



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS

### **WARNING: MUST READ BEFORE CHARGING OR USING YOUR NEW BATTERY**

- **You must read these safety instructions and warnings before using or charging your batteries.**
- Lithium Polymer batteries can be volatile when not handled properly. Failure to read and follow these instructions may result in fire, personal injury and damage to property if charged or used improperly.
- Thunder Power, its distributors and retailers assume no liability for failures to comply with these warnings and safety guidelines.
- By purchasing this battery, the buyer assumes all risks associated with this product. If you do not agree with these conditions, please return the battery immediately before use.

### **General Guidelines and Warnings**

1. Thunder Power batteries are NOT charged as you receive them. They contain approximately 50% of a full charge.
2. Use Lithium Polymer specific chargers only. Do not use a NiCd or NiMH charger - Failure to do so will cause a fire, which could result in personal injury and property damage.
3. **Never charge batteries unattended.** When charging LiPo batteries you should always remain in constant observation to monitor the charging process and react to potential problems that may occur. It is highly recommended that batteries be charged in an authorized LiPo safety sack at all times.
4. Some LiPo chargers on the market may have technical deficiencies that may cause them to charge LiPo batteries incorrectly. It is solely the responsibility of the user to assure that the charger used works properly. Thunder Power only recommends chargers and balancers made by Thunder Power, other brands may work but are out of Thunder Power's control.
5. If at any time you witness a battery starting to balloon or swell up, discontinue the charging process immediately. Disconnect the battery and place it in a safe observation area for approximately 30 minutes. Continuing to charge a battery that has begun to swell will result in fire.
6. Battery observation should occur in a safe area outside of any building or vehicle and away from any combustible material. The middle of a cement driveway is a good example of a safe observation area. Do not leave batteries in vehicles during charging.
7. Shorts can cause fires! If you accidentally short the wires, the battery must be placed in a safe area for observation for approximately 30 minutes. Additionally, be mindful of the burn danger that may occur due to a short across jewelry (such as rings on your fingers).
8. Chemical reactions are not instantaneous; a battery that has been shorted may not ignite for 15 minutes.
9. All crash batteries, even if not deformed, should be placed in a safe area for observation for at least 15 minutes.
10. If for any reason you need to cut the terminal wires, cut each wire separately, ensuring the wires do not become shorted across the cutting tool.
11. When soldering connectors, first place a short length of heat shrink tubing over each wire. Then remove the insulating tape from the red wire and strip a short length of the insulation off, exposing the conductor approximately 1/4". Tin the exposed wire as well as the connector terminals. Place the wire in contact with the positive connector terminal and re-flow the solder of both together. Once cool, slide the heat shrink tubing down to cover the joint and shrink. Repeat the process for the black wire. If you accidentally short the battery wires, place the battery in a safe area and observe it for approximately 30 minutes.
12. Never store or charge a battery pack inside your car if the internal temperature will exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

### **Before the First Charge**

1. Make a visual inspection of the pack. Checking for any damaged leads, connectors, broken /cracked shrink covering, puffiness or other irregularities.
2. Before installing or changing the connector, check the voltage of the pack using a digital voltmeter (not your charger). All new packs ship at approximately 3.80V to 3.9V per cell. For example: A 2S pack should read approximately 7.60V to 7.8V, A 3S pack should read approximately 11.40V to 11.7V.
3. If any damage to the pack or leads is found, or the voltage is significantly less for your pack than specified above, do not attempt to charge or use the battery; contact Thunder Power directly as soon as possible.

### **Charging Process**

1. **Never charge batteries unattended.** Never charge batteries in vehicles.
2. Charge in an isolated area, away from flammable materials. Charge in a LiPo sack or safety storage device.
3. Let the battery cool down to ambient temperature before charging.
4. Do not charge battery packs in series except as outlined in step 8. Charge each battery pack individually. Overcharging of one of the batteries may occur, resulting in fire. \*\*\*In order to discharge packs in series, the charged voltage of each cell in both packs must be within 0.01V\*\*\*
5. When selecting the cell count or voltage for charging purposes, select the cell count and voltage as it appears on the battery label. Selecting a cell count or voltage other than the one printed on the label will result in overcharging and fire. As a safety precaution, please confirm that the information printed on the battery is correct.  
For example: If a battery label indicates that it is a 3 cell battery (3S), its voltage should read between 11.4 and 11.7 volts. This battery must be charged as a 3 cell battery (peak of 12.6V).
6. You must check the pack voltage after each flight before re-charging. Do not attempt to charge any pack if the unloaded individual cell voltages are less than 3.0V. For example: Do not charge a 2-cell pack if below 6.0V Do not charge a 3 cell pack if below 9.0V

7. **NORMAL CHARGING:** It is recommended that the charge rate not exceed 1C (one times the capacity of the battery, unless otherwise noted\*). Higher setting may cause problems which can result in fire. For example: Charge a 730mAh battery at or below 0.73Amps. Charge a 5000mAh battery at or below 5Amps. Thunder Power packs with balancing connectors can be used with TP chargers and balancers for safer charging. Some of the newer generation batteries allow for charging above 1C. Please check the label on the battery for the maximum allowed charging rate for the battery. For more information, please visit: [www.thunderpowerrc.com](http://www.thunderpowerrc.com)  
\*To charge at greater than 1C: It is recommended the use of a Thunder Power charger with built in balance capabilities. Refer to charger instructions on how to charge batteries at high charge rates. Do not exceed maximum charge rates listed on the battery label.
8. To charge two packs in series: Please note that this requires a "Y" cable be made to electrically attach the packs together in series and that the battery on the negative most side of this cable (the lead that goes to the negative terminal of the charger) be attached to "group A" of the balancer. Please see instructions for your charger on charging batteries in series or visit [www.thunderpowerrc.com](http://www.thunderpowerrc.com) for more information.

### **First few Cycles**

Thunder Power recommends no more than 3-5C average discharge for breaking in new packs. Also be extremely careful not to over discharge new packs (Packs should NEVER be over discharged at any time, but over discharging on the first use will ruin the battery permanently before you are able to enjoy it. See "Caring for Battery" below).

### **Storage & Transportation**

1. Store batteries at room temperature between 40 and 70 degrees F for best results.
2. If storing longer than one week; batteries must be stored at 3.8V/cell to 3.9V/cell (approximately 50% charged). This is easily accomplished using a Thunder Power charger on storage or 50% mode.
3. Do not expose battery packs to direct sunlight (heat) for extended periods.
4. When transporting or temporarily storing in a vehicle, temperature ranges should be greater than 20 degrees F but no more than 100 degrees F.
5. Storing Lipo batteries at temperatures greater than 130 degrees F for extended periods of time (more than 2 hours) may cause damage to battery and possible fire.

### **Caring for Battery**

1. Only charge a LiPo battery with a good quality Lithium Polymer charger. Using a poor quality charger can result in fire. All Thunder Power chargers & Balancers are of the highest quality available.
2. Set voltage and current correctly (failure to do so can cause fire).
3. Please check pack voltage after the first charge.  
For example; a 2 Cell battery should measure 8.4V (8.30 to 8.44), a 3 cell battery should measure 12.6V (12.45 to 12.66).
4. Do not discharge a battery to a level below 3V per cell under load. Discharging below 3V per cell can deteriorate battery performance. Be sure to set your ESC for the proper cut off voltage (6.6V cut off for 2S packs, 9.9V cut off for 3S packs, etc)
5. Use caution to avoid puncture of the battery. Puncturing a LiPo battery may cause a fire.

### **Operating Temperature**

Charge: 50 to 100 degrees F Discharge: 50 to 130 degrees F

1. Always allow a battery to cool down to ambient temperature before re-charging.
2. During discharge and handling of batteries, do not exceed 140 degrees F.

### **Battery Life**

Batteries that lose 20% of their capacity must be removed from service and disposed of properly.

Discharge the battery to 3V/Cell. Ensure wire leads are insulated, and soak battery in a mixture of 60 parts water to 1 part salt, by weight, for 2-3 days. Then wrap battery in a bag for disposal.

### **Product Warranty**

Please see our Warranty Policy document for more detail. Warranty does not cover collateral damage, misuse, abuse, incorrect charging and other in appropriate use of this product.