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Overview

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1mwh (500kw/1mw)
AIR COOLING
ENERGY STORAGE CONTAINER

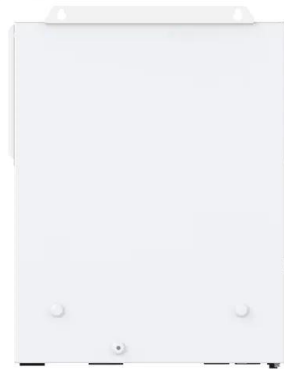


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There are a variety of button-cell batteries that contain mercury, including zinc air, silver oxide, and alkaline manganese oxide batteries. Button-cell batteries are small, thin, energy cells that are not rechargeable.

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Mercury has historically been used in small amounts in batteries to prevent internal corrosion, but modern regulations and technology have drastically reduced or eliminated its presence.



[Implementation of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable ...](#)

Prohibits, or otherwise conditions, the sale of certain types of mercury-containing batteries (i.e., alkaline-manganese, zinc-carbon, button cell mercuric-oxide, and other mercuric-oxide batteries) in the United States.

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Button cells may contain mercury. Current batteries can have heavy metals like lead, cadmium, and lithium. Responsible disposal is essential to prevent environmental harm. Always check battery labels ...



Mercury battery

OverviewUse in zinc batteriesHistoryChemistryElectrical characteristicsProduct banSubstitutes

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[42 USC Ch. 137: MANAGEMENT OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES AND BATTERIES](#)

(A) phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and other ...



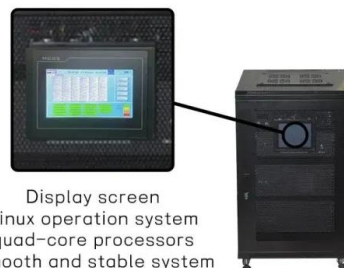
Mercury battery

The 1991 European Commission directive 91/157, when adopted by member states, prohibited the marketing of certain types of batteries containing more than 25 milligrams of mercury, or, in the case of alkaline batteries, ...



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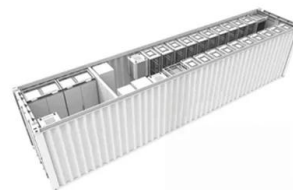
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Curious about mercury batteries? Learn why they're rarely used today, their environmental impact, and alternative battery types.



[Mercury in Batteries , US EPA](#)

Today the only types of batteries in the United States that contain mercury are button cell batteries and mercuric oxide batteries. The Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act ...



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