

Lithium Batteries:

Lithium batteries are increasingly used because they generate high energy compared to conventional nickel-metal batteries. However, the abundant energy that makes them such efficient batteries also makes them prone to generating heat and starting fires.

There are two basic types of lithium batteries, both of which have the potential to catch fire.

- Non-rechargeable Lithium metal batteries – disposable (or primary) batteries as generally utilised as the conventional type of batteries.
- Rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries – rechargeable (or secondary) batteries as found in laptop computers, mobile phones, iPods and other music players, electric bicycles and some power tools.

There are limits to the type and quantity of lithium batteries you can carry on board an aircraft. This restriction relates to their power rating – measures in Watt hours (Wh), or their lithium content.

- **Small Size** /Low Power = up to 100Wh for rechargeable, or lithium content of not more than 2g for non-rechargeable;
- **Medium Size** /Medium Power = more than 100Wh and up to 160Wh;
- **Large Size** / High Power = more than 160Wh.

Which lithium batteries can I carry?

1. Small Rechargeable and Small Non-rechargeable Lithium Batteries (up to 100Wh / up to 2g lithium) fitted within portable personal use electronic devices such as watches, cameras, mobile phones, laptops, etc:

CARRIED IN CARRY-ON BAGGAGE IS RECOMMENDED

2. Small Spare Batteries Articles which have the primary purpose as a power source, e.g. power banks are considered as spare batteries. These batteries must be individually protected to prevent short circuits. Each person is limited to a maximum of four (4) spare lithium batteries. (e.g. In original packaging or packed individually to insulate terminals).

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3. Medium Rechargeable Lithium Batteries (more than 100Wh and up to 160Wh) ie Batteries fitted within the commercial and some small medical portable devices.

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4. Medium Sized Spare Batteries maximum of 2 units packed in original packaging or packed individually to insulate the terminals.

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5. Large Rechargeable (160Wh and greater) and **Medium/ Large Non-rechargeable Lithium Batteries** (more than 2g lithium content)

NOT PERMITTED ONBOARD PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

Note: All equipments in checked baggage must be securely switched OFF



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