Primary Lithium Cells
Li-MnO₂
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The VARTA Microbattery lithium manganese dioxide cell chemistry was one of the first solid cathode cells commercially developed and is still the most widely used system today. These cells offer an excellent shelf life, good high-rate and low-rate capability, a wide operating temperature range and availability in button and cylindrical cell designs. Potential design-in applications for these products are electronic, telecommunication, metering, instrumentation, office and other portable equipment use. Based on the outstanding cell performance and reliability of these products, they have been able to meet and exceed the requirements of our customer base worldwide.

Advantages for VARTA Microbattery Li-MnO₂ Cells

- High open circuit and load voltage (above 3.0 volts per cell)
- High energy density (400 Wh/kg and 600 Wh/l)
- High capacity and high rate cell construction
- Operation over a wide temperature range
- Flat discharge profile under low to medium rate applications
- Low self discharge (less than 1% per year at RT)
- Superior shelf life and operational life (Up to 10 years and more)
- UL Recognition
- Ability to provide a variety of laser welded termination tabs for all cell types

Energy Density for Primary Systems

FIG. 1
Comparison of different primary battery systems

A = Lithium
B = Silver-oxide
C = Alkaline
D = Zinc-chloride
VARTA Microbattery offers a complete range of primary lithium manganese dioxide cylindrical and button cells for memory backup and portable applications worldwide. The cylindrical cell configurations offer the high-capacity bobbin construction and high-power spirally wound product. The bobbin construction is targeted at low to moderate power requirements, dedicated for applications requiring up to a 10 years operational life at 20°C. Our spirally wound electrode product offers high-rate discharge capability, with an operational life in excess of 5 years. For compact and light weight equipment use we have a complete range of high performance primary lithium button cells.

**Lithium Cylindrical Batteries**

**FIG. 2 – BOBBIN CONSTRUCTION**

Schematic construction of a Li/MnO₂ cylindrical cell (CR 1/2 AA).

**FIG. 3 – SPIRAL CONSTRUCTION**

Schematic construction of a Li/MnO₂ cylindrical cell (CR 1/2 AA).
Lithium Button Cells

FIG. 4
Schematic construction of a Li/MnO₂ Button Cell

Sealing Technologies

FIG. 5 – CRIMP-SEALING
CR High Power Cylindrical Cells

FIG. 6 – LASER-SEALING
CR High Capacity Cylindrical Cells
1.2 CHARACTERISTICS AND APPLICATIONS

Main Applications

Both mechanical and electrical properties, together with reliability, ensure that VARTA Microbattery lithium batteries meet the requirements of modern electronics.

They are therefore ideally suited as power sources for the long term supply of microelectronic circuitry.

Main Characteristics

- Long life expectancy and long operational life
- Low self discharge rate
- High energy density
- High cell voltage (3 V)
- Wide temperature range
- High operating safety
- High reliability
- Resistance to corrosion with stainless steel case
- No leakage problems with an organic non-corrosive electrolyte

Temperature characteristics

**FIG. 7**

Temperature characteristics of CR 1/2 AA and CR AA cylindrical cells

(Load: 5.6 kΩ CR AA, 12 kΩ CR 1/2 AA)

A = -40°C
B = +80°C
C = +60°C
D = -20°C
E = +23°C

System properties of Varta Microbattery Lithium Cells

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**TAB. 1**

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2) CR 2/3 AH (-20 … +65 °C), CR 2 NP (-20 … +70 °C)
3) max. two weeks
4) µA-range
5) Recommended room temperature
## 1.3 APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY LITHIUM CELLS

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**TAB. 2**

Application list
1.4 SELECTION GUIDE

To enable battery selection the following is required:

- discharge current and maximum discharge time
- operating temperature range
- self discharge
- surplus capacity requirement
- cell size

**FIG. 8**
CAPACITY RETENTION
Capacity retention characteristics of VARTA Microbattery Lithium Cells
Cylindrical Cells CR…AA, CR…A and CR 2 NP

**FIG. 9**
STORAGE BEHAVIOR
Typical storage behaviour at room temperature 21°C of CR 1/2 AA

**FIG. 10**
BATTERY SELECTION DIAGRAMM
Discharge current/
Operating time
2. CR PRIMARY LITHIUM BUTTON CELLS
### 2.1 TYPES – TECHNICAL DATA

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**TAB. 3**

Technical data, CR Primary Lithium Button Cells

1) Nominal capacity is determined to an end voltage of 2.0 V (type 2 CR 1/3 N: 4.0 V) when the battery is allowed to discharge at standard load level at 20°C
2.2 ASSEMBLIES

CR 1/3 N

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TAB. 4
Tag material: nickel plated sheet-steel. SLF: tip tinned.
Custom made assemblies are available on request for large volume.

FIG. 11 FIG. 12 FIG. 13 LF FIG. 14 SLF
### Primary Lithium Cells

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**Figures:**

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- **FIG. 16 SLF**
- **FIG. 17 LF**
- **FIG. 18 PCB 3**
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**TAB. 5.2**  
Tag material: nickel plated sheet-steel. SLF: tip tinned.  
1) using Molex 51021-03 connector (Other wire connectors and wire length are available on request.)  
2) in shrink sleeve with wire and connector  
Custom made assemblies are available on request for large volume.
2.3 PERFORMANCE DATA

FIG. 22 – CR 1216
Discharge characteristics
at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 23 – CR 1216
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 39 kΩ

FIG. 24 – CR 1216
Operating voltage vs. current drain
Voltage at 50% discharge

FIG. 25 – CR 1216
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
FIG. 26 – CR 2016
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 27 – CR 2016
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 15 kΩ

FIG. 28 – CR 2016
Operating voltage vs. current drain
Voltage at 50% discharge

FIG. 29 – CR 2016
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
FIG. 30 – CR 2025
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 31 – CR 2025
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 10 kΩ

FIG. 32 – CR 2025
Operating voltage vs. current drain
Voltage at 50% discharge

FIG. 33 – CR 2025
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
FIG. 34 – CR 2032
Discharge characteristics
at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 35 – CR 2032
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 5.6 kΩ

FIG. 36 – CR 2032
Operating voltage vs. current drain
Voltage at 50% discharge

FIG. 37 – CR 2032
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
**Primary Lithium Cells**

**FIG. 38 – CR 2430**
Load: cont. 5.6 kΩ: \(U_b\)
Pulse: 2 s/2 h 390 Ω: \(U_t\)
(parallel)
Internal Resistance \(R_i\) calculated from \(U_b\) and \(U_t\) at \(R_t = 390\) Ω and \(T_t = 2s\)
Temperature: \(d = 20°C\)

**FIG. 39 – CR 2430**
Load: cont. 5.6 kΩ (B)
cont. 15 kΩ (B)
cont. 270 kΩ (A)
Mean discharge current:
\(I_1 = 400\) µA
\(I_2 = 180\) µA
\(I_3 = 10\) µA
Temperature: \(d = 20°C\)

**FIG. 40 – CR 2430**
Discharge curves at different temperatures
Load: cont. \(R = 15\) kΩ
Mean discharge current at temperature:
\(d = 0°C\) ~175 µA
\(d = -10°C\) ~170 µA
\(d = -20°C\) ~155 µA

**FIG. 41 – CR 2450**
Load: cont. 5.6 kΩ: \(U_b\)
Pulse: 2 s/2 h 100 Ω: \(U_t\)
(parallel)
Internal Resistance \(R_i\) calculated from \(U_b\) and \(U_t\) at \(R_t = 100\) Ω and \(T_t = 2s\)
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3.1 TYPES – TECHNICAL DATA

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TAB. 6
Technical data, CR High Capacity Primary Lithium Cylindrical Cells
### 3.2 ASSEMBLIES

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Tab. 7

Material: nickel plated sheet-steel, tag thickness: 0.15 mm till 0.25 mm. SLF: tip tinned, all types in green shrink sleeve.

1) using connector: JST type: PHR2 (Other connector types available on request.)

Custom made assemblies are available on request for large volume.
3.3 PERFORMANCE DATA

**FIG. 52 – CR 1/2 AA**
**FIG. 56 – CR 2/3 AA**
**FIG. 60 – CR AA**
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

**FIG. 53 – CR 1/2 AA**
**FIG. 57 – CR 2/3 AA**
**FIG. 61 – CR AA**
Temperature characteristics at 5.6 kΩ

**FIG. 54 – CR 1/2 AA**
**FIG. 58 – CR 2/3 A**
**FIG. 62 – CR AA**
Operating voltage vs. current drain, Voltage at 50% discharge

**FIG. 55 – CR 1/2 AA**
**FIG. 59 – CR 2/3 AA**
**FIG. 63 – CR AA**
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
**FIG. 64 – CR 2/3 A**
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

**FIG. 65 – CR 2/3 A**
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 5.6 kΩ

**FIG. 66 – CR 2/3 A**
Operating voltage vs. current drain
Voltage at 50% discharge

**FIG. 67 – CR 2/3 A**
Cell capacity vs. discharge current
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TAB. 8
Technical data, CR High Power Primary Lithium Cylindrical Cells
1) Current value for obtaining 50% capacity  2) in blister card (1 pc)

4.2 ASSEMBLIES

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TAB. 9
Material: nickel plated sheet-steel, tag thickness: 0.15 mm till 0.25 m. SLF: tip tinned.
Custom made assemblies are available on request for large volume.
4.3 PERFORMANCE DATA

**FIG. 71 – CR 2/3 AH**
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

**FIG. 72 – CR 2/3 AH**
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 5.6 kΩ

**FIG. 73 – CR 2/3 AH**
Pulse discharge characteristics

1) Load: 0.9 A, 3 sec. on, 27 sec. off
2) After storage at 60°C/100 days

**FIG. 74 – CR 2/3 AH**
Typical discharge curve
Load: cont. 560 Ω
Pulse load: 2 sec./min 3 Ω (parallel)
Primary Lithium Cells

FIG. 75 – CR 123 A
Discharge characteristics
at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 76 – CR 123 A
Temperature characteristics
Constant load 5.6 kΩ

FIG. 77 – CR 123 A
Pulse discharge characteristics
1) Load: 0.9 A, 3 sec. on, 27 sec. off
2) After storage at 60°C/100 days

FIG. 78 – CR 123 A
Typical discharge curve
Load: cont. 560 Ω
Pulse load: 2 sec./min 3 Ω (parallel)
FIG. 79 – CR 2
Discharge characteristics at room temperature (21°C)

FIG. 80 – CR 2
Pulse discharge characteristics

FIG. 81 – CR 2
Discharge temperature characteristics
FIG. 82 – CR 2 NP  
Discharge curve cont. 1 kΩ

FIG. 83 – CR 2 NP  
Load 5,6 kΩ (≈ 505 µA)

FIG. 84 – CR 2 NP  
Load 180 Ω (± 14 mA)
5. GENERAL DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS

Battery Selection

In order to ensure optimum battery performance for the primary CR Button, the cylindrical CR High Power and cylindrical High Capacity cells, we suggest consideration of the following design-in requirements. They are the nominal and operating voltage, load current and profile, the duty cycle, temperature requirements and shelf life for the application. These characteristics for each battery type must be evaluated against the design requirements to select the most appropriate product that fulfills these requirements.

Design-in Considerations

**VARTA** Microbattery Primary Lithium Batteries offer lightweight packaged power for a variety of portable electric and electronic equipment. They are suitable as a main or standby power source for memory (RAM) and Real-Time clock (RTC) applications.

The Lithium Batteries are blocked from the power supply by means of a diode to prevent discharge of the battery into the DC supply during shut down.

The voltage drop across D1 should be taken into account as the minimum voltage of the load that has to be maintained under all circumstances.

Blocking diode D2 and D3 prevents the battery from being charged through the power supply. The amount of accumulated reverse current (IR) should be kept around 1% of the cell's typical capacity during its standby life time.

A maximum of 5μA continuously must not be exceeded.

In the absence of a DC supply voltage, the lithium battery supplies the load with the necessary power.

As diodes fail at low current levels by an alloy-effect causing a severe reduction in impedance, an additional safety device must be incorporated.

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**FIG. 76**

**FIG. 77**

**FIG. 78**

Using 2 cells when 6 V is used in series
UL-Recognition

All VARTA Microbattery Lithium Cells and Batteries listed in Tab. 10 are recognized by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. under UL-file number MH 13654 (N).

The cells are marked with the Recognized Component Mark.

Underwriters Laboratories requires for lithium cells/batteries a circuit, which must contain a protective component to prevent charging. In case of diode failure a current limiting resistor must be chosen according to the values listed in Tab. 10.

Please also pay attention to the Safety Guidelines on page 34.

For safety tests of the cells, “UL” requires either an additional diode, or a resistor, limiting the current to a safe level of 4 mA (for all cylindrical CR… A(A) lithium mass cells).

It should be noted that the value of the resistor has to be calculated using the higher power supply voltage – not the battery voltage.

The supply voltage to the load can be calculated by the battery voltage drop across the diode and the resistor.

Printed Circuit Board Mounting

Never solder on the body of the battery directly, use a battery equipped with PC-mount terminals. When using automatic soldering apply 250–270 °C within 5 seconds. Make sure that the battery is not suspended or dropped into the soldering bath.

Do not heat above 80 °C to avoid leakage caused by deterioration in the battery’s performance.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button Cells</th>
<th>Max. safe reverse current acc. to UL</th>
<th>Cylinder Cells</th>
<th>Max. safe reverse current acc. to UL</th>
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<tr>
<td>CR 1216</td>
<td>3 mA</td>
<td>High Capacity</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>CR 1220</td>
<td>3 mA</td>
<td>CR 1/2 AA</td>
<td>4 mA</td>
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<td>CR 1616</td>
<td>4 mA</td>
<td>CR 2/3 AA</td>
<td>4 mA</td>
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<td>CR 1620</td>
<td>2.5 mA</td>
<td>CR AA</td>
<td>4 mA</td>
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TAB. 10
All listed cells/batteries are recognized by UL-recognition.
5.1 SAFETY TESTS

For safety aspects please consult Varta Microbattery before performing these extreme tests:

**Compression Test**
1120 kg
- no significant electrolyte loss
- no rupturing

**In Short Circuit**
Condition 24 h, 0.1 Ω
- after 24 h the bottom of the cell is curved by only 0.1 mm; diameter unchanged
- no electrolyte creepage or loss
- no rupturing

**Test at 150°C for 2 Hours**
- no electrolyte creepage or loss
- no rupture
- no fire
- no explosion
- open circuit voltage almost unchanged at 3.2 V
- the cell base bowed, causing cell height to increase by 1 mm, diameter unchanged

**Puncture Test total Penetration of the Cell by a Nail Ø 3mm**
- no splashing or pressurized electrolyte loss
- no rupturing

**Short Circuit**

In table 11 the temperature is listed at short circuit at an ambient temperature of 20°C, 40°C and 70°C.

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<th>CR 1/2 AA</th>
<th>CR 2/3 AA</th>
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<td>20°C</td>
<td>24°C</td>
<td>28°C</td>
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<td>40°C</td>
<td>50°C</td>
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<td>70°C</td>
<td>80°C</td>
<td>84°C</td>
<td>77°C</td>
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**Vibration Test**

Frequency range
5 Hz = 55 Hz = 500 Hz = 55 Hz = 5 Hz
Amplitude at frequency range:
5 to 55 Hz: ± 0.75 mm
Acceleration at frequency range:
55 Hz to 500 Hz: 100 m/s²
Cycle duration: 15 min
Oscillation time of each main axis: 3 h

**Temperature Characteristics**

CR 1/2 AA, Temperature characteristics
Conditions: 20 h/20°C: 15 kΩ, 4 h/at various temp.: 270 kΩ

Without changing of the electrical values the following Li-cell can be exposed to this vibration test:
- CR 1/2 AA
- CR 2/3 AA
- CR AA

**TAB. 11 Ambient temperature**

CR 1/2 AA

CR 2/3 AA

CR AA

**TAB. 12 Vibration test**

**TAB. 12**

**FIG. 79**

**TAB. 11 Ambient temperature**

CR 1/2 AA

CR 2/3 AA

CR AA

**TAB. 12**
5.2 SAFETY GUIDELINES

Safety and Handling Issues

We recommend that attention begins to the design and implementation of our Lithium-Manganese Dioxide Button/Cylindrical Cells to ensure superior operating performance. With our Lithium-Manganese Dioxide Batteries, the appropriate precautions must be taken to avoid physical and electrical abuse, otherwise the batteries can be hazardous if not used properly. To avoid such incidents, we would suggest you review the following safety and handling precautions for your potential application:

- **Do not heat. Nor dispose of in fire**
  If heated, the plastic materials in the cell such as the gasket and separator may be damaged, causing leakage. The heat generated by a short circuit inside the batteries may lead to bursting or combustion. If disposed of in fire, batteries may violently rupture.

- **Do not charge**
  (Lithium Primary Battery CR Series)
  When a Lithium Primary Battery is charged, gas is generated inside the battery and can result in swelling, heat generation, leakage, violent rupture or potential fire.

- **Do not disassemble, apply excessive pressure or deform**
  If a battery is forcefully disassembled, gas may be generated which may cause throat irritation, or the lithium metal may generate heat, causing fire. If deformed under pressure or under impact, distortion of the seal may lead to leakage, or a short circuit inside the battery may lead to potential safety hazards.

- **Avoid forced discharge**
  When batteries are force-over discharged with an external power source, the voltage drops to under 0.0 V (reverse electrode), and inner gas is generated. This can lead to swelling, heating, leakage, violent rupture and/or potential fire.

- **Do not short circuit**
  If the positive and negative terminals come into contact with each other or with a metal object, this can cause a short circuit, generating heat. If the batteries are stacked on top of each other or mixed, the resulting short-circuit can lead to heat generation, leakage, violent rupture or fire.

- **Do not use with other battery types or old batteries with fresh cells**
  If different types of batteries are used together, or fresh are used with old ones, the difference in characteristics of voltage, capacity, etc. may cause overdischarge of the battery which is exhausted first, leading to swelling, bursting or fire.
- **Observe the (+) and (–) polarity**
  If the batteries cell polarity is reversed by inserting the battery backwards, depending on the equipment, a short circuit or over discharging may result in a potential safety hazard.

- **Do not swallow**
  Store batteries in a safe location, out of the reach of babies and small children. Also, make sure that batteries cannot be easily removed from equipment in which they are used. If swallowed by mistake, consult a doctor immediately.

- **Do not store in direct sunlight or rain**
  Store batteries in a place not subject to direct sunlight. Make sure the area is dry and is approximately 20°C. Storage in areas with higher temperature, humidity or exposure to rain may cause deterioration in battery quality and durability.

- **Soldering**
  Do not solder or weld directly to the cell’s surface. Use preassembled cells with tabs or leads.

- **Do not throw into water**
  This can result in corrosion and the generation of combustible gas.

The safety guidelines have been prepared in accordance with ISO/IEC guidelines. (Second edition IEC 60086-4)
5.3 TRANSPORTATION OF VARTA MICROBATTERY LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES

In general, Lithium batteries are subjected to transport regulations depending on the means of transportation. But all batteries sold by VARTA Microbattery which are listed in this handbook are not subjected to the transport regulations of dangerous goods*, because they fulfil the following requirements (Special provisions ADR 188, IATA 45, IMDG 188, DOT / 49 CFR 173.185):

- The batteries do not contain more than 1 g of Lithium per cell respectively 2 g Lithium per battery.
- The batteries passed the safety tests according to clause 38.3 of the UN handbook of tests and criteria.
- The batteries are isolated in the packaging to avoid short circuits.
- The packs are marked with a warning notice that clearly states that the pack contains Lithium batteries and must be quarantined, inspected and repacked if damaged.
- The total mass must not exceed 30 kg per pack.

*Transportation of primary Lithium Batteries in the USA
Effective December 29, 2004, the U.S. Department of Transport requires that the outside of each package that contains primary lithium batteries, regardless of size or number of batteries, is to be labeled with the following statement: “PRIMARY LITHIUM BATTERIES – FORBIDDEN FOR TRANSPORT ABOARD PASSENGER AIR-CRAFT”. The labeling requirement covers shipments via highway, rail, vessel or cargo-only aircraft and covers all shipments inside, into or out of the US. The label must be in contrasting color and the letters must be 12 mm (0.5 in) in height for packages weighing more than 30 kg and 6 mm (0.25 in) in height for packages weighing less than 30 kg.

General remark
The exemptions from dangerous goods regulations are only applicable with respect to the delivery form/packaging in which the lithium batteries are dispatched by VARTA Microbattery. Any re-packaging or assembly of cells is in the responsibility of the customer and makes new safety tests necessary. Note that the maximum amount of lithium or lithium-equivalent according to special provisions 188 (ADR) or A45 (IATA) may be exceeded as a consequence of assembly.

Used lithium batteries have to be handled like fresh ones.

We do not recommend to weld terminals to the batteries; this should only be done by qualified personnel.
### 5.4 APPLICATION CHECK LIST

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Temperature profile:

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<th>max (°C):</th>
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Storage time: Operating time:

Dimensions:

Remarks:

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## Product Portfolio

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</tr>
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<td><em>Zinc Air Cells</em></td>
<td><em>Silver Oxide Button Cells</em></td>
</tr>
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<td><em>VARTA PoLiFlex® (Li-Polymer)</em></td>
<td><em>Ni-MH Button Cells (V..H / HR / HT / HRT)</em></td>
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