**User Guide** 

# Flux Power LiFT Pack S24 User Guide





### Safety Precautions

The Flux Power Lithium-ion Battery is composed of lithium-ion cells and is classified as Class 9 miscellaneous hazardous material.

Precautions to correctly handle the Flux Power lithium-ion battery include:

- The battery shall only be handled by Flux Power authorized personnel familiar with handling, storing, and the installation of a lithium-ion battery.
- Do not open the battery. Only Flux Power authorized technicians shall perform service on a lithium-ion battery.
- Do not tamper with the main power Anderson connector.
- Do not mount or store the battery upside down or on its side.
- Upon receipt, check the battery for damage during transportation.
- Always use a lifting device when installing a battery.
- Never recycle lithium-ion batteries with lead-acid batteries, please consult Flux Power or your local recycler for more information on how to recycle a Lithium-ion Battery.
- WARNING Risk of Fire No User Serviceable Parts
- Consider all DC battery cells and circuits to be energized, shorting of circuits may cause a hazardous condition. Remove all metallic jewelry from hands and arms before working on battery cells or circuits.
- SAFETY Follow Safety Standards as required; review and follow all Safety Data Sheets "SDS" for chemical use. Follow instructions for the proper use of PPE as required.

For technical assistance on the Flux Power lithium-ion battery, contact your local Flux Power dealer at <u>www.fluxpower.com</u>.



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### 1 Introduction

This user manual is intended to provide information on how to operate a Flux Power LiFT Pack Battery and maximize its productivity, longevity, and cost-saving features.

### 2 LiFT Pack S24 Basics

#### 2.1 Construction

The battery's main components consist of lithium-ion cells and a Battery Management System 2 (BMS2 is enclosed in an aluminum case), an external charger, a state of charge (SOC) gauge, a ON/OFF button switch, and counterweights (if needed). The components are encased in a powder-coated 10-gauge steel enclosure. Refer to Figure 1 shows a cutaway view of the Battery and some of the main components.



Figure 1: Internal components of the battery

The lithium-ion cells are large-format lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO<sub>4</sub>) cells. They are contained in hard plastic, clamped together and restrained to protect against shock and vibration. The cell interconnections are flexible bus bars providing solid and vibration-resistant connections.

Refer to the data plate for the service weight of the battery.



#### 2.2 Initial Startup

Flux Power lithium-ion Batteries ship in storage mode. To activate the battery, plug in the Anderson cable and communication cable. Then push the ON switch button located on the side of the cable covering bracket. Refer to Figure 2. The state of charge (SOC) gauge will illuminate, and the battery will take approximately 1-10 seconds before it can be charged or used.



Figure 2: On/Off Push Button located on top of Power Cables. Hold down to activate the battery.

The battery should be plugged in until fully charged and should remain plugged in or be placed back into storage mode until installation and deployment in equipment. There is no danger of overcharging the battery as the onboard BMS2 manages the internal charger and efficiently charges and balances the cells. It is important to turn the battery OFF if it is not in use and awaiting deployment.

To maintain battery health, keep the battery plugged in whenever it is not in use. Should you completely discharge the battery, plug the battery in for charging immediately after use. This will help maintain optimum battery health.

#### 2.3 Charger

Use only a Flux Power approved charger for external charging up to 50A continuous. Special approval is required to charge up to 100A continuity without voiding the warranty. Contact Flux Power Support.

#### 2.3.1 Opportunity Charging

Opportunity charge during breaks, at the end of a shift, or whenever the truck is not being used is encouraged. If only opportunity charging, charge overnight multiple times per week if possible, to maintain the health of the battery. Extended charging will not harm the battery. Check the SOC meter for the status of the battery. If the battery is flashing has a red light and beeping, make sure to charge the battery immediately.

- Plug the LiFT Pack into a power outlet whenever it is not in use.
- Prolonged charging will not harm the LiFT Pack and allows cells to balance.
- When only opportunity charging, the battery must be plugged in for eight (8) consecutive hours once per week. This will give the LiFT Pack time to fully charge and balance the lithium-ion cells.
- Prior to storing the battery, fully charge and balance the pack. Move the breaker from activated to storage mode once it is fully charged. The pack must be charged every 4 months or more.
- NEVER connect a third-party charger. Only use authorized chargers provided or approved by Flux Power.

To use the internal charger of the battery:

- Turn the truck off. Do not disconnect the battery.
- Plug the battery's extension cord into the AC outlet.



• The LEDs on the battery's SOC gauge will sequentially scroll up and down to indicate charging

As a safety feature, the battery will cut power to the truck while it is plugged in for charging. Once unplugged from charging, it will re-enable power to the truck. If you cannot turn on your truck, report the problem to your supervisor.



Figure 3: Pack external charger viewed from the backside with & without cover.

#### 2.4 Flux Power Battery Management System (BMS)

The Battery Management System 2 (BMS2) monitors and protects battery life and provides valuable information to the end-user through the State of Charge (SOC) gauge on top of the battery. The state of charge lights indicate is connection to the BMS2 and tells the operator how much energy is left in the battery. It will also notify users if the operating temperatures have been exceeded, or if battery servicing is required. In addition, the BMS2 triggers a warning alarm when the battery is low and should be plugged in.

#### 2.4.1 Cell Balancing

Cell balancing is managed by the BMS2 and is automatically performed whenever the battery is near the end of the charge cycle.

#### 2.5 Battery Discharge Indicator

The primary function of the SOC gauge is to display the amount of energy in the battery. It has a secondary function to display Device Trouble Codes (DTCs), which provides information to the end-user that there is a problem. When the battery is unplugged from charging, the SOC gauge will be steadily illuminated lights and on the SOC gauge. If the battery is plugged in and charging, the SOC lights will illuminate in sequence, indicating it is charging. Once all six (6) of the lights are steadily illuminated, the battery is fully charged and balanced.



#### 2.6 Temperature

Flux Power LiFT Pack batteries without the heater option have an operational ambient temperature range of 0°C / 32°F to 63.89°C / 147°F. The BMS will prevent operation outside these temperatures. Battery packs subjected to low temperatures 0°C / 32°F (or lower) may experience decreased performance if not equipped with the heater option.

#### 2.7 Heaters

The 100Ah version can be equipped with integrated heaters that increase the low-temperature performance. The battery can be discharged/charged in temperatures as low as  $-20^{\circ}$ C /  $-4^{\circ}$ F. The heaters will keep the battery cells at a temperature of  $4^{\circ}$ C /  $40^{\circ}$ F for optimal health and operation. If the battery is left unattended in sub-zero temperatures, the heaters can discharge the battery within 48 hours. The BMS2 will protect the battery from over-discharge by turning off the heaters at 20% SOC and will remain off until the battery is plugged in for charging.

#### 2.8 Storage

Do not store the battery packs upside down or sideways. The electronics use a small amount of energy to manage the battery, which limits the amount of time it can be stored. Make sure to charge the battery every four (4) months while it is in storage mode.

If the battery is allowed to drain completely, it will damage the lithium-ion cells and void the warranty. It is recommended the battery be left in storage mode when not in use or Flux Power Equipment waiting for deployment.

### 3 State of Charge (SOC) Gauge and Device Trouble Codes (DTCs)

Under normal operation, the SOC gauge's LED lights will be solid, showing the SOC. If the pack is charging, the lights will display a scrolling pattern. A single LED blinking indicates a Device Trouble Code (DTC). DTCs let the user or technician quickly assess why a battery may be disrupting operation. The following list details each DTC.

Fault Description	Cause and Required Duration to Trigger	Fault Protection	DTC LED Number	Service Required?	Fault Resolution
0% State of Charge	<5% State of Charge, Immediate	Buzzer Sounds Periodically	1	No	Connect appropriate charger
Hardware Failure	Electronic component failure for more than 10 seconds	Contactor opens	3	Yes	Service
Over- temperature	Discharge temperature > 146F, 60 seconds Discharge temperature > 147F, Immediate	Contactor opens	4	No	Allow pack to cool, then cycle the circuit breaker OFF, then ON

#### Situations where the Flux Power lithium battery will cut power and display a DTC



	Charge temperature > 146F, 60 seconds Charge temperature > 147F, Immediate				
Under temperature	Discharge temperature < 35F, 60 seconds Discharge temperature < 32F, Immediate Charge temperature < 34F, 60 seconds Charge temperature < 33F, Immediate	Contactor opens	4	No	Allow pack to warm, then cycle the circuit breaker OFF, then ON
Current Exceeded	Discharge current is <(-1000)A, 10 seconds Discharge current is <(-200)A, 2 minutes Charge current is > 1000A, 10 seconds Charge current is > 200A, 2 minutes	Contactor opens	5	Νο	Cycle the battery OFF, then ON through the battery's green push button
High Cell	At least one cell is >3.60V, Immediate	Contactor opens	6	No	Cycle the battery OFF, then ON through the battery's green push button. If fault occurred while charging, allow cells to settle
Low Cell	Fixed threshold of <2.8V for cell temp >25C	Contactor opens	6	No	Connect the appropriate charger and cycle the battery through the battery's green push button

### 4 Safety and Reliability

Flux Power LiFT Packs are completely sealed and require no watering. No electrolyte must be added and there is no danger of acid spills or explosive vapors during normal use. In addition, the Flux Power LiFT Pack S24 is designed to pass the UL 2580 standard.

- WARNING: Do Not Disconnect the Anderson cable connector under load.
- Not Suitable for water exposure.
- Not intended for use in a marine environment.



- For indoor use only.
- ALWAYS use proper lifting techniques and equipment when installing the battery.
- The battery does not require regular maintenance but should be plugged in overnight once per week to allow the cells to balance.
- Do NOT attempt to open the battery, unless authorized by a Flux Power representative.
- Do NOT tamper with the main power Anderson connector.

#### 4.1 Hazardous Material Information

lithium-ion batteries are considered HazMat Class 9 - Miscellaneous. There are no reporting regulations required for Flux Power LiFT Packs federally (specifically under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)). There are hazmat regulations when shipping lithium-ion batteries.

There are sometimes state or city regulations that differ from federal law, however, generally speaking, a Flux Power LiFT Pack S24 under normal use has no danger of leakage, spilling, outgassing, or presenting any danger to the end user. Federal regulations are very strict when dealing with lead-acid batteries due to the environmental impacts of heavy metals (lead) and inherent dangers present: acid spills, explosive gases, and lead poisoning.

For more information on local regulations, contact your local EPA and fire department or contact Flux Power and we will do our best to assist you.

#### 4.2 What to do if a Cell Breach Occurs

If a cell breach occurs open the doors and windows to allow ventilation. Do not use water to clean up the electrolyte, but instead use absorbent material. Place the contaminated rags in a metal bin. Avoid breathing the fumes, and in case of fire, do not use water, use a type D, CO2, dry chemical, or foam fire extinguisher. For more information contact Flux Power or refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The SDS is available on the Flux Power website at www.Fluxpower.com.

The damaged pack and cleaning materials should be placed in a sealed plastic or steel container and disposed of or recycled using the measures required by your local EPA.

#### 4.3 Heavy Water Spray

The Flux Power LiFT Pack S24 should not be used in equipment where there is excessive water spray, such as applications that require power washing. The pack should also never be submerged in water. In the event that a LiFT Pack S24 is submerged, please do not attempt to use, or charge the pack. Please contact Flux Power Technical Support at 877-505-3589.

### 5 Recycling/Disposal

#### 5.1 Recycle

Lithium-ion batteries are recyclable and there are lithium-ion recycling plants nationwide. **Do not** include lithium-ion batteries in shipments of lead-acid batteries being sent for recycling. Sending a lithium-ion battery to a lead-acid recycler could cause damage to equipment and personnel. Contact Flux Power if you need assistance. If you are unable to locate a lithium-ion recycler in your area, Flux Power agrees to take back any battery that is at its end of life.



#### 5.2 Re-Use

When a LiFT Pack S24 no longer holds enough charge, there are already a number of options, such as:

- Cells can be deployed into alternate second life usage, such as grid storage or emergency power.
- The steel case and electronics can be refurbished into a new pack or be recycled.

#### 5.3 Disposal

Flux Power is committed to the environment. Lithium-ion batteries are not specifically discussed in the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). However, given the federal requirements for hazardous materials, a *completely discharged lithium iron phosphate cell is considered non-hazardous material. States and cities may have more stringent regulations in place, some of which blanket all lithium-ion batteries as hazardous waste, while others classify them as normal waste. The Flux Power LiFT Pack S24 End of Life Guide and Guarantee ensures full compliance with laws and the highest environmental standards. The guide is available on the Flux Power website at <u>www.Fluxpower.com</u>.* 

### 6 Shipping Information

When shipping Flux Power LiFT Packs, the products are classified as *UN 3480 Dangerous goods - Part II - Class 9 (miscellaneous)* and can only be shipped ground. The battery must be secured to a pallet or in a wooden crate. There must be nonconductive material between multiple batteries, and they cannot be stacked. If it is being shipped in equipment it must be securely installed and protected against heat, short circuit, movement, and accidental activation of the equipment. Shipping declarations, hazmat shipping documentation, and hazmat shipping training are all required. Please see the *Flux Power LiFT Pack Shipping and Reporting Guide* for more information. It is the responsibility of the shipper to obey all regulations when shipping a Flux Power LiFT Pack S24.

This guide is available on the Flux Power website at www.Fluxpower.com.



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WARNING - Risk of Fire - No User Serviceable Parts

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