



## Lithium Battery Webinar Series Recycling & Fire Prevention at Waste Hauler, Storage, & Processing Facilities

A 30-Year Evolution of Lithium Battery Applications, Chemistries & Form Factors

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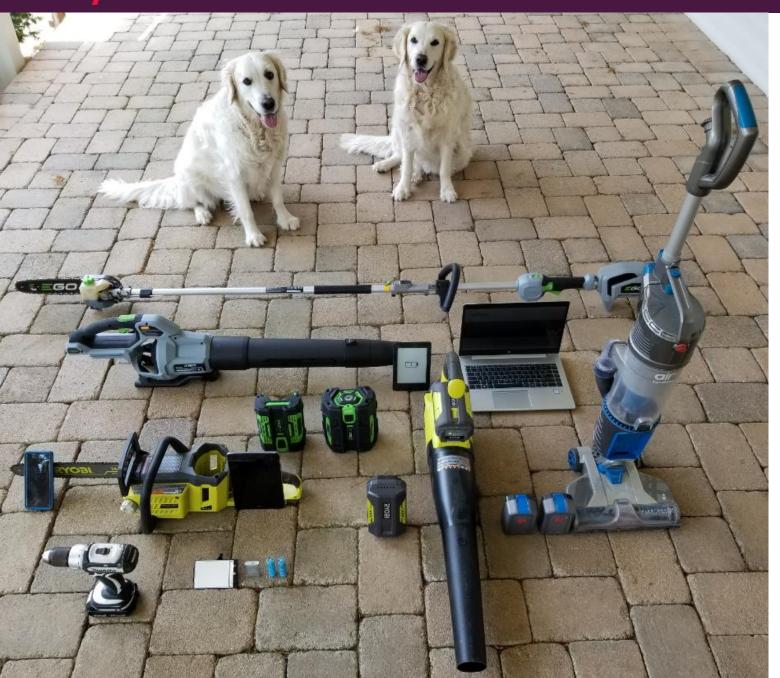
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#### Lithium ion Battery-Powered Products in Kerchner Household

- 1. Pole saw
- 2. Two leaf blowers
- 3. Notebook
- 4. E-reader
- 5. Vacuum
- 6. Chainsaw
- 7. Tablet
- 8. Cellular phone
- 9. Drill
- 10.Circular saw (not in photo)



## Lithium Metal Batteries v. Lithium ion Batteries



- Lithium metal batteries:
  - Generally non-rechargeable (also referred to as "primary" batteries)\*
  - Contain metallic lithium, most contain organic solvent
  - Regulated for transport by U.S. Department of Transportation based on lithium metal content in grams (g)
- Lithium ion batteries:
  - Rechargeable (also referred to as "secondary" batteries)
  - Does not contain metallic lithium.
  - Contain organic solvent
  - Regulated for transport by U.S. Department of Transportation based on "Watt-hours" (Wh)



<sup>\*</sup> There are rechargeable lithium metal battery chemistries on the market!

## **Lithium ion Battery Chemistries\***



- Lithium Cobalt Oxide (LiCoO2)
- Lithium Manganese Oxide (LiMn2O4)
- Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (LiNiMnCoO2)
- Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO4)
- Lithium Nickel Cobalt Aluminum Oxide (LiNiCoAlO2)
- Lithium Titanate (Li4Ti5O12)



<sup>\*</sup> This is not an exhaustive list.

# **Lithium Metal Battery Chemistries**

(Non-rechargeable)



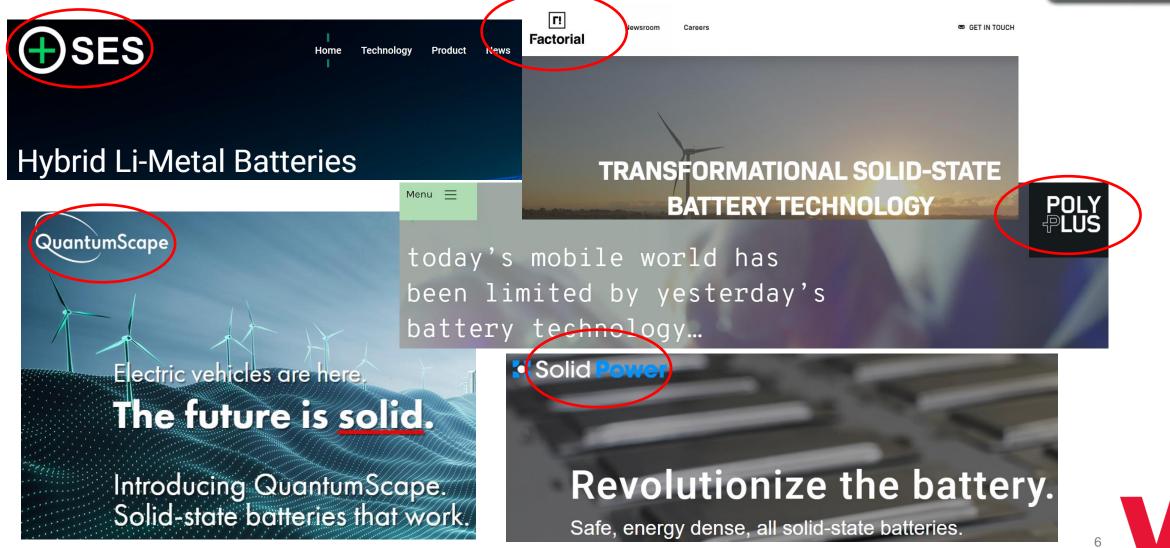
- Lithium Manganese Dioxide
  - Consumer-type, 3 Volts and most common lithium metal battery
- Lithium Sulphur Dioxide
  - Military and aerospace
- Lithium Iodine
  - Implanted cardiac pacemakers
- Lithium Thionyl Chloride
  - Military and industrial (water meters, oil wells)
- Lithium Iron Disulphide
  - Consumer-type, 1.5 Volts (e.g., Energizer AA and AAA)





### **Solid State Lithium Batteries**





## Why Lithium?



#### Advantages

- High energy density
- Rapid charge and high load capabilities
- Long cycle and extended shelf-life; no maintenance
- Good energy efficiency
- Low self-discharge

#### Limitations

- Requires protection circuit to limit voltage and current
- Possibility of venting and thermal runaway
- Degrades at high temperature and when stored at high voltage
- Rapid charging challenges at lower temperatures (< 32°F)</li>
- Transportation regulations complex and burdensome
- Higher cost than nickel and lead-based systems



## **Lithium ion Cell Form Factors**



#### Lithium ion prismatic





Lithium ion cylindrical



#### Lithium ion polymer/pouch



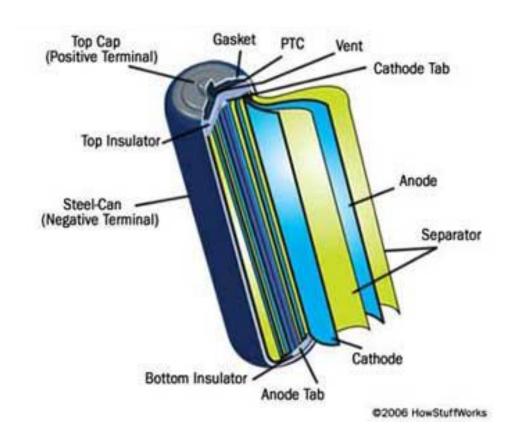


Other Form Factors?



# Lithium ion Cylindrical Cell Structure



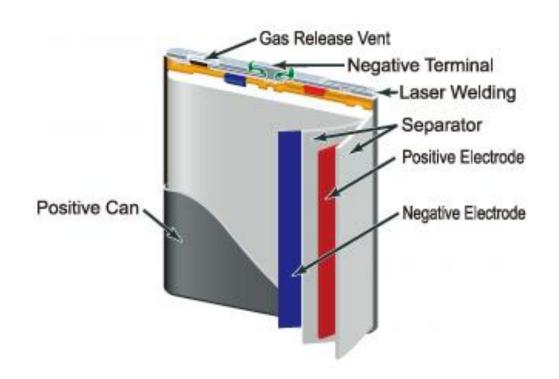


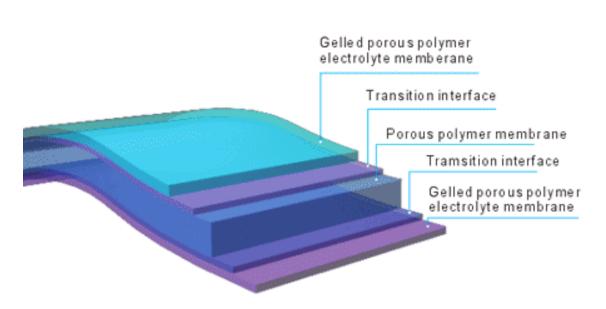




# Lithium ion Prismatic and Polymer/Pouch Cell Structure







# Lithium ion Batteries/Battery Packs











# **Lithium ion and Lead Batteries**











# Lithium ion Battery "Modules" and Battery "Assembly"





Modules



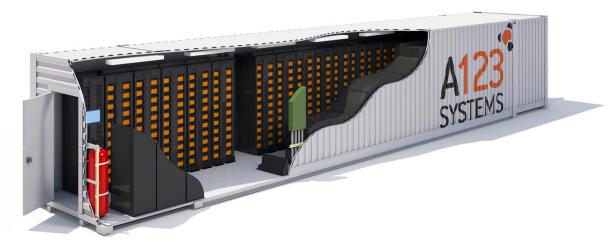
Assembly



# Containerized Lithium ion Batteries







# Organizations, Codes, and Standards Impacting Lithium Battery Storage



- National Fire Protection Association
  - Responsible for NFPA 1 Fire Code
- NFPA 855 Standard
  - Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems
  - Includes Chapter 14 on battery storage
    - Amendments in process to limit scope to lithium batteries
- International Code Council
  - Responsible for International Fire Code

# New Chapter in International Fire Code Under Development on Storage Requirements for Lithium Batteries



- Section 321.1 General (include list of exceptions)
  - 321.2 Permits
  - 321.3 Fire Safety Plan
  - 321.4 Storage Requirements
  - 321.4.1 Limited Indoor Storage in Containers
  - 321.4.2 Indoor Storage Areas
  - 321.4.3 Outdoor Storage



# **Indoor Storage: Sections 321.4**



- Applies to indoor storage with more than 15 cubic feet of lithium batteries
  - 1. Secure permit and have fire safety plan
  - 2. Technical report to evaluate level of hazard and protection measures
  - 3. Construction requirements (e.g., 2-hour rated fire barriers)
  - 4. Fire Protection System
  - 5. Fire Alarm System
  - 6. Explosion Control



# Thank you!

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