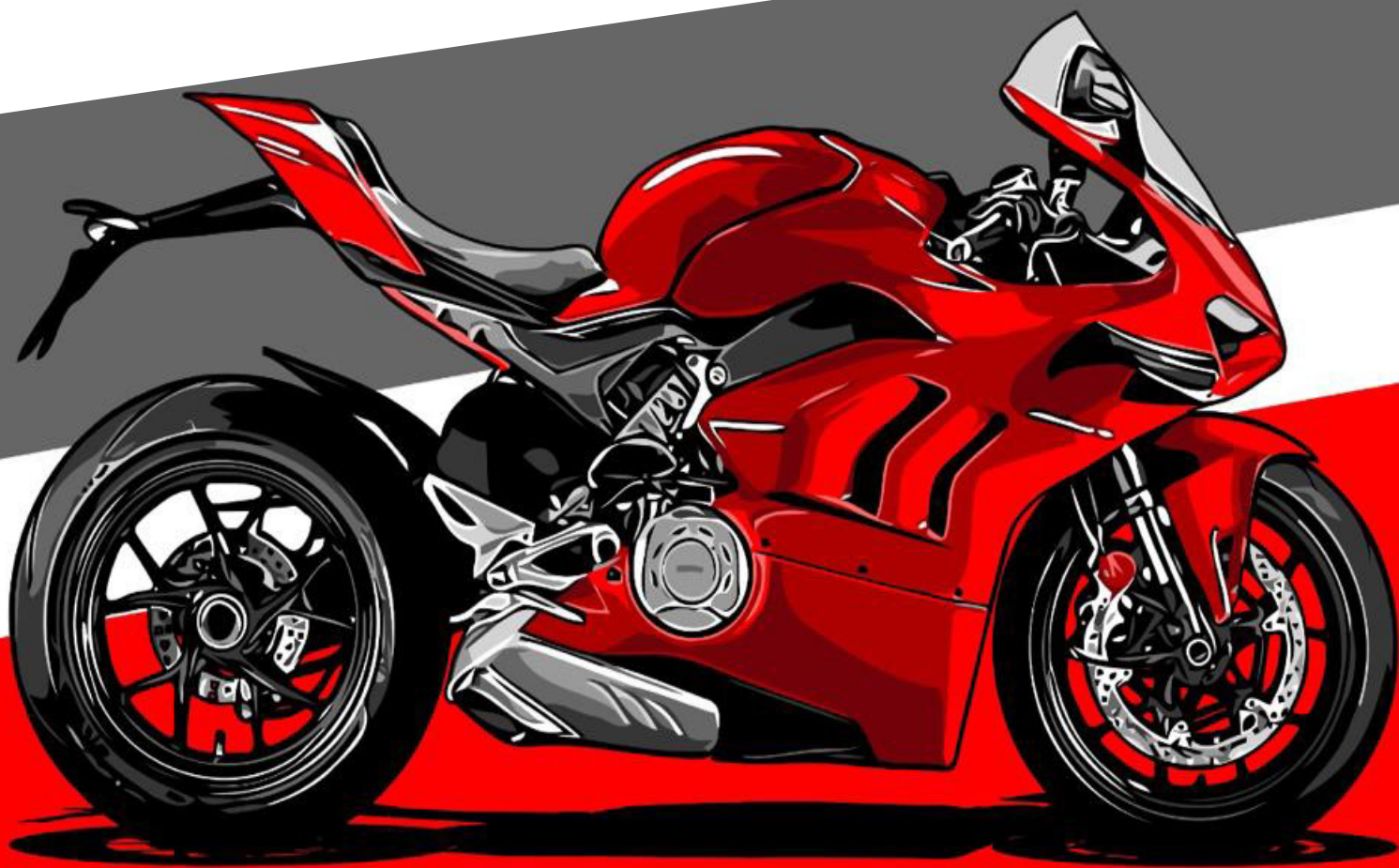


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**MOTORCYCLE & POWERSPORT BATTERIES**  
CONVENTIONAL FLOODED - 12 VOLT

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# Starmax Conventional Flooded - 12 Volt

Starmax Motorcycle and Powersport batteries are engineered to deliver Maximum performance, ultimate reliability, and longer life. They are tougher and more durable for demanding Powersport Applications.

**Designed and Engineered with Performance in Mind**



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## Conventional Flooded type



## Application

- ✔ Motorcycle
- ✔ ATV
- ✔ Snowmobile
- ✔ Lawn & Garden
- ✔ UTVs
- ✔ Scooters
- ✔ Jet Skis

## Special Features

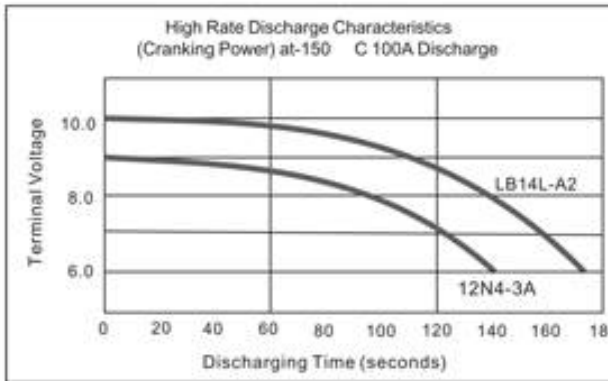
- ✔ High Capacity, Long life.
- ✔ High CCA and good starting performance.
- ✔ Good charging acceptance and vibration resistant performance.
- ✔ High-quality composite of Fiber Glass and PE separators Application.
- ✔ Application of TTP technology.
- ✔ Advanced sulfate-resistant technology.
- ✔ Adopt advanced low antimony alloy and low maintenance design.
- ✔ Seal design with reliable plugs.
- ✔ Dry charged design, long storage time, can be used at any time you want.
- ✔ Full ranges models, good appearance and high standard design.

# SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Voltage (V)	Capacity (10hr) Ah	CCA (-18°C)	Approx. Dimensions						Weight	Terminal Type
				(±2mm)			(±1/16in)				
				L	W	H	L	W	H	kg	
12N5S-3B	12	5	40	120	61	130	4 5/7	2 2/5	5 1/8	1.95	B
12N5-4B	12	5	40	120	61	130	4 5/7	2 2/5	5 1/8	2.12	B
12N5.5A-3B	12	5.5	44	103	90	114	4	3 1/2	4 1/2	2.17	B
12N6-3B	12	5.5	50	137	72	95	5 2/5	2 5/6	3 3/4	2.09	B
12N6.5-3B	12	6.5	55	138	73	107	5 3/7	2 7/8	4 1/5	2.36	B
12N7-3A	12	7	74	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.86	B
12N7-3B	12	7	74	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.86	B
12N7-3B(J)	12	7	65	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.66	B
12N7-4A	12	7	74	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.86	B
12N7-4A(J)	12	7	65	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.66	A
12N7-4B	12	7	74	135	75	133	5 1/3	3	5 1/4	2.86	B
12N7A-3A	12	7	70	150	60	130	6	2 1/3	5 1/8	2.63	B
12N7A-3A(J)	12	7	60	150	60	130	6	2 1/3	5 1/8	2.49	B
12N7B-4A	12	7	70	150	60	130	6	2 1/3	5 1/8	2.63	B
12N9-3B	12	9	85	135	75	139	5 1/3	3	5 1/2	2.99	B
12N9-4B-1	12	9	85	135	75	139	5 1/3	3	5 1/2	2.99	B
12N9-4B-1(J)	12	9	70	135	75	139	5 1/3	3	5 1/2	2.81	B
12N10-3B	12	10	95	134	89	145	5 2/7	3 1/2	5 5/7	3.67	B
12N12A-4A-1	12	12	70	134	81	160	5 2/7	3 1/5	6 2/7	4.18	B
12N12A-4A-1(J)	12	12	95	134	81	160	5 2/7	3 1/5	6 2/7	3.90	B
12N14-3A2	12	14	128	134	89	166	5 2/7	3 1/2	6 1/2	4.19	D
12N14-4A	12	14	128	134	89	166	5 2/7	3 1/2	6 1/2	4.19	D
12C16A-3A	12	18	210	186	82	171	7 1/3	3 2/9	6 3/4	5.93	G
12C16A-3B	12	18	210	186	82	171	7 1/3	3 2/9	6 3/4	5.93	G
12N24-3A(J)	12	24	200	184	124	175	7 1/4	4 7/8	6 8/9	7.07	G
12N24-4	12	24	218	184	124	175	7 1/4	4 7/8	6 8/9	7.52	G
CHD4-12	12	28	280	205	130	165	8	5 1/8	6 1/2	8.22	H

## GREATER TERMINAL VOLTAGE

At lower, batteries can supply greater terminal voltage over a longer period of time than conventional batteries as shown below.



## LOW SELF-DISCHARGE

Self discharge occurs when batteries slowly lose charge when not in service. With the use of special lead alloy grids, self discharge is minimal and the batteries maintain their state-of-charge.



# Why do Batteries Fail?

BATTERIES HAVE A FINITE LIFE, DETERMINED BY THE APPLICATION AND THE OPERATING CONDITIONS. BATTERY FAILURE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS FACTORS, HOWEVER THE CAUSES OF FAILURE FALL UNDER TWO DISTINCT CATEGORIES: MANUFACTURING AND NON-MANUFACTURING FAULTS.



## Manufacturing Faults

### » *Internal Short Circuit/Dead Cell*

This is when contact is made between the positive and negative plates causing a cell to discharge, resulting in a drop in voltage and battery failure.



## Non Manufacturing Faults

### » *Wear and Tear*

As a battery ages, grid metal corrodes and active material is lost from the plate. Over time this leads to a point where the battery will no longer be able to start a vehicle. High temperature will accelerate degradation rates.

### » *Physical Damage*

Incorrect fitment, handling and storage often leads to external damage and subsequent battery failure. Examples include over tightening the terminal leads or battery hold down bracket and dropping or knocking the battery casing.

### » *Incorrect Application*

Fitting a smaller, lower capacity battery or a battery designed for another application can lead to early failure.

### » *Lack of Maintenance*

Failing to regularly maintain the battery's state of charge, fluid levels or terminal connections will accelerate battery failure.

### » *Undercharging*

Lead acid batteries must be kept charged at all times. The leading cause of early battery failure comes from undercharging. Prolonged undercharging from short journeys and stop-start driving can cause plate sulphation and acid stratification which reduce battery life.

### » *Overcharging*

Excessive voltage and current is the primary cause of overcharging. This can happen due to a faulty charging system or if the charging output is not compatible with the battery. Temperature can also increase the chances of overcharging, especially when the battery is inadequately ventilated in a constant high temperature environment.

### » *Over Discharge*

A battery being discharged to 100% of its capacity regularly will cause permanent damage to the internals of the battery.

### » *Vibration*

Batteries installed in applications that are exposed to high levels of vibration from moving equipment, uneven road conditions, insecure fitment or engine harmonics can be detrimental to the life of the battery. It is important to install a battery that is designed to handle these conditions.

### » *Exposure to High Temperatures*

As the temperature increases, so does the chemical reaction inside the battery, leading to an increased rate of corrosion. High temperature increases gassing & water loss in the battery, leading to further self-discharge. Batteries in high temperature environments need to be well ventilated and have temperature compensation to reduce the output as the temperature rises, to avoid overcharging.

# Factors Affecting Battery Life

AS BATTERIES OPERATE AND AGE, THEY GRADUALLY LOSE THEIR CAPACITY. THE CONSTANT CHARGE AND DISCHARGE PROCESS EVENTUALLY LEADS TO FAILURE. COMPONENTS CORRODE OVER TIME, ELECTRICAL SHORTS OCCUR AND VIBRATION CAUSES DAMAGE; EVENTUALLY CAUSING FAILURE. OVERCHARGING AND UNDERCHARGING A BATTERY WILL ALSO HAVE A BEARING ON BATTERY LIFE.



## Early Warning Signs

Batteries often fail when least expected, this can be avoided with regular battery testing. Time plays a key indicator, too often motorists hold off replacing the battery and end up inconvenienced by a roadside breakdown. Typical warning signs include a slower than normal ability to crank the engine. Other less noticeable factors, such as changed driving patterns and colder/hotter weather will all have an affect on the life of a battery. Regular battery testing can identify suspect batteries before they fail and avoid the inconvenience of a roadside breakdown.



## Battery Inspection

Taking good care of a battery can significantly extend its service life and prevent early battery failure. (Refer to page 140 for battery care and maintenance advice).



## Discharged (flat) Batteries

A voltage below 12.5V for 12V batteries or 6.2V for 6V batteries or a low specific gravity reading of 1.240 or less in all cells indicates a discharged battery and it must be charged before further examination and testing can occur. The discharged condition may be due to the battery not being used for an extended period of time or a problem in the electrical system. Internal shorts may also be due to manufacturing defects, the ageing process or vibration damage.



## Useful Tips

- » Many alleged 'dead batteries' are merely flat batteries.
- » Ensure the battery is properly tested before replacing it.
- » Old batteries can give trouble in colder weather
- » It is difficult to know exactly when a battery might fail. A slow starting engine is sometimes an indication.

# Battery Care & Maintenance\*

REGULAR TESTING AND INSPECTION WILL HELP TO MAXIMISE BATTERY LIFE. A ROUTINE INSPECTION AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH IS RECOMMENDED TO MAINTAIN OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE.

## Use the following as a guide when examining the battery:



**1.** Make sure the battery is always fully charged. (Refer to page 146-147 for battery charging advice)

**2.** Ensure the battery top is clean, dry and free of dirt and grime. A dirty battery can discharge across the grime on top of the battery casing.



**3.** Inspect battery terminals, screws, clamps and cables for breakage, damage or loose connections. They should be tight, clean and free of corrosion.

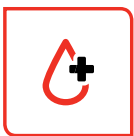
**4.** Clean terminals, clamps and connectors as necessary using a grease cutting solution.

**5.** Inspect case for obvious signs of physical damage or warpage. This usually indicates the battery has overheated or been overcharged.



**6.** Check the vent tube is not kinked, pinched or otherwise obstructed.

**7.** If you have a maintainable battery, it is important to check if the battery has sufficient electrolyte covering the battery plates. If topping up is required, do not overfill as the fluid levels will rise when the battery is fully charged and may overflow. Top up using distilled or demineralised water and never fill with sulphuric acid.



**8.** For batteries used in seasonal applications and stored long term, fully recharge the battery prior to storing. Check the state of charge or voltage regularly. Should the voltage drop below 12.5V for 12V batteries or 6.2V for 6V batteries, recharge the battery. It is important to check the battery completely before reconnecting to electrical devices.

**9.** Test battery using either a hydrometer, voltmeter or digital tester and charge if necessary.



# Battery Health & Safety#

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## **Battery Acid**

» Battery acid can cause burns. Suitable hand, eye and face protection and protective clothing must be worn.



## **If it is Necessary to Prepare Electrolyte**

» Always add concentrated acid to water – never water to acid. Store electrolyte in plastic containers with sealed cover. Do not store in the sun.



## **First Aid**

» For advice, contact the poisons information centre (phone 13 11 26 in Australia) or a doctor immediately. If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by poisons information centre or doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.



## **Exploding Battery**

» Batteries generate explosive gases during vehicle operation and when charged separately. Flames, sparks, burning cigarettes or other ignition sources must be kept away at all times. Exercise caution when working with metallic tools or conductors to prevent short circuits and sparks.



» If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin or hair with running water.



## **Always Wear Eye Protection When Working Near Batteries**

» When charging batteries, work in a wellventilated area — never in a closed room.

» Always turn battery charger or ignition off before disconnecting a battery.\*

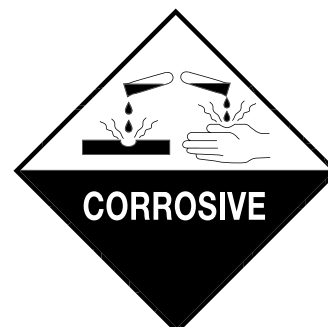


## **Acid Spill Response**

» Bund and neutralise spills with soda ash or other suitable alkali. Dispose of residue as chemical waste or as per local requirements.

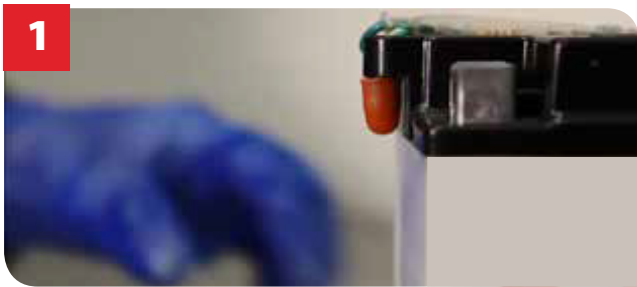
## **If Electrolyte is Swallowed**

» Do NOT induce vomiting — give a glass of water. Seek immediate medical assistance.



Never activate the battery on the vehicle as acid electrolyte spillage can cause serious damage. Always follow the filling instructions supplied with the battery, paying particular attention to recommended standing times. Always wear suitable eye, face and hand protection as well as protecting clothing.

The following steps demonstrate the steps for activating Starmax Conventional, batteries:



1. Remove sealing tube (red cap) and discard. Do NOT put this cap back on after the battery has been filled with electrolyte.



2. Remove filling plugs located on battery top. Fill with electrolyte to UPPER FILL level. NEVER use water or any other liquid to activate.



3. Allow battery to stand for at least 1 hour. Move or gently tap the battery during this time to expel any air bubbles. If acid levels have fallen, refill to UPPER FILL level with electrolyte.



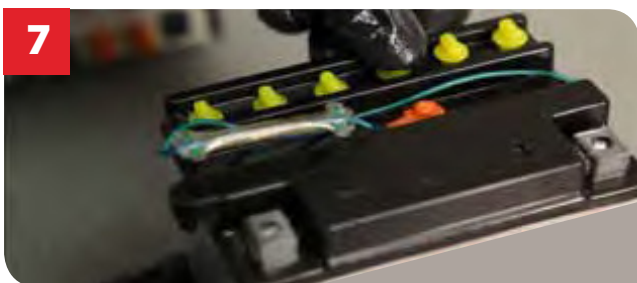
4. Loosely replace refilling plugs to avoid electrolyte spitting during charging.



5. Prior to installation the battery should be completely charged for three to five hours at a current equivalent of 1/10 of its rated capacity as found in the specification pages of this guide. Eg. Use 1amp charging current on a 10ah battery.



6. During initial charging, check to see if electrolyte level has fallen. If yes, fill with electrolyte to UPPER FILL level and charge for another hour at the same rate as above. Note: This is the last time electrolyte should be added. When topping up electrolyte levels when the battery is in service, demineralised or de-ionised water should be used.



7. Check the filling plugs are securely fitted for screw in types – do not excessively tighten.



8. Wash spilled acid with water and baking soda solution, to ensure any acid is washed off the terminals.

REMEMBER: Starmax STX and selected VRLA batteries are supplied factory activated (filled, sealed and charged at the factory). Unlike a conventional battery, sealed VRLA batteries do not require electrolyte levels to be topped up. Never pry off sealing caps as it can be dangerous and damaging.



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