

DataSafe® 12HX Front Terminal Batteries

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12HX-FT

Battery Installation, Operation
and Maintenance Instructions



Important

Please read this manual immediately upon receipt of battery before unpacking and installing. Failure to comply with these instructions will render any warranties null and void. The term battery within this literature pertains to (1) 12 Volt battery consisting of (6) individual cells.

Care for Your Safety



Dispose at registered waste handling facility



Battery must be recycled



Protect eyes from electrolyte



Read instructions



Do not charge in sealed container

Handling

DataSafe® HX batteries are supplied in a fully charged state and must be unpacked carefully to avoid very high short-circuit currents between terminals of opposite polarity. Use care when handling and moving batteries. Appropriate lifting equipment must be used.

Keep flames away

In case of accidental overcharge, a flammable gas can escape from the safety vent.
Discharge any possible static electricity from clothes by touching an earth connected part.

Tools

Use tools with insulated handles.
Do not place or drop metal objects on the battery.
Remove rings, wristwatches and any other articles of clothing with metal parts that may come into contact with the battery terminals.

Other safety precautions that need to be taken



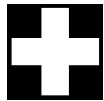
No smoking, no naked flames, no sparks



Danger



Electrolyte is corrosive



Clean all acid splash in eyes or on skin with plenty of clean water.
Then seek medical help. Acid on clothing is to be washed with water.



Risk of explosion or fire. Avoid any short circuit. Metallic parts under voltage on the battery, do not place tools or items on top of the battery.

Receiving the Shipment

Carefully examine the battery shipment upon arrival for any signs of transit damage and that it agrees with the materials list or packing slip. Be very careful not to inadvertently discard any accessories contained in the packing material. Batteries contain sulfuric acid in glass fiber separators.

Use rubber gloves when handling broken or damaged containers in case of acid leakage.

Storage

Store DataSafe® HX batteries in a dry, clean and preferably cool location.

Since the batteries are supplied charged, storage time is limited. In order to easily charge the batteries after prolonged storage, it is advised not to store it more than:

- 6 months at ambient temperature no warmer than 77°F (25°C)
- 4 months at 86°F (30°C)
- 2 months at 104°F (40°C)

Give the battery a freshening charge before the end of the recommended storage interval.

A refreshing charge shall be performed at 2.26 Volts per cell (VPC) at 77°F (25°C) for 96 hours or until the charge current does not vary for a 3 hour period.

The necessity of a charge can also be determined by measuring the open circuit voltage of a stored battery.

Charging is advised if the voltage drops below 2.07 VPC.

Maximum total storage prior to installation is 2 years from date of shipment from the factory to the customer. Freshening charges are required before the end of the storage time period or more frequently, as noted above.

Failure to observe these conditions may result in greatly reduced capacity and service life.

FAILURE TO CHARGE AS NOTED VOIDS THE BATTERY'S WARRANTY.

Installation

Install in clean, dry area. DataSafe HX batteries release minimal amounts of gas during normal operation (gas recombination efficiency ≥ 97%). The batteries can be installed near the main equipment. Batteries must be installed in accordance with federal, state and local law regulations and the manufacturer's instructions.

■ Temperature

Avoid placing batteries in areas of high temperature or in direct sunlight. The batteries will give their best performance and service life when operating at a temperature between 68°F (20°C) and 77°F (25°C), however they are capable of operating in a temperature range of -22°F (-30°C) to 122°F (50°C). Please reference the charging float voltage section for more information regarding float voltage adjustments for temperature variations. Reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent continuous operation below -22°F (-30°C) or above 122°F (50°C).

■ Ventilation

Under normal conditions gas release is very low and natural ventilation is sufficient for cooling purposes and inadvertent overcharge, enabling DataSafe HX batteries to be used safely in offices and with main equipment.

However, care must be taken to ensure adequate ventilation when placed in cabinets. Batteries must not be placed in sealed cabinets.

■ Stowing

For proper installation, EnerSys® battery racks and cabinets are recommended.

For rack installations, reference Assembly Instructions for DataSafe 12HX-FT UBC Battery Racks (US-12HXFTRACK-IM).

For cabinet installations, reference DataSafe 12HX-FT Battery Cabinet Systems Range Summary (US-12HXFTCAB-IM).

If provided, intercell connector covers should be installed after completing the intercell connections.

Attention: Unless otherwise noted, battery racks and cabinets should not be transported with rigid intercell connectors in place.

■ Torque

The maximum torque load of intercell connector bolts (5/16-18) is 11.3 to 12.5 N•m (100 to 110 in-lbs). A loose connector can cause problems in charger adjustment, erratic battery performance, possible damage to the battery and/or personal injury.

Cells in Parallel Strings

When utilizing a constant voltage charger, ensure that the connections from the charger at the end of each string have the same electrical resistance.

To reduce the risk of current imbalance, the number of parallel strings in any system should be limited to five.

Charging

■ Float Voltage

The float/charge voltage is 2.265 VPC at 77°F (25°C).

When the average ambient temperature deviates more than $\pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ (5°C) from the reference, it is necessary to adjust the float voltage as follows:

2.33 to 2.36 VPC at 32°F (0°C)

2.30 to 2.33 VPC at 50°F (10°C)

2.27 to 2.30 VPC at 68°F (20°C)

2.25 to 2.28 VPC at 77°F (25°C) (reference)

2.23 to 2.26 VPC at 86°F (30°C)

2.22 to 2.25 VPC at 95°F (35°C)

Due to the phenomena of gas recombination, a difference of $\pm 2\%$ (earlier in float life $\pm 5\%$ is common) for an individual cell voltage can be observed, however, the total voltage of the battery should be within the stated limits.

■ Fast Recharge

Occasionally (4 or 5 times a year) the battery may be recharged at 2.40 VPC with a current limited to the values listed in the Table 1. This charging should not be allowed to continue for more than 16 hours.

■ Ripple Current

Unacceptable levels of ripple current from the charger or the load can cause permanent damage and a reduction in service life. It is recommended to limit the continuous ripple current to the values of the Table 1 (in amperes).

DataSafe® HX Battery Model	Maximum charging current (A)	Max recommended rms value of the alternating component (A)
12HX680F-FR	45	8.0

Table 1

■ Charging Current

The recommended charging method for DataSafe HX batteries is current limited, constant voltage charging. Refer to Table 1 for the current limits for each battery model.

■ State of Charge

The battery state of charge can be determined approximately by measuring the open circuit voltage after the battery has been at rest for a minimum of 24 hours at 77°F (25°C).

Discharging

State of charge	Voltage
100%	2.12 to 2.14 VPC
80%	2.09 to 2.11 VPC
60%	2.05 to 2.08 VPC
40%	2.01 to 2.04 VPC
20%	1.97 to 2.00 VPC

Table 2

■ End of Discharge Voltage

The end of discharge voltage must be limited to 1.60 VPC.

A protecting system shall have to be installed to prevent deep discharge.

■ Discharged Cells

DataSafe® HX batteries must not be left in a discharged condition after supplying the load, but must be immediately returned to float recharge mode.

Failure to observe these conditions may result in greatly reduced service life and unreliability.

■ Accidental Deep Discharge

When the battery is completely discharged, the sulfuric acid is completely absorbed and the remaining electrolyte consists only of water.

At this point, the sulfation of the plates is at its maximum, considerably increasing the cell's internal resistance.

Important notice: This type of deep discharge will provoke a premature deterioration of the battery and a noticeable effect on life expectancy.

■ The Effect of Temperature on Capacity

Correction factor of the capacity, according to temperature.

Maintenance and Records

Time of discharge	1 min to 60 mins
41°F (5°C)	0.84
50°F (10°C)	0.88
59°F (15°C)	0.93
68°F (20°C)	0.97
77°F (25°C)	1.00
86°F (30°C)	1.03
95°F (35°C)	1.05
104°F (40°C)	1.07

Table 3

DataSafe HX batteries are recombinant valve regulated, lead acid batteries and need no water addition. These batteries are equipped with self-resealing, flame-arresting safety vents.

The containers and lids shall be kept dry and free from dust. Cleaning must be done only with a damp cotton cloth. Check monthly that total voltage at battery terminals, while on float, is $(N \times 2.24 \text{ to } 2.27 \text{ V})$ for a temperature of 77°F (25°C), (where N is the number of cells in the battery).

Every 12 months, read and record the following:

- Individual cell or battery voltages (in volts)
- Cell-to-cell connection resistance (in ohms)
- Terminal connection resistance (in ohms)
- Ambient temperature in the immediate battery environment

Keep a logbook to record values, power outages, discharge tests, etc.

An autonomy check can be carried out once or twice a year.

The above record taking is the absolute minimum to protect the warranty.

This data will be required for any warranty claim made on the battery.



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