

TAKING CARE OF YOUR BATTERIES

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Not all batteries are the same.

Scooter and Powerchair batteries are designed to “Deep Cycle”., and when they aren’t being used they like to be kept on charge and left to ‘trickle charge’

Trickle charging

Trickle charging uses very little electricity – a fraction of what it takes if you leave your TV on standby – and ensures that your batteries are always topped up and are ready for use.

How to get the best out of your batteries

- When you have finished using your scooter for the day, put it on charge and leave it on charge until the next time you use it, unless you are going away for an extended period of time or are storing the scooter (e.g. during the winter).
- Don’t take your batteries off charge before they have fully charged.
- Never leave the charger connected to your scooter or chair whilst the 13 amp mains socket is switched off. If there is no current flowing from the mains through the charger to your scooter or chair the flow of power will go into reverse and the power in your battery will be drawn off. The longer you leave it this way, the more seriously your batteries will be depleted, leaving them at severe risk of failure on your next journey.
- When storing or not using your scooter for more than a month you must fully charge your batteries, then simply leave them be, making sure that you disconnect the charger.

Once a month (at least) recharge your batteries giving them a full charge – six to eight hours minimum.

Remember – before you use your scooter or chair again you must make sure your batteries are fully charged.

- Use the correct charger – if you break or lose your charger, be sure to replace it with one that’s approved, and supplied by the scooter manufacturer or by a specialist mobility dealer.
- Keep your scooter or chair dry. The control levers and switches are particularly vulnerable and if they do get wet it’s a good idea to wipe them down. Waterproof Scooter Control covers are available for when you are using your scooter as are water proof storage covers are available for when scooters (stored outside) are not being used.

Batteries don't last forever but by following these simple suggestions they will last for much longer.

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