acceptance of Technical manual).

If the published performance is required immediately, please refer to Section 4 and the procedure dedicated to cells stored more than 6 months and up to 2 years.

■ Cells stored more than 6 months and up to 2 years:

A commissioning charge is necessary:

- **Commissioning at ambient temperature between + 10°C to + 30°C (+ 50°F to + 86°F)**

- Constant current charge:

10 h at 0.2 C₅ A recommended (see Table A).

Notice: At the end of charge, the cell voltage will reach about 1.80 V, thus the charger shall be able to supply such a voltage.

When the charger maximum voltage setting is too low to supply constant current charging, divide the battery into two parts to be charged individually at constant current.

- Constant potential charge:

1.55 V/cell for a minimum of 24 h with current limit of 0.2 C₅ A (see the current in Table A).

If this voltage level is not available, then charging may be carried out at 1.50 V/cell for 36 hours

- **Commissioning at ambient temperature above + 30°C (+ 86°F)**

- Only constant current charge:

10 h at 0.2 C₅ recommended,
20 h at 0,1 C₅ possible.

The battery container temperature is to be monitored during charge. If the temperature exceeds + 45°C (+113°F) during charging, then it must be stopped to reduce the temperature. The charging can be resumed when battery container temperature drops below + 40°C (+ 104°F).

Capacity Testing : When full battery performance is required for capacity test purposes, the cells shall be charged in accordance with IEC62259 section 7 (7.1 & 7.2).

