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Quick Tips!



Want to know how to properly store Hawker® batteries? Find out... Watch the training video at www.hawkeraplus.com under the Hawker® Helpdesk tab.



Answer to question from last issue:

When should I replace my Hawker® battery? A Hawker® battery is considered to be at the end of its "expected operational life" when...at least one of the following is true:



- 1. Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) Test: when a fully-charged battery measures less than 12.65 volts.
- 2. Conductance Analyzer Test: when a fully-charged battery fails to provide at least 80% of the battery's rated CCAs (e.g., if a Hawker® ARMASAFE™ Plus 6TAGM battery measures less than 980 CCAs).
- 3. <u>Mechanic's Load Test</u>: when a fully-charged battery fails to remain above 9.9 volts Closed Circuit Voltage (CCV; a.k.a., load voltage) during the load test. The specified load should be equal to 1/2 of the battery's rated CCAs and be applied for 15 seconds (e.g., for a Hawker® ARMASAFE™ Plus 6TAGM battery, apply a 612.5 amp load for 15 seconds, during which the battery's load voltage must remain at 10.0 volts CCV or higher. Note: Per TB 9-6140-252-13, military personnel need only apply a 550-amp load on the Hawker® ARMASAFE™ Plus 6TAGM battery, since MIL-PRF-32143C only requires a new 6TAGM battery to be at least 1100 CCA).
- 4. Capacity Test: when a fully-charged battery fails to provide at least 80% of the battery's rated Capacity when discharged at a specified C-rate (e.g., for a Hawker® ARMASAFE™ Plus 6TAGM battery, when discharged at the C20 rate, if the battery measures less than 96 Ah). Note: This test is normally only conducted by design engineers.

Did vou know:



Typical vehicle batteries are called 12-volt batteries, but that's just a generic term. Actually, different types of lead-acid batteries have different "top-off" voltages. In fact, new 12-volt flooded-cell batteries typically measure 12.6 volts Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) and AGM batteries typically measure 12.9 volts (OCV) when the batteries are fully charged.

Training:



The rumor on the street is....

"Military units can schedule free on-site Battery Maintenance and Recovery Training at their motor-pool." Uhm, Is that TRUE? It sure is! Just contact your Hawker® FSR today... and we'll make BMRT happen for you.

Next Issue: My Hawker® battery passed testing, so can it be mixed with other Hawker® batteries that are the same model?

Questions?

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