

Product Change Notification

Panasonic Batteries

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Nature of Change: Change to "Lead-Free" solder on all tabbed Lithium products.

Applicable models:

Lithium Cylindrical Primary Batteries:

- BR & CR Cylindrical cells with Tabs

Lithium Coin Batteries:

- BR & CR Coin Cells with Tabs
- BR "A" Type (High Temp) Coin Cells with Tabs
- VL Coin Cells with Tabs
- ML Coin Cells with Tabs
- MT Coin Cells with Tabs
- NBL Coin Cells with Tabs
- CGL Coin Cell with Tabs

Date of Notice: July 8, 2002

Attention: Valued Customers,

In accordance with Matsushita Electric Industrial's (MEI) environmental initiatives to preserve the earth's resources and protect our natural surroundings, MEI has been implementing the use of "Lead-Free" solder and soldering technologies across many product lines.

As part of this effort, Matsushita Battery Industrial (MBI) will be changing to lead-free solder on all pre-soldered tabs and terminals on Lithium cylindrical and coin batteries by April 2003. The final production of cells with pre-soldered tabs containing lead solder will be in **March of 2003**.

- The change to lead-free solder will not have an effect on battery performance or electrical characteristics.
- The change to lead-free solder will not be reflected in the product model numbers. All existing model numbers will remain the same.

For those customers needing samples of the lead-free solder versions please contact your Panasonic Account Manager or the Battery Product Marketing Department at the e-mail listed above with the appropriate model number(s) and sample quantity. Please submit the sample request **before the end of August 2002**.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with these changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Panasonic Account Manager.