

Battery Reporting Guidelines

TEXAS METALS PROGRAM



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www.txdps.state.tx.us/rsd/TexasMetalsProgram/index.htm

Texas Online Metals (TOMs)

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/Metals/>

DPS maintains a list of active Metals Recycling Entities (MREs), which can be accessed on the DPS website:

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/RSD/TexasMetalsProgram/reports.htm>

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Texas Administrative Code

www.sos.state.tx.us/tac

Texas Legislature Online

www.capitol.state.tx.us

House Bill 2187

HB 2187 was signed by Gov. Greg Abbott on June 19, 2015, and was effective Sept. 1, 2015. This bill relates to the regulation of MREs; imposing an administrative penalty, and amending provisions subject to criminal penalty. HB 2187 amends Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1956.

DPS, in conjunction with the Texas Metals Advisory Committee, drafted administrative rules in response to the passage of HB 2187. The bill added the definition of **Lead Material** to include **commercial grade lead battery, lead-acid battery or spiral cell battery**.

Regulated Material now includes commercial grade lead batteries or lead-acid batteries.

Purpose

This guide provides examples of the two main categories for reportable batteries: **General Purpose** and **Special Purpose**. General Purpose Batteries are Lead Acid, Lead and Spiral Cell batteries that do not fall under Special Purpose. Special Purpose Batteries include Commercial / Industrial Use, Government Entity Use, Uniquely Marked, Lead Plates and Other.

This guide provides examples of the two main categories of reportable batteries: General Purpose and Special Purpose. As this guide is for informational purposes only, it is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of examples of the types of reportable batteries required by HB 2187.

Objective

To assist Metals Recycling Entities (MREs) in identifying batteries for reporting purposes so a reasonable attempt to properly select items from the transaction entry drop-down buttons can be made. DPS will update this information as relevant information is received.

Examples of General Purpose Batteries

(reported by estimated total weight)

Batteries that consumers use for personal use, such as automobile, all-terrain vehicle, back up, home-use power tools, lawn mower or tractor, motorcycle, not inclusive.

Cordless Home Equipment



Power Protection Home Use



Various Home / Recreational-Use



Automotive Type



24 Volt only
(5 or less reported by
estimated total weight)

Spiral Cell



Examples of Special Purpose Batteries

(reported by estimated quantity)

Commercial / Industrial Use

Batteries normally used by industries such as backup power, industrial equipment, heavy equipment, etc.



24 Volt only
(6 or more reported
by total quantity)

Government Entity Use

Batteries from city, county, state and federal agencies, and include General Purpose and Special Purpose, but are marked as being from a government agency or the seller is from a government agency.

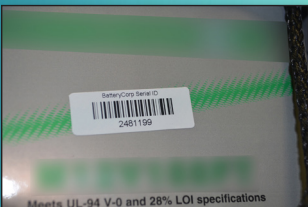
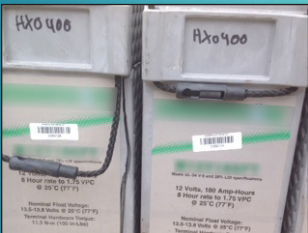


City, County, State and Federal



Uniquely Marked

Clearly and conspicuously marked with any form of the name, initials, logo or alpha numeric numbers of a governmental entity, utility, railroad, telecommunications provider, cable service provider, video service provider or any other business. This does not include serial numbers included on the battery from the manufacturer.



Lead Plates

Clearly known to come from a battery, includes damaged batteries resulting from intentional defacing. (photos not yet available)

Other Distinguishing Features

Clearly and conspicuously marked with any form of a non-manufacturer alpha-numeric serial number that has been added by the owner, meant to clearly identify the battery for non-personal use. This does not include batteries marked with an individual's name, or any phone, address, or additional information, indicated for personal use.



Non-Reportable Battery Types

Hybrid Vehicle Batteries



Cell / Mobile Phone Batteries



Computer Batteries



Lithium Ion Batteries



Alkaline Batteries



Lithium Power Pack / Batteries for Power Tools





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