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Section I – Product and Company Identification **Information of Product Product Identity (used on the** Nickel Metal Hydride Battery label) **Information of Manufacturer** Manufacturer's Name **Emergency Telephone Number** GPI International Ltd. Within USA & Canada call: +1-800-424-9300 Outside USA and Canada call: +1-703-527-3887 Address (Number, Street, City State, and ZIP **Telephone Number for Information** Code) +852-24843333 8/F GP Building, 30 Kwai Wing Road, Kwai Chung, N.T., Hong Kong Date of prepared and revised 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

#### Recommended use of chemicals:

N.A.

### **Section II – Hazards Identification**

#### GHS Classification: N.A.

Under normal conditions of use, the battery is hermetically sealed. If the electrolyte is leaked, hazardous

material may be released.

Human Health Effects			
Inhalation	The electrolyte inhalation can cause respiratory irritation. It could be possibly		
	carcinogen.		
Skin contact	The electrolyte can cause skin irritation, chemical burns. Nickel compounds, cobalt		

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	and cobalt compounds can cause skin sensitization and an allergic contact
	dermatitis.
Eye contact	The electrolyte leaked from the battery cell is strong alkali, can cause severe irritation
	and chemical burns.
Ingestion	If the battery is swallowed and opened, or the electrolyte is ingested, the electrolyte
	irritates the mouth and the throat seriously, may lead to vomiting, nausea,
	hematemesis, stomach pains and diarrhea.

#### **Environmental Effects**

The battery cell remains in the environment. Do not throw it out into the environment.

#### Specific Hazards

As previously described.

## **Section III – Composition/Information on Ingredients**

Chemical Name/Common	CAS No.	%/wt
Name		
Aluminum	7429-90-5	< 2
Cobalt metal	7440-48-4	2.5-6.0
Cobalt oxide	1307-96-6	
Cobalt hydroxide	21041-93-0	
Lithium Hydroxide	1310-65-2	0-4
Manganese	7439-96-5	0-4
Lanthanum	7439-91-0	<13
Cerium	7440-45-1	

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Neodymium 7440-00-8 Praseodymium 7440-10-0 Nickel hydroxide 12054-48-7 35-55 Nickel oxide 1313-99-1 Nickel powder 7440-02-0 Potassium Hydroxide 1310-58-3 <7 Sodium Hydroxide 0-4 1310-73-2 <3 Zinc metal 7440-66-6 Zinc oxide 1314-13-2 Zinc hydroxide 20427-58-1 Iron 7439-89-6 10-25 Other Non-hazardous Water, Paper, Plastic and Other Balance

### **Section IV – First-aid Measures**

Inhalation	If electrolyte leakage occurs, cover the victim in a blanket, move to the place of fresh
	air and keep quiet. Seek medical attention immediately. When dyspnea (breathing
	difficulty) or asphyxia (breath-hold), give artificial respiration immediately.
Skin Contact	If electrolyte leakage occurs, remove contaminated clothes and shoes immediately.
	Wash the adherence or contact region with soap and plenty of water. Seek medical
	attention immediately.
Eye Contact	If electrolyte leakage occurs, immediately flush eyes with water continuously for at
	least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention immediately.
Ingestion	If battery cell and electrolyte is ingested, do not induce vomiting or give food or

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drink. Seek medical attention immediately.

Section V – Fire-fighting Measures		
Extinguishing Media	Dry sand, chemical powder fire extinguishing medium.	
Unusual Fire and Explosion	Acrid or harmful fume is emitted during fire.	
Hazards		
Special Protective equipment	Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Burning	
and Precautions for fire-fighters nickel metal hydride batteries can produce toxic fumes including o		
	of nickel, cobalt, aluminum, manganese, lanthanum, cerium,	
	neodymium, and praseodymium.	
	Protective equipment written in Section VIII.	

Section VI – Accidental Release Measures		
Personal Precautions	Forbid unauthorized person to enter. Remove leaked materials with	
	protective equipment written in Section VIII.	
Environmental precautions	Do not throw out into the environment.	
Containment and Clean Up	Dilute the leaked electrolyte with water and neutralize with diluted	
	sulfuric acid. The leaked solid is moved to a container. The leaked place	
	is fully flushed with water.	

## Section VII – Handling and Storage

**Handling** Prevention of user exposure: Not necessary under normal use.

Prevention of fire and explosion: Not necessary under normal use.

Precaution for safe handling: Do not damage or remove the external tube.

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	Specific safe handling advice: Never throw out cells in a fire or expose to high temperatures.
	Do not soak cells in water and seawater. Do not expose to strong oxidizers. Do not give a
	strong mechanical shock or throw down. Never disassemble, modify or deform. Do not connect
	the positive terminal to the negative terminal with electrically conductive material. In the case
	of charging, use only dedicated charger or charge according to the conditions specified by GP
	Batteries.
Storage	Storage conditions (suitable to be avoided): Avoid direct sunlight, high temperature, high
	humidity.
	The cells and batteries shall not be stored in high temperature ,the maximum temperature
	allowed is $60^\circ\!\mathrm{C}$ for a short period during the shipment. Otherwise the cells maybe leakage and
	can result in shortened cycle life.
	Incompatible products: Conductive materials, water, seawater, strong oxidizers and strong
	acids
	Packing material (recommended, not suitable): insulated and tear-proof materials are
	recommended.

### **Section VIII – Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

#### **Engineering Control**

No engineering measure is necessary during normal use. If internal cell materials are leaked, the

information below will be useful.

#### **Exposure Control Limit**

Common Chemical	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Name / General Name		

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Aluminum metal (as Al)	TWA 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total)	-
	TWA 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (resp)	
Cobalt metal (As Co)	TWA 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Lithium Hydroxide	-	-
Manganese compounds	(Celling) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (resp.)
(as Mn)		
Nickel, metal and	(as Ni) TWA 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Elemental: 1.5mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IHL);
insoluble compounds		Insoluble inorganic
		compounds: 0.2mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IHL)
Potassium Hydroxide	-	-
Sodium Hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	(Celling) 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Zinc oxide	Respirable fraction:	Respirable fraction:
	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

TWA – Time Weighted Average

ACGIH TLV: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Threshold Limit Value OSHA PEL: Occupational Safety & Health Administration Permissible Exposure Limit

#### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection: Protective mask

Hand protection: Protective gloves

Eye protection: Protective glasses designed to protect against liquid splashes

Skin and body protection: Working clothes with long sleeve and long trousers

## **Section IX – Physical and Chemical Properties**

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Appearance	Odor
Solid, Cylindrical Shape, Metallic color	Odorless
	Odor Threshold
	N.A.
рН	Melting point/freezing point
N.A.	N.A.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Flash point
N.A.	N.A.
Evaporation rate	Flammability (solid, gas)
N.A.	N.A.
	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
	N.A.
Vapor pressure	Vapor density
N.A.	N.A.
Relative density	Solubility
N.A.	Insoluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Auto-ignition temperature
N.A.	N.A.
Decomposition temperature	Viscosity
N.A.	N.A.

Section X – Stability and Reactivity	
Stability	Stable under normal use
Possibility of hazardous	By misuse of a battery cell or the like, oxygen or hydrogen accumulates

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reactions	in the cell and the internal pressure rises. These gases may be emitted
	through the gas release vent. When fire is near, these gases may take
	fire.
	When a battery cell is heated strongly by the surrounding fire, acrid or
	harmful fume may be emitted.
Conditions to avoid	Direct sunlight, high temperature and high humidity
Materials to avoid	Conductive materials, water, seawater, strong oxidizers and strong acids
Hazardous decomposition	Acrid or harmful fume is emitted during fire.
products	

### Section XI – Toxicological Information

There is no toxicity data for Nickel Metal Hydride Battery. Under normal conditions of use, the battery is non-toxic.

## **Section XII – Ecological Information**

Persistence/degradability :

Since a battery cell and the internal materials remain in the environment, do not bury or throw out into the environment.

## **Section XIII – Disposal Considerations**

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Recommended methods for safe and environmentally preferred disposal :

#### **Product (waste from residues)**

Do not throw out a used battery cell. Recycle it through the recycling company.

#### **Contaminated packaging**

Neither a container nor packing is contaminated during normal use. When internal materials leaked from a battery cell contaminates them, dispose them as industrial wastes subject to special control.

### **Section XIV – Transport Information**

Regulatory Body	Special Provisions		
ADR	295 – 304, 598		
IMO	UN 3496 SP117 and SP963		
UN	UN 3496		
US DOT	49 CFR 172, 102 Provision 130		
ΙΑΤΑ	A199		

Form of	UN No.	UN Proper	Transport	Packing	Environmental	Guidance	Special
Transportation		Shipping	Hazard	Group	Hazards	Transport	Precaution
		Name	Class	Number		in bulk	
Sea	3496	BATTERIES,	9	-	No	According	SP117 &
		NICKEL-				to ANNEX II	SP963
		METAL				of MARPOL	
		HYDRIDE				73/78 and	

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		the IBC	
		Code	

a) In general, all batteries in all forms of transportation (ground, air, or ocean) must be packaged in a safe and responsible manner. Regulatory concerns from all agencies for safe packaging require that batteries be packaged in a manner that prevents short circuits and be contained in "strong outer packaging" that prevents spillage of contents. All original packaging for GP nickel metal hydride batteries has been designed to be compliant with these regulatory concerns.

GP nickel metal hydride batteries (sometimes referred to as "Dry cell" batteries) are not defined as dangerous goods under the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations 56<sup>th</sup> edition 2015, ICAO Technical Instructions and the U.S. hazardous materials regulations (49 CFR). These batteries are not subject to the dangerous goods regulations as they are compliant with the requirements contained in the following special provisions.

In addition, the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and ICAO Technical Instructions require the words "not restricted" and the Special Provision number A199 be provided on the air waybill, when an air waybill is issued.

b) International Maritime Organization (IMO) IMDG Code regulated these products as UN 3496 BATTERIES, NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE, class 9 dangerous goods with Special Provision 117 and 963 assigned **SP117** 

Only regulated when transported by sea.

### SP963

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Nickel-metal hydride button cells or nickel-metal hydride cells or batteries packed with or contained in equipment are not subject to the provisions of this Code.

All other nickel-metal hydride cells or batteries shall be securely packed and protected from short circuit. They are not subject to other provisions of this Code provided that they are loaded in a cargo transport unit in a total quantity of less than 100 Kg gross mass. When loaded in a cargo transport unit in a total quantity of 100 Kg gross mass or more, they are not subject to other provisions of this Code except those of 5.4.1, 5.4.3 and column (16) of the dangerous good list in Chapter 3.2.

The requirements of these sections are:

(1) Dangerous goods transport documentation to accompany the shipment,

(2) The shipment must be described as "UN3496, BATTERIES, NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE, CLASS 9" on the shipper's declaration for dangerous goods.

(3) The dangerous goods description must also be entered on the Dangerous Cargo Manifest and/or the detailed stowage plan in compliance with the IMDG Code requirements for shipboard documentation.

## Section XV – Regulatory Information

Special requirement be according to the local regulations.

## Section XVI – Other Information

The data in this Material Safety Data Sheet relates only to the specific material designated herein.

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