

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company / undertaking

Product name: Alkaline zinc-manganese dioxide batteries  
 Product designation: LR20  
 Nominal Voltage: 1.5V  
 Chemical system: Zinc/ Manganese Dioxide  
 Designed for recharge: No  
 Company name: UK Electric Ltd  
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### 2. Hazards identifications

General advice: The common known rules for handling of chemicals should be obeyed. These chemicals are contained in a sealed steel can. For consumer use, adequate hazard warnings are printed on both the package and the battery. Potential for exposure should not exist unless the battery leaks, is exposed to high temperatures or is mechanically or electrically abused.  
 Concentrated potassium hydroxide contained is caustic. Anticipated potential leakage of potassium hydroxide is 2-20 ml, depending on battery size. Do not swallow batteries. Keep batteries away from small children.

Physical-Chemical Hazards: This preparation is not classified as dangerous according to the criteria of directive 99/45/EEC.

Hazards to man: If battery leaking, exposure to caustic ingredients may occur. Therefore, may cause sensitization by skin contact.

Hazards to environment: N.A.

### 3. Compositions /Information on Ingredients:

Chemical Nature: Alkaline zinc-manganese dioxide batteries

MATERIALS	CAS#	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF TOAL WEIGHT (~%)
Manganese Dioxide (MnO <sub>2</sub> )	1313-13-9	41.8
Zinc (Zn)	7440-66-6	17.4
Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)	7732-18-5	11.1
Potassium Hydroxide (KOH)	1310-58-3	7.0
Graphite	7782-42-5	3.4
Brass	12597-71-6	0.8
Steel	7439-89-6	16.3
Ni-Plating	7440-02-0	0.2
Nylon-66	None	1.4
Fiber	None	0.6

IMPURITY	CAS#	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF TOAL WEIGHT (~%)
Mercury (Hg)	7439-97-6	≤0.0001
Lead (Pb)	7439-92-1	≤0.0040
Cadmium (Cd)	7440-43-9	≤0.0020
Arsenic (AS)	7440-38-2	≤0.0001

#### 4. First-aid measures

Inhalation:	In case of excessive inhalation due to leaking batteries remove to fresh air. Obtain medical advice.
Skin Contact:	If exposed to a leaking battery, remove contaminated clothing. Wash exposed areas with plenty of water and soap. If irritation occurs, consult a physician.
Eye contact:	If a battery is leaking and materials contact eyes, flush immediately with running water for at least 15 minutes. Consult an ophthalmologist at once.
Ingestion:	Not anticipated due to size of batteries. Choking may occur with the smaller size batteries. If exposed to a leaking battery, rinse mouth and surrounding areas with running water for at least 15 minutes. Give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical advice.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media:  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), foam, dry chemical powder. Do not use direct water jet.

Exposure hazards from combustion products:  
In case of fire, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and other toxic organic substances will be generated. Do not inhale fumes and smoke.

Personal protective equipment:  
Wear full protective clothing. Use self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions: Notify safety personnel of large spills. Caustic potassium hydroxide may be released from leaking or ruptured batteries. Avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation of vapours. Increase the ventilation. Wear protective clothing. Keep unprotected persons away.

Environmental precautions: Avoid discharge and penetration into sewerage systems, waterways, pits, and cellars.

Methods for cleaning up: Collect spilled material with an inert standard absorbent like sand or silica. Keep well-ventilated conditions. Recycle or dispose of the materials in an appropriate way.

#### 7. Handling and storage

General handling: Conform to the common known rules and precautions for handling with chemicals. Avoid mechanical and electrical abuse. Do not short battery or install incorrectly. Batteries may explode, pyrolyze or vent if disassembled, crushed, recharged or exposed to high temperatures. Install batteries according to equipment instructions. Do not mix battery systems, such as alkaline and zinc-carbon. Replace all batteries in equipment at the same time. Do not carry batteries loose in pocket or bag. Do not remove battery labels.

Storage: Store product in well-filled, appropriate coated and tightly closed containers avoiding influence of oxygen/air, light and humidity. Store at room temperature.

#### 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

Exposition/Technical measures: Atmospheric vapour concentrations must be minimized by adequate ventilation.

Protection of hands, eyes and skin: None required under normal use conditions. When handling leaking batteries, use neoprene, rubber or nitrile gloves and wear safety glasses to protect hands, eyes and skin.

General safety and hygiene measures: Use only as directed.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

Physical state:	Stainless steel top battery
Colour:	Contents dark and gray in colour
Odour:	N.A.
Melting point:	N.A.
Boiling point:	N.A.
Flash point:	N.A.
Explosion limit:	Not available
Ignition temperature:	Not available
Vapour pressure:	Not available
Specific gravity:	N.A.
Solubility in water:	N.A.
Solubility other solvents:	N.A.
PH value:	Not available
Partition coefficient:	Not available
Viscosity:	Not available

**10. Stability and Reactivity**

Thermal decomposition:	Batteries may burst and release hazardous decomposition products when exposed to fire.
Substances to avoid:	Strong oxidation agents.
Hazardous reactions:	Contents incompatible with strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Thermal degradation may produce hazardous fumes of zinc and manganese; hydrogen gas; caustic vapors of potassium hydroxide and other toxic by-products.

**11. Toxicological information**

Toxicity information is available on the battery ingredients noted in Section 2, but in general, N.A. to intact batteries.

Chronic health effects: N.A.

**12. Ecological**

**information** Not available

**13. Disposable considerations**

Product: Dispose in accordance with appropriate regulations. If in doubt, contact your local government office concerned for information. Do not incinerate, since batteries may explode at excessive temperatures.

**14. Transport Information**

Road (ADR/RID): Not regulated

Air (ICAO/IATA): IATA DGR(58<sup>th</sup>): Special Provision A123: "Examples of such batteries are: alkali-manganese, zinc-carbon, nickel-metal hydride and nickel-cadmium batteries. Any electrical battery ... having the potential of a dangerous evolution of heat must be prepared for transport as to prevent (a) a short-circuit (e.g. in the case of batteries, by the effective insulation of exposed terminals...) is forbidden from transport; and (b) accidental activation. The words "Not Restricted" and the Special Provision number must be included in the description of the substance on the Air Waybill as required by 8.2.6, when an Air Waybill is issued."

Sea(IMDG): Special Provision 304 says:  
"Batteries, dry, containing corrosive electrolyte which will not flow out of the battery if the battery case is cracked are not subject to the provisions of this

Code provided the batteries are securely packed and protected against short-circuits. Examples of such batteries are: alkaline-manganese, zinc-carbon, nickel metal hydride and nickel-cadmium batteries”

These batteries are not regulated by international agencies as hazardous materials or dangerous goods when shipped. A shipping name of “Alkaline Batteries – Non-hazardous” may be used on all domestic and international bills of lading.

In general, all batteries in all forms of transportation (ground, air, or ocean) must be packaged in a safe and responsible manner. Regulatory concerns from all agencies for safe packaging require that batteries be packaged in a manner that prevents short circuits and be contained in “strong outer packaging” that prevents spillage of contents. All original packaging for VIPRO alkaline batteries has been designed to be compliant with these regulatory concerns.

### 15. Regulatory Information

Symbol:	N/A
EC labelling:	None
Risk phrases:	None
Safety phrases:	None

Labelling is not required because alkaline batteries are classified as “articles” under the Dangerous Preparations Directive and as such are exempt from the requirements of the Directive.

### 16. Other information

Our products are compliant with GHS requirements.

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