



FIRE CONTAINMENT COVER LITHIUM ION BATTERY FIRE TESTS

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- > FCC with dimensions 121" x 92" x 96" height
- 18650 Li-Ion (Secondary) 2600mAh 3.7V batteries
- Brand new semi-charged direct from manufacturer in original packaging
- > Total of 1500 Li-Ion batteries 9 boxes
- 2 boxes positioned directly beneath FCC roof
- ⊗ 1 box positioned on 125" side touching FCC side
- 6 boxes positioned in middle immediately above pallet
- Balance volume filled up with cardboard boxes containing shredded paper
- Standard aluminium pallet
- 2 x 100W cartridge heaters at each battery location (6 in total)
- > Ignition at all 3 locations simultaneously
- 8 thermocouples positioned on the exterior of the FCC







- > Fire successfully contained for 6 hours
- Solution Battery box on front side collapsed against FCC
- Net braid melted where battery box collapsed.
 Majority intact. No net flaming
- Cardboard seen burning through gaps between FCC and pallet
- All batteries vented









FULL SCALE FCC FIRE TEST – OBSERVATIONS

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FIRE CONTAINMENT BAG (FCB) LI-ION FIRE TESTS - SETUP

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> FCB test within aluminium ULD container

- _ Laptop battery details: 11.1 V, 5200mAh, quantity 2
- _ Cargo load: 3 cardboard boxes filled with shredded paper
- _ Laptop batteries placed in bottom most box



- > FCB (damaged) test within composite ULD container
 - _ FCB damaged to maximum allowable limits
 - Laptop battery details: 11.1 V, 5200mAh, quantity 2
 - _ Cargo load: 3 cardboard boxes filled with shredded paper
 - _ Laptop batteries placed in bottom most box
 - _ FCB surrounded by unprotected combustible cargo







FCB test within Aluminium ULD container

- _Batteries explode/vent at 3:50 min following ignition
- Fire successfully contained
- Two large fabric sections of the FCB were cut out to allow for ventilation. Fire reignited and test continued for 3 hours.
- _All batteries had exploded/vented
- _Aluminium container was not affected by fire





- > FCB (damaged) test within composite ULD container
 - _Batteries explode/vent at 1:15 min following ignition
 - _Fire successfully contained
 - _All batteries had exploded/vented
 - Composite container and unprotected boxes were not affected by fire





SUMMARY OF RESULTS



FCC Lithium-ion fire test

- > FCC contained Li-ion battery fire for 6 hours
- > All cells experienced thermal runaway
- > Temps measured outside did not exceed 90°C (194°F)

FCB Lithium-ion fire test in aluminium container

- > FCB contained Li-ion battery fire
- S All batteries experienced thermal runaway

Damaged FCB Lithium-ion fire test in composite container

- > FCB contained Li-ion battery fire
- S All batteries experienced thermal runaway
- No damage to container or surrounding boxes







Thank you for your time

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