# PRODUCT GUIDE 

BE BATTERY SAFE - CONTROL AND CONTAIN


## LITHIUM-ION

## BATTERY SAFETY RANGE

## Lithium-ion battery fire risks. What every business needs to know...

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries feature in almost every part of our daily life. They power our smart phones, personal devices, laptops, e-bikes and e-scooters, electric vehicles and more.

However, in the event of malfunction, they can also represent a serious fire risk.

In 2021, the London Fire Brigade attended 104 fires involving Lithium-ion batteries: 44 caused by e-bikes, 28 caused by e-scooters and 32 other Li-ion battery events including mobile phones and laptops. ${ }_{1}$ The Brigade's data for 2020 also suggests the fire incident rate for electric cars is $0.1 \%$, more than double that for petrol and diesel vehicles. ${ }_{2}$

In the UK, Lithium-ion batteries in domestic and business waste are responsible for an estimated 201 fires a year. That's $48 \%$ of all waste fires costing the UK economy $£ 158 \mathrm{~m}$ per annum. ${ }_{3}$

## What goes wrong?

Whilst catastrophic Lithium-ion battery failures are relatively rare, when they do occur, they can be extremely serious. Small and lightweight, when charged Li-ion cells store a large amount of energy and are especially sensitive to high temperatures.

If a battery degrades, gets hot, or suffers a short circuit, heat and pressure build up inside. At a certain level, the chemical reaction creates thermal runaway, causing rapid overheating and quickly affecting adjacent cells. Batteries will spontaneously ignite, burning at extremely high temperatures, releasing flammable hydrogen and other toxic gases during and after the event. In certain situations, cells may even explode.

## Suppressing Lithium-ion battery fires

The use of a highly flammable organic electrolyte makes Li-ion battery fires very hard to extinguish. Li-ion cells release oxygen as the temperature rises, further fuelling combustion.
The only effective way to suppress Lithiumion battery events has been to use Firechief Lith-Ex Aqueous Vermiculite Dispersion (AVD) extinguishers. By discharging a fine mist of Vermiculite particles suspended in water, a spray both cools and forms a heatproof barrier around the burning battery cell to prevent propagation and re-ignition.

Organisations and environments at risk include...


Rescue Service


E-scooter/e-bike OEMs and retailers


Recycling centres and consumer recycling points


Device OEMs


Courier services and Logistics providers


Transport operators and passenger hubs


Battery Electric Vehicle OEMs and retailers


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## THE FIRECHIEF 8 STEP BATTERY SAFE ACTION PLAN

The Firechief LiB action plan is based on two key principles:
1.

Taking positive action ahead of a Lithium-ion battery fire happening

Stopping the spread of an LiB fire. Due to the nature of LiB fires, every second counts!

## SEGREGATE



## PYROFLOW

PASSIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION GRANULES

## Mineral-based fire suppression agent for metal fires and Li-ion batteries

Firechief PyroFlow is a new and environmentally friendly suppression agent made from expanded glass granulate. It can be used for preventative fire protection and firefighting where Lithium-ion batteries are present. The small, lightweight spheres consist of foamed recycled glass containing tiny internal pores which form a partially closed cell structure. Since the granulate is $100 \%$ mineral based, it is not combustible.

## How does Firechief PyroFlow work?

Using Firechief PyroFlow as a packaging media means that in the event of a battery fire, the PyroFlow melts to form glass which is caused by the high temperatures released by such an incident. In the process, the granules absorb a lot of heat as they melt thus cooling the fire and at the same time forming an impermeable shell around the fire load encapsulating it from further reaction.

## FEATURES

Thermally stable packaging filler for Li-ion batteries
Smother, suppress and encapsulate
Easy to use
Non-toxic and eco-friendly
Free flowing

# CONTROL 



## FIRECHIEF FIRE RESISTANT BATTERY CARRIER

## Enables easy transportation of batteries with advanced fire safety features

Our Firechief Fire Resistant Battery Carrier has been specifically designed to accommodate $2 \times$ Robattery 71.01 (Robel E3 Range) batteries, making it a perfect match for those in the transportation and logistics industry who require the safe and secure transportation of these batteries. The carrier's construction is robust and durable, specifically designed to withstand regular use, and provide the peace of mind.
Featuring a bright yellow exterior and multiple layers of highperformance thermal textiles, this carrier provides maximum visibility and protection against fire and heat damage. The inclusion of both Velcro and buckle closures ensures your batteries stay securely in place during transportation. The flame arrestors also provide added protection, containing potential flames while allowing the free escape of gases, preventing further damage.
Our Firechief Fire Resistant Battery Carrier also comes with a comfortable shoulder strap, allowing for easy and comfortable transportation of your batteries. With this product, you can transport your Robattery 71.01 batteries safely and effortlessly, knowing they are protected.


FEATURES
Designed to accommodate $2 \times$ Robattery 71.01 (Robel E3 Range)

Robust construction for regular use
Yellow exterior for maximum visibility
Uses multiple layers of high performance thermal textiles

Incorporates flame arrestors to contain flames while allowing free escape of gases

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## FIRECHIEF LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRE RESISTANT CONTAINER

Designed for safe storage and transit of Lithium-ion battery packs, fireworks and flammable chemicals

The Firechief Lith-ex Fire Resistant Container (FRC) is an innovative product that protects potentially flammable goods against the threat of fire. The exceptional insulation properties are achieved by the use of a unique combination of technical textiles which prevent the propagation of both internal and external fires.

The Fire Resistant Container provides the perfect solution for transporting and storing potentially combustible products, such as batteries, fireworks and other flammable chemicals.

## The FRC works in several ways:

- Contains a fire within the bag (e.g. burning batteries on a plane)
- Prevents fire spreading to adjacent material
- Gives extra time for responders to get the risk under control or people to escape
- Prevents an external fire igniting a vulnerable/flammable cargo


## FEATURES





## PYROCLOUD 8000, 11000, 12000 SERIES FIXED INSTALLATION

The consequences of a fire can be devastating for any business. Replacement costs, consequential damage and interruption to the business can result in endangering its survival. PyroCloud Fixed fire suppression units detect fire at an early stage and will extinguish it in just a few seconds.
PyroCloud units can be installed inside a compartment, room or enclosure, providing protection as close to the source as possible. They have a fully automatic and independent system of activation and do not depend on electrical power supply but can easily be connected to conventional fire detection systems if required.
These fixed fire suppression units can be installed quickly and easily without any interruption of ongoing processes and can be deployed in places with an ambient temperature ranging from $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with humidity up to $98 \%$.

They are guaranteed for a serviceable lifetime of at least 15 years.

## How does it work?

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## FEATURES

## Easy to install and low maintenance

## Eco-friendly

## Cost-efficient

## Fully certified

## Ideal for numerous applications

## Typical applications:

- Electrical Cabinets
- Archives
- Storage Rooms
- Generator \& Engine rooms
- Computer \& Server rooms
- Transport \& Construction Vehicles
- Compressor Rooms
- Wind Turbines


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PYROCLOUD 5000 SERIES - MANUAL OPERATION

Fighting fully developed fires can result in flashovers or backdrafts. The PyroCloud 5000 Series of manual fire suppression units knock down flames and drop the temperature to a manageable level within 30 to 60 seconds. Flashovers and backdrafts are prevented, significantly increasing the safety of firefighters when tackling an indoor fire.

PyroCloud 5000 units are small and light and easy to store on site or any fire truck or smaller vehicle. They are the perfect fire-fighting tool when water supplies are low or difficult to reach and considerably reduce water damage by suppressing the fire before entry to the affected room.
Deployed quickly and easily - even by a single first responder - without entering the room, PyroCloud saves crucial time and money by preventing damage of equipment and property and spread of the fire to other rooms.

## How does it work?

PyroCloud manual fire suppression units knock down flames and drop the temperature to a manageable level significantly increasing the safety of firefighters when tackling an indoor fire. The units are small, light and easy to store. Deployed quickly and easily - even by a single first responder - without entering the room, PyroCloud saves crucial time and money by preventing damage of equipment and property and spread of the fire to other rooms.


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## Easy to install and low maintenance

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Cost-efficient
Fully certified
Ideal for numerous applications


## LITH EX

## EXTINGUISHERS

High performance extinguishers designed to stop Lithium-ion battery fires fast.

Firechief Lith-Ex extinguishers are designed to suppress Lithium battery fires in their infancy before developing into a fully established fire. They can also be used to protect against fires where batteries are stored or charged.

## How do Firechief Lith-Ex extinguishers work?

Firechief Lith-Ex extinguishers contain Aqueous Vermiculite Dispersion (AVD), a revolutionary fire extinguishing agent. The water content of the extinguisher cools the fire source, while the Vermiculite platelets encapsulate the fuel source creating a thermal barrier to prevent propagation of the fire.

FEATURES

## Kitemark approved (FLE2, FLE6, FLE9)

Designed for use on Lithium-ion battery fires on
batteries with a power rating from $50 \mathrm{~Wh}-1000 \mathrm{~Wh}$
Quickly cools excessive heat, preventing re-ignition
Lightweight and compact
Non-toxic and environmentally friendly

WHICH LITHIUM-ION EXTINGUISHER DO I NEED?

| APPLICATION | BATTERY CAPACITY (WH) | EXTINGUISHER SIZE | RATING | MODEL / CODE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Small Devices | Under 60 | 500 ml | - | FLE500 / 100-1587 |
| Home \& Leisure | 60-100 | 1 Ltr | 3A | FLE1 / 100-1576 |
| Workshops | 100-250 | 2 Ltr | 5A | FLE2 / 100-1577 |
| Battery Storage | 250-500 | 6Ltr | 13A | FLE6 / 100-1578 |
| E-Scooters \& E-Bikes | 500-750 | 9Ltr | 13A | FLE9 / 100-1579 |
| E-Vehicles \& Fire Services | Under 750 | 25Ltr | - | FLE25 / 100-1649 |
| Energy Services | Over 750 | 50Ltr | - | FLE50 / 100-1648 |



To find out more, download the product sheet



## PYROFLOW

ACTIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION GRANULES

Mineral-based fire fighting agent for metal fires and Lithium-ion batteries

Firechief PyroFlow is a new and environmentally friendly suppression agent made from expanded glass granulate. It can be used for firefighting and preventative fire protection. It contains tiny internal pores which form a partially closed cell structure. Since the granulate is $100 \%$ mineral based, it is noncombustible.

## How does Firechief PyroFlow work?

By covering the fire load with Firechief PyroFlow, oxygen is separated from the combustible material. Firechief PyroFlow melts to form glass caused by the high temperatures released by such an incident. In the process, the granules absorb a lot of heat as they melt, thus cooling the fire and at the same time forming an impermeable shell around the fire load, encapsulating it from further reaction.

## FEATURES

Mineral-based fire fighting agent
Smothers and cools Li-ion battery fires
Easy to use
Non-toxic and eco-friendly
Free flowing



## FIRECHIEF LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRE SUPPRESSION KITS

Designed for the safe suppression and removal of extinguished Lithium-ion battery devices.

The Firechief Fire Suppression Kit is the perfect solution for the effective control and suppression of Lithium-ion battery fires.
Equipped with a choice of Lith-Ex extinguishers, this fire-resistant bag is designed using technical fabrics to withstand temperatures in excess of $1000^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

The kit provides the initial extinguisher to suppress the fire and a bag for the safe suppression and removal of the extinguished device. Typical applications are mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

## Both kits include:

- Fire resistant bag (the large kit also comes with flame arrester)
- Choice of Lith-Ex extinguisher options or the kit can be supplied without an extinguisher if preferred
- Safety Gloves
- Safety Glasses



## FEATURES

Suppression bag for safe storage of extinguished devices

Reduces the risks of explosion after the fire has been extinguished

Withstands temperatures in excess of $1000^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$


CODE: 141-1039



## FIRECHIEF PREMIUM BATTERY FIRE BLANKET

Designed for use with Li-ion battery packs
Firechief Premium Battery Fire Blankets are capable of withstanding extremely high temperatures in an oxidising atmosphere for a prolonged period of time as well as being robust enough to offer protection against potential debris and shrapnel expelled during a battery fire event.

The Firechief Premium Battery Fire Blankets are manufactured using fire resistant technical fabrics based on the highest temperature resistant silica glass fibres.

Flame deflection protection is added to these fibres as well as abrasion resistance utilising a variety of proprietry surface coatings. The non-flammable, vermiculite dispersion mineral-coated glass fabric is overlaid with a sacrificial protective silicone layer.

Testing has been completed on exposed Lithium-ion batteries up to 840 Wh .

## Heat/Fire Resistance Testing

## $1000^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

No rupture of the fabric after several hours of application of either a point flame source or in a constant temperature furnace.
$1200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
No rupture after 30 minutes.*

## $1500^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Rupture after 10 minutes.*

* The base fabric is fully oxidised and will not ignite. When subjected to temperatures above the stated operating temperature for an extended period of time, the fabric will exhibit localised degradation and become brittle


FEATURES
Working temperature up to $1000^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Provides safe storage and protection in transit
Fire resistant technical fabrics
Fire resistant reinforced multi-layered edge lining
Handling loops on all corners

## WHICH SIZE BLANKET DO I NEED?

| APPLICATION | BLANKET SIZE | MODEL / CODE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Scooters, tools, IT <br> equipment | $2 \times 1.7 \mathrm{~m}$ | PBB1 / 104-1085 |
| E-Bikes, mobility scooters | $3.3 \times 2.6 \mathrm{~m}$ | PBB2 / 104-1086 |
| Cars, forklift trucks, manual <br> handling equipment | $8 \times 6 \mathrm{~m}$ | PBB3 / 104-1087 |




FIRECHIEF SINGLE USE CAR FIRE BLANKET

Firechief's car fire blanket is flame retardant and designed to extinguish fires in motor vehicles and to control flames and smoke in electric vehicles. It is manufactured from fibreglass fabric and covered with a polymer on both sides.
With an area of $6 \times 9 \mathrm{~m} .\left(54 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ this blanket will cover most cars in case of fire, including SUV's and off-road cars. For safety reasons, it incorporates 6 grips for its correct placement. The intervention of at least 2 people is recommended. It can be placed and deployed in less than 10 seconds. The car blanket weighs approximately 28 kg .

Car fire blanket includes a textile storage bag for easy transportation and storage.

## SUITABLE FOR

- Outdoor parking
- Firefighters
- Underground car parks
- Ferries
- Commercial centres
- Hotel car parks
- Port services
- Car rental companies
- Car dealerships
- Insurance companies
- Mechanical workshops


## Fire Equipment Chest

Alternative storage suggestion for advanced weather protection
MODEL: HS100
CODE: 106-1071


## FEATURES

Large $6 \times 9 \mathrm{~m}$ blanket size
Suitable for all cars, SUV's and manual handling
equipment
Performs at temperatures up to $1200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (peak)
High performance fibreglass and polymer construction
Durable textiles storage bag
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## LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

## HOW TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF A LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRE

## PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

Treat lithium-ion batteries and the devices which contain them, with the respect they deserve. Protect the batteries against being damaged through crushing, puncturing or immersion in water as this increases the risk of fire

Always use the charger that came with your device. If you need to buy a replacement, choose a branded, genuine product from a supplier you can trust


Avoid storing, using, or charging lithium-ion batteries at very high or very low temperatures
Don't leave items continuously on charge after the charge cycle is complete, e.g., don't leave your devices plugged in overnight
Battery experts recommend that a good charging range is from 20 percent up to 80 percent and then recharge from 20 percent back to 80 percent. Lithium-ion batteries don't perform well when they are constantly charged from 1-2\% up to $100 \%$ and back againEnsure that wherever you charge a device, you still have a clear exit from the room or property in case of fire
Never charge a device such as a mobile phone under items such as pillows. Lithium-ion batteries need to be kept within a good temperature range, with good circulation of air around them. Always charge them on a hard surface


When you travel, avoid keeping all your items containing lithium-ion batteries together, especially on a plane

## CONTAINMENT MEASURES:

Stop using the battery and/or charger if the temperature of either (or both) rises more than $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(18^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ on a regular charge.
If a Lithium-ion battery overheats, hisses, or bulges, immediately move the device with the battery away from flammable materials and place it on a non-combustible surface. If at all possible, put the battery safely outdoors to burn out.

Bear in mind that moving a battery which has gone into thermal runaway can cause re-ignition and the combustion process to start again for up to 10 hours after it started. Specialist products such as the Firechief Premium Battery Fire Blanket help to stop the spread and contain the fire.


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## LITHIUM-ION

BATTERY SAFETY RANGE

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