



US AIRWAYS GUIDANCE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SHIPMENTS THAT CONTAIN LITHIUM BATTERIES

Lithium batteries are the primary source of power for cell phones, lap tops and many other kinds of electronic devices. There are different types and classes of lithium batteries and they have different regulatory guidelines; so review the following information and present the proper documentation and handling labels for shipments that contain Lithium Batteries.

- **Shipments that contain Lithium Batteries and are classified as Class 9 – Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods using the following UN numbers can not be accepted for transport on US Airways aircraft.**
 - UN 3090, Lithium metal batteries
 - UN 3480, Lithium ion batteries
 - UN 3091, Lithium metal batteries contained in equipment
 - UN 3091, Lithium metal batteries packed with equipment
 - UN 3481, Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment
 - UN 3481, Lithium ion batteries packed with equipment

- **Shipments containing Lithium batteries that are not classified as a Class 9 Dangerous Goods (using Part 1 of Packing Instructions 965, 966, 967, 969 and 970) are acceptable depending on the type of Lithium Battery (Lithium Ion or Lithium Metal).**

- **Primary Lithium Metal (Non-rechargeable) Batteries**
 - **Lithium metal batteries packaged individually are not acceptable for transport.**
 - **Lithium metal batteries contained in or packed with equipment are acceptable if:**
 - Accompanied by a document with the following information:
 - The package contains Lithium Metal Batteries
 - The package must be handled with care: a flammability hazard exists if the package is damaged
 - Special procedures should be followed if the package is damaged, to include inspection and repacking if necessary
 - Includes a telephone number for additional information
 - The package must be labeled with the Lithium Battery Handling label (Except for Lithium Metal Batteries Contained in Equipment- each package containing 4 or less cells or 2 or less batteries does not require documentation or the Lithium Battery Handling Label).

- **Lithium Ion (Rechargeable) Batteries**
 - **Lithium ion batteries packaged individually, or contained in or packed with equipment are acceptable if:**
 - Accompanied by a document with the following information:
 - The package contains Lithium Ion Cells or Batteries
 - The package must be handled with care: a flammability hazard exists if the package is damaged
 - Special procedures should be followed if the package is damaged: include inspection and repacking if necessary
 - Includes a telephone number for additional information
 - The package must be labeled with a Lithium Battery handling label (Except for Lithium Ion Batteries Contained in Equipment- each package containing 4 or less cells or 2 or less batteries does not require documentation or the Lithium Battery Handling Label)

- **US Airways will not accept any damaged packages that contain Lithium Ion or Lithium Metal Batteries.**

- **US Airways does not accept damaged Lithium Batteries that are being returned for warranty replacement.**

- **US Airways will not accept any shipments bearing the following markings:**
 - CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY
 - PRIMARY LITHIUM BATTERIES – FORBIDDEN FOR TRANSPORT ABOARD PASSENGER AIRCRAFT
 - LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES – FORBIDDEN FOR TRANSPORT ABOARD PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

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