Gel and AGM Batteries



AGM Battery 12V 90Ah

1. VRLA technology

VRLA stands for Valve Regulated Lead Acid, which means that the batteries are sealed. Gas will escape through the safety valves only in case of overcharging or cell failure. VRLA batteries are maintenance free for life.

2. Sealed (VRLA) AGM Batteries

AGM stands for Absorbent Glass Mat. In these batteries the electrolyte is absorbed into a glass-fibre mat between the plates by capillary action. As explained in our book 'Energy Unlimited', AGM batteries are more suitable for short-time delivery of high currents than gel batteries.

3. Sealed (VRLA) Gel Batteries

Here the electrolyte is immobilized as gel. Gel batteries in general have a longer service life and better cycle capacity than AGM batteries.

4. Low Self-Discharge

Because of the use of lead calcium grids and high purity materials, Victron VRLA batteries can be stored during long periods of time without recharge. The rate of self-discharge is less than 2% per month at 20°C. The self-discharge doubles for every increase in temperature by 10°C.

Victron VRLA batteries can therefore be stored for up to a year without recharging, if kept under cool conditions.

5. Exceptional Deep Discharge Recovery

Victron VRLA batteries have exceptional discharge recovery, even after deep or prolonged discharge. Nevertheless repeatedly deep and prolonged discharge has a very negative effect on the service life of all lead acid batteries, Victron batteries are no exception.

6. Battery Discharging Characteristics

The rated capacity of Victron AGM and Gel Deep Cycle batteries refers to 20 hour discharge, in other words: a discharge current of 0,05 C.

The rated capacity of Victron Tubular Plate Long Life batteries refers to 10 hours discharge.

The effective capacity decreases with increasing discharge current (see table 1). Please note that the capacity reduction will be even faster in case of a constant power load, such as an inverter.

Discharg time (constant	End Voltage	AGM 'Deep Cycle'	Gel 'Deep Cycle'	Gel 'Long Life'
currentj	v	%	%	%
20 hours	10,8	100	100	112
10 hours	10,8	92	87	100
5 hours	10,8	85	80	94
3 hours	10,8	78	73	79
1 hour	9,6	65	61	63
30 min.	9,6	55	51	45
15 min.	9,6	42	38	29
10 min.	9,6	38	34	21
5 min.	9,6	27	24	
5 seconds		8 C	7 C	

Table 1: Effective capacity as a function of discharge time (the lowest row gives the maximum allowable 5 seconds discharge current)

Our AGM deep cycle batteries have excellent high current performance and are therefore recommended for high current applications such as engine starting. Due to their construction, Gel batteries have a lower effective capacity at high discharge currents. On the other hand, Gel batteries have a longer service life, both under float and cycling conditions.

7. Effect of temperature on service life

High temperature has a very negative effect on service life. The service life of Victron batteries as a function of temperature is shown in table 2.

Average Temperature	AGM 'Deep Cycle' years	Gel 'Deep Cycle' years	Gel 'Long Life' vears	
20°C / 68°F	7 - 10	12	20	
30°C / 86°F	4	6	10	

Table 2: Design service life of Victron batteries under float service





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	Float	Cycle service	Cycle service				
	Service (V)	Normal (V)	Fastest recharge (V)				
Victron AGM 'Deep Cycle'							
Absorption		14,2 - 14,6	14,6 - 14,9				
Float	13,5 - 13,8	13,5 - 13,8	13,5 - 13,8				
Storage	13,2 - 13,5	13,2 - 13,5	13,2 - 13,5				
Victron Gel 'Deep Cycle'							
Absorption		14,1 - 14,4					
Float	13,5 - 13,8	13,5 - 13,8					
Storage	13,2 - 13,5	13,2 - 13,5					

Table 3: Recommended charge voltage

12 Volt Deep Cycle AGM						General Specification	
Article number	Ah	v	lxwxh mm	Weight kg	CCA @0°F	RES CAP @80°F	Technology: flat plate AGM Terminals: copper
BAT406225084	240	6	320 x 176 x 247	31	700	270	Rated capacity: 20 hr. discharge at 25°C
BAT212070084	8	12	151 x 65 x 101	2,5			Float design life: 7-10 years at 20°C Cycle design life:
BAT212120086	14	12	151 x 98 x 101	4,4			400 cycles at 80% discharge
BAT212200084	22	12	181 x 77 x 167	5,8			600 cycles at 50% discharge
BAT412350084	38	12	197 x 165 x 170	12,5			1500 cycles at 30% discharge
BAT412550084	60	12	229 x 138 x 227	20	280	80	
BAT412800084	90	12	350 x 167 x 183	27	400	130	
BAT412101084	110	12	330 x 171 x 220	32	500	170	
BAT412121084	130	12	410 x 176 x 227	38	550	200	
BAT412151084	165	12	485 x 172 x 240	47	600	220	
BAT412201084	220	12	522 x 238 x 240	65	650	250	
BAT412124081	240	12	522 x 240 x 224	67	650	250	

12 Volt Deep Cycle GEL						General Specification	
Article number	Ah	v	lxwxh mm	Weight kg	CCA @0°F	RES CAP @80°F	Technology: flat plate GEL Terminals: copper
BAT412550104	60	12	229 x 138 x 227	20	250	70	Rated capacity: 20 hr. discharge at 25°C Float design life: 12 years at 20°C Cycle design life: 500 cycles at 80% discharge 750 cycles at 50% discharge 1800 cycles at 30% discharge
BAT412800104	90	12	350 x 167 x 183	26	360	120	
BAT412101104	110	12	330 x 171 x 220	33	450	150	
BAT412121104	130	12	410 x 176 x 227	38	500	180	
BAT412151104	165	12	485 x 172 x 240	48	550	200	
BAT412201104	220	12	522 x 238 x 240	66	600	220	
BAT412126101	265	12	520 x 268 x 223	75	650	250	

Other capacities and terminal types: at request

