# Battery Care Rules for Lead Acid Batteries

### WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

#### **Approved Water**

In most areas of the United States, tap water is satisfactory for use in lead acid batteries. Use distilled water when in doubt.

#### **Proper Electrolyte Level**

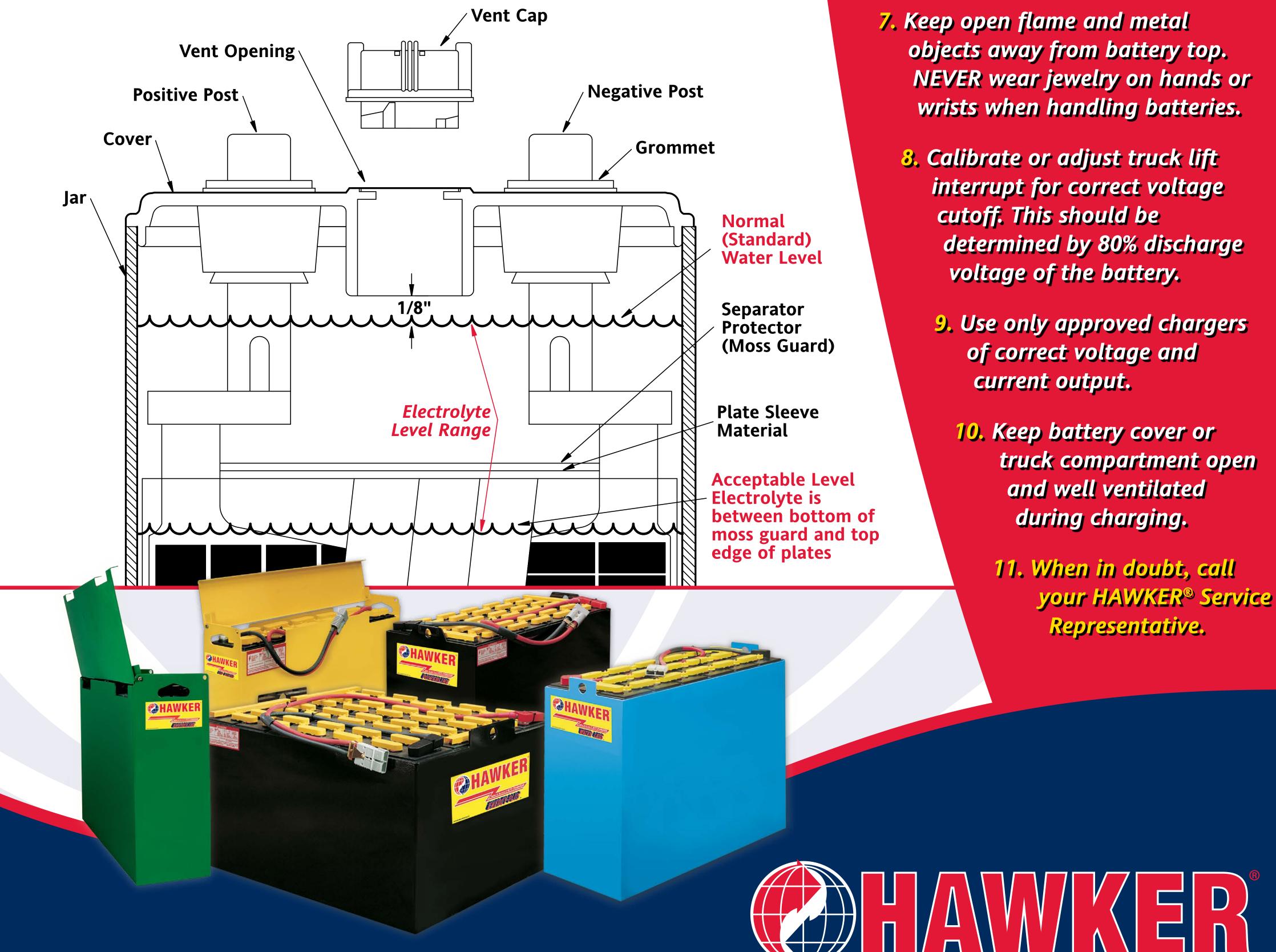
## LIST of RULES:

**1.** ALWAYS complete one full discharge and charge cycle when battery is placed in service for the first time. Only after this initial first cycle is completed, check and add approved water if needed. NEVER add acid.

- **2.** NEVER discharge battery beyond 80% and do not operate battery if the specific gravity is below 1.150 sg for Powerline<sup>™</sup>, Water Less<sup>®</sup> and Top Power<sup>®</sup> and 1.175 sg for Energy-Plus<sup>™</sup>.
- **3.** If the battery is above 115° F, allow battery to cool before charging or operating. Consult your authorized HAWKER<sup>®</sup> Representative for fast charge applications.
- **4.** Keep electrolyte levels above separator protector and 1/8" below the vent well.

The electrolyte level must be kept between the "High Watering Level" and the separator protectors shown in the sketch below.

#### **BATTERIES SHOULD BE FILLED ONLY** AT THE END OF THE CHARGING CYCLE.



- **5**. Keep battery top clean and dry.
- **6.** Keep vent caps tightly in place. Before removing a vent cap, make sure Personal Protection Equipment is worn.
  - **7.** Keep open flame and metal objects away from battery top. **NEVER** wear jewelry on hands or wrists when handling batteries.
    - **8.** Calibrate or adjust truck lift interrupt for correct voltage cutoff. This should be determined by 80% discharge voltage of the battery.
      - **9.** Use only approved chargers of correct voltage and current output.

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