

IATA Shipping Instructions for Air Transportation

UN3480, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9 (PI 965, Section IA → Fully regulated cells & batteries)

ONLY TRAINED HAZMAT EMPLOYEES MAY SHIP LITHIUM BATTERIES USING THIS GUIDE.

Some batteries are regulated when shipped or offered for transportation. If the battery is restricted, then all applicable hazardous materials regulations must be met. This guide provides information to assist you in how to ship the battery by air.



How can I tell if the battery is regulated?

Batteries normally have the size listed directly on the battery case which will help you identify whether or not it can be shipped without special packaging and package marking; in other words, shipped as non-restricted in transportation.



These instructions have been specifically prepared for the shipment of **fully regulated lithium ion batteries** (Watt-hour rating > 100 Wh) in conformity with the requirements of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations, Edition 67 (effective 01/01/2026).

DO NOT USE THESE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OTHER BATTERY TYPES.

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DESCRIPTION

Items

(Identify and insert the description of items that may be shipped utilizing this template in this section.)

SHIPPING BY AIR (ICAO/IATA)

Shipping Location

Transport by Cargo Aircraft Only

Shipments of lithium ion batteries not contained in or packed with equipment are forbidden for transport aboard passenger aircraft.

Shipping Company

(Identify in this section the carriers used and carrier requirements)

(e.g., Airlines such as FedEx Express, DHL, or UPS for (CAO) Cargo Aircraft Only)

State and Operator Variations (2.8)

Some States and/or Operators may file variations. Always check the State and operator variations in Section 2.8 of IATA for any additional requirements or restrictions.

NOTE

Damaged, defective, or recalled cells or batteries, that have the potential of producing a dangerous evolution of heat, fire, or short circuit (including those being returned to the manufacturer for safety reasons) are forbidden for transport by air unless approved by the relevant Competent Authorities.

Waste batteries and those being shipped for recycling or disposal are forbidden for transport by air unless approved by the relevant Competent Authorities.

Every lithium cell and battery must meet the provisions of 3.9.2.6, as well as the general and additional requirements in the applicable packing instruction.

CLASSIFICATION

UN Number & Proper Shipping Name

UN3480, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

Battery Testing Data

LITHIUM ION CELLS OR BATTERIES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF EACH TEST IN THE *UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, Subsection 38.3*.

Battery Test Summary

A battery test summary complying with the requirements of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, Subsection 38.3, Paragraph 38.3.3.5 is required to prove all cells/batteries have been properly tested.

The battery test summary is not a transport document and is not required to be provided as a transport document. However, some carriers may request a copy be provided.

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Site Testing Data	<i>(Insert the location of battery testing documentation and/or attach to the shipping instructions)</i>
Special Provisions	A88, A99, A154, A183, A201, A213, A331, A334, A802

PACKAGING

Packing Instruction	965, Section IA
Watt-hour Rating (Section IA)	Lithium ion cells > 20 Wh Lithium ion batteries > 100 Wh
Limit per package (Table 965-IA)	Passenger Aircraft – FORBIDDEN Cargo Aircraft Only – 35 kg
Short Circuit Prevention	<p><i>The site must identify and insert information on how this will be done for applicable shipments.</i></p> <p>Cells and batteries must be protected so as to prevent short circuits. This includes protection against contact with electrically conductive materials within the same packaging that could lead to a short circuit (e.g., place a single battery in a plastic bag and then place in a package).</p> <p>THE CELLS OR BATTERIES MUST INCORPORATE A SAFETY VENTING DEVICE OR BE DESIGNED NOT TO RUPTURE UNDER THE NORMAL CONDITIONS OF TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Each battery containing cells, or a series of cells connected in parallel, must be equipped with an effective means, as necessary, to prevent dangerous reverse current flow (e.g. diodes, fuses).</p>
State of Charge (SoC)	<p>Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity. It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure the SoC requirements are met when packing the batteries for transport.</p> <p><i>Note: Guidance and methodology for determining the rated capacity can be found in the UN Manual of Test and Criteria (Rev.8), Section 38.3.2.3.</i></p>

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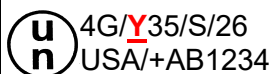
Combination Packaging

LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES MUST BE PACKED IN COMBINATION PACKAGING.

Each lithium cells and batteries must be placed in a non-metallic inner packaging that completely encloses it and separates it from contact with equipment, other devices or conductive materials in the outer packaging. Cells and batteries must be packaged in a manner to prevent short circuits and movement within the outer package.

The inner packagings must be packed in UN specification outer packagings at a **PG II** performance level. The following outer packagings are permitted: metal boxes (4A, 4B or 4N); wooden boxes (4C1, 4C2, 4D, or 4F); fiberboard boxes (4G); solid plastic boxes (4H2); fiber drums (1G); metal drums (1A2, 1B2 or 1N2); plywood drums (1D) or plastic drum (1H2); plastic jerricans (3H2); or metal jerricans (3A2 or 3B2).

Sample UN Spec Mark for PG II Fibreboard Box



Packaging must meet PG II performance standard as indicated by “Y” (or PG I performance standard as indicated by “X”) in the specification marking.

Type of Packaging

(Insert the type of packagings to be used. In addition, insert closure instructions or the location of the closure instructions to be used.)





Exemption / State Approval

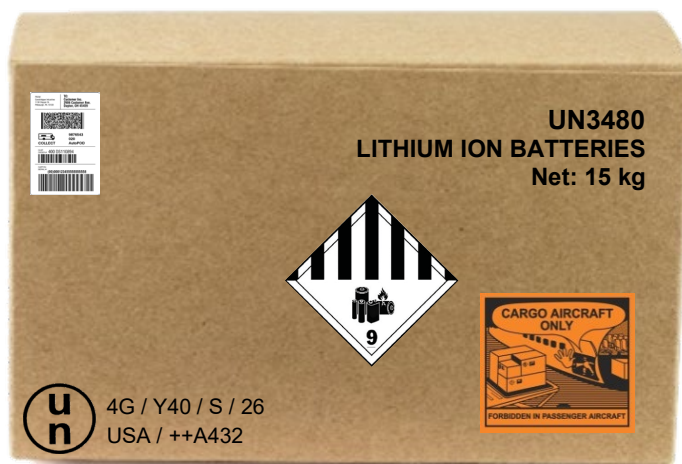
(Required for batteries w/ gross mass \geq 12 kg)

Lithium ion batteries with a mass of 12 kg or greater and having a strong, impact-resistant outer casing, or assemblies of such batteries, may be transported when packed in strong outer packagings, in protective enclosures (e.g. in fully enclosed or wooden slatted crates) not subject to the requirements of Part 6 of these instructions, if approved by the appropriate authority of the State of Origin. A copy of the document of approval must accompany the consignment.

MARKING / LABELLING

Marking	Display a shipping label with name and address of shipper and consignee, and mark the box with UN number, proper shipping name (PSN) and net weight: UN3480, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES
Labelling	Display the Class 9 battery and the Cargo Aircraft Only label. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">   </div>

Example of completed package for transportation by air on CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY:



DOCUMENTATION

Document Type	A Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods is required with specific information (see 8.1 of the IATA DGR for more information).
DG Identification	UN3480, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9
Quantity & Type of Packaging	Indicate the number of packages and type of packaging and the amount per package. <i>The quantity is required to show net quantity not gross weight.</i>
Packing Instruction	The packing instruction used to prepare the shipment must be included.

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DOCUMENTATION – SHIPPER’S DECLARATION FOR DANGEROUS GOODS CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY

SHIPPER’S DECLARATION FOR DANGEROUS GOODS

Shipper Full name and address of shipper		Air Waybill No		Page 1 of 1 Pages		Shipper's Reference Numbers <i>(optional)</i>	
Consignee Full name and address of consignee							
<i>Two completed and signed copies of this Declaration must be handed to the operator</i>		WARNING					
TRANSPORT DETAILS		Failure to comply in all respects with the applicable Dangerous Goods Regulations may be in breach of the Applicable law, subject to legal penalties.					
This shipment is within the limitations prescribed for <i>(delete non-applicable)</i>		Airport of Departure Departure Airport or City (no abbreviations)					
PASSENGER AND CARGO AIRCRAFT		CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY					
Airport of Destination Destination Airport or City (no abbreviations)		Shipment type <i>(delete non-applicable)</i>					
		NON-RADIOACTIVE		RADIOACTIVE			
NATURE AND QUANTITY OF DANGEROUS GOODS							
Dangerous Goods Identification				Quantity and Type of Packing		Packing Inst.	Authorization
UN or ID No.	Proper Shipping Name	Class or Division (subsidiary hazard)	Packing Group				
UN 3480	LITHIUM ION BATTERIES	9		2 Fibreboard boxes x 15 kg each 30 kg total		965	
Additional Handling Information 24-hour Emergency Response Contact: 123-456-7890 (per USG-12)							
I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name, and are classified, packaged, marked and labeled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable international and national governmental regulations. I declare that all of the applicable air transport requirements have been met.				Name of Signatory Name Date Date Signature <i>(see warning above)</i> Signature			

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TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Training Requirements

Hazmat employee training must include the following:

- *General familiarization training*
- *Function-specific training*
- *Safety training*
- *Security awareness*

Initial training: Hazmat employees must be trained prior to their performing any duties related to the transportation of dangerous goods by air.

Recurrent training: Hazmat employees must be provided with recurrent training within 24 months of previous training to ensure knowledge is current. Honeywell also requires recurrent training every two years.

STORAGE

Storage Location & Special Considerations

(Insert storage requirements or special considerations.)

REFERENCES

IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR)

Edition 67 (Effective 1 January - 31 December 2026)

Section 1 1.5 – Training Requirements

Section 3 3.9.2.6 – Lithium Batteries

Section 5 5.9 – Packing Instructions – Class 9, Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods (PI 965, Section IA)

Section 6 6.3 – UN Packaging Performance Tests

Section 7 Marking and Labelling

Section 8 Documentation

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