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Die Marke für mehr Sicherheit



**Water Fire Extinguisher
with Cool-Down-Effect
Suitable for Lithium-Ion Batteries**



Interesting facts about lithium-ion batteries

Assessing the potential danger correctly



Lithium-ion batteries and their underestimated fire potential

Lithium-ion batteries are both a blessing and a curse. High energy density on the smallest storage cell represents a quantum leap and, despite the most modern technology, involves certain risks.

Fires and explosions caused by lithium-ion batteries, which are used operationally in work equipment such as drill screwdrivers, laptops, smartphones or flashlights, are increasing continuously. Larger energy storage devices, such as those installed countless times in large electrical appliances, e-bikes and e-scooters, multiply the fire potential. The higher the energy density, the higher the risk.

Usually qualitative defects, the age of the batteries, accidents, but also carelessness are the mechanical, thermal or electrical causes of fires.

Damages, temperature effects and overcharging can lead to an increase in internal resistance and at the same time, especially with high current flows, cause the temperature to rise significantly. This results in an increase in pressure inside the cell and eventually in a breakdown, possibly with fire and explosion. Thermal runaway is due to the fact that this type of energy storage uses organic solvents in the form of hydrocarbons, which react in an almost flammable manner like petrol.

In the commercial sector burning lithium-ion batteries should be tackled by fire safety assistants if possible, based on the risk assessment and the measures laid down. Fires of several or larger batteries should only be fought by fire brigade personnel!

Primary cells just as at risk as batteries

However, it is not only the batteries themselves that are affected by the increasing number of cases, but also the non-rechargeable primary cells. One of the main causes of fire is the massive overheating of one or more cells. It is basically irrelevant whether the battery is a smaller energy storage device with only a few watt-hours of power, as integrated in smartphones, or a large lithium-ion system with several kWh that ensures the operation of an electric car or forklift truck. Even the smallest defective cell is capable of calling a large fire brigade into action.

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In the process, the overheated cells „infect“ those next to them, comparable to a chain reaction. The thermal runaway of the entire battery system described above can then lead to uncontrollable temperatures as well as dangerous and very toxic gas leaks.

Flammable gases, electrolytes and other cell components

Another cause of fire is the improper, unprotected storage of defective lithium-ion batteries or their storage in so-called „unclear“ condition. Lithium-ion batteries can simply be physically damaged by mechanical impacts during transport and storage or thermal stress in terms of strong sunlight, heat or cold.

Worst case, this can lead to the escape of flammable gases or electrolyte and consequently to ignition. Overheating is usually indicated by white/grey smoke. In such a case, persons in the danger zone should never inhale this smoke, as it contains battery contents and decomposition products that are very unhealthy and corrosive. The mist that is released can subsequently ignite and cause a flash fire, which in turn can decompose other lithium-ion batteries in the immediate vicinity.

In addition to the actual fire, explosion-like processes can occur, as the source of fire can decompose into small, splinter-like individual parts that eruptively burst apart.

Caution and expertise in firefighting

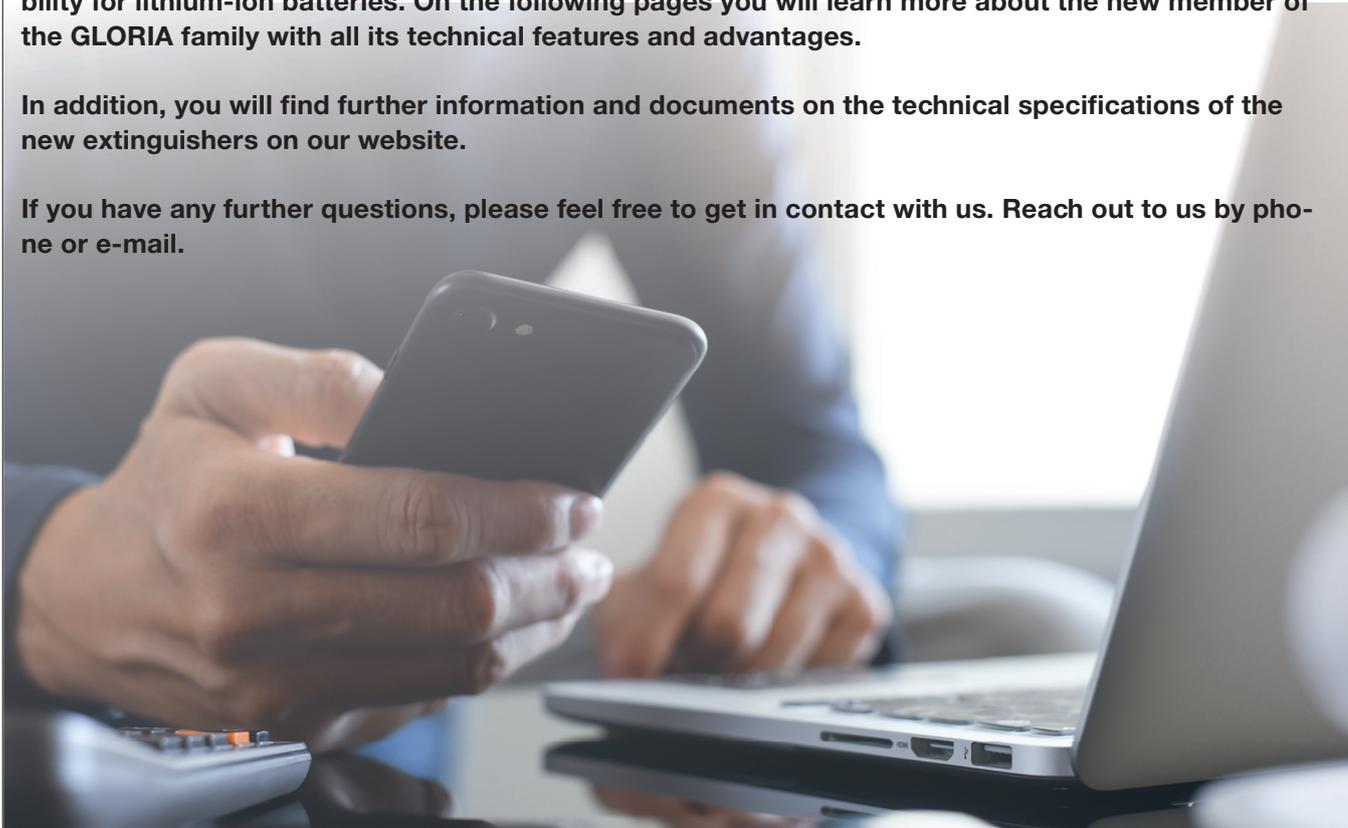
The actual fire-fighting of smaller lithium-ion batteries (up to 600 Wh) by trained personnel requires a fire extinguisher with a particularly high cooling effect, if possible with a pre-mounted extinguishing lance to maintain a safe distance.

Professional associations such as the DGUV and the bvfa recommend water, if necessary with extinguishing agent additives, as the suitable extinguishing agent.

So play it safe and convince yourself of the new GLORIA water fire extinguishers with special suitability for lithium-ion batteries. On the following pages you will learn more about the new member of the GLORIA family with all its technical features and advantages.

In addition, you will find further information and documents on the technical specifications of the new extinguishers on our website.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in contact with us. Reach out to us by phone or e-mail.



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Assessing the potential danger correctly and prevent

The 10 most common causes of fire in a lithium-ion battery:

1. Increased operating and storage temperatures
(over 70°C)

2. Direct impact of heat
(e.g. by sunlight)

3. Incorrect handling
(overcharging, incorrect charger, deep discharge)

4. Manufacturing defect
(faulty assembly)

5. Overpressure inside the cell
(expansion of the electrolyte liquid)

6. Mechanical impact from outside
(pressure, shocks, crushing)

7. Internal short circuit due to production defect

8. External short circuit

9. Defect in the cooling circuit
(especially with large batteries/vehicle batteries)

10. Counterfeit lithium-ion batteries and chargers

Which precautions can I take?

- ✓ Do not short-circuit the battery or mechanically damage it
- ✓ Do not heat or burn
- ✓ Keep battery cells away from small children
- ✓ Always store battery cells in a dry and cool store
- ✓ In case of contact with conspicuous battery cells (leakage of content, deformations, discolourations, dents or similar) **adequate body and respiratory protection is required**

Water fire extinguisher with Cool-Down-Effect

PRO-Line with strike-knob, extinguishing pistol and lance

The ace even for sensitive applications

Portable cartridge operated water fire extinguisher with very good ecological and maintenance-friendly characteristics, approved according to DIN EN 3 for fire class A. Due to the proven special suitability for burning lithium-ion batteries, the extinguisher can be used on batteries up to 600Wh.

Product features

- Laser-welded cylinder with durable inner coating
- Black anodised metal locking collar
- Perfect handling due to rotatable and extra-long LABS-free quality hose assembly with fabric insert made of synthetic rubber material.
- Rotatable and suppressible extinguishing pistol with pre-mounted extinguishing lance with 5-hole spray nozzle
- Extinguishing agent concentrate fluorine-free, without environmentally harmful PFOS or PFOA
- Conscious renunciation of substances in the water that promote extinguishing
- Blue colour code indicates extinguishing agent water
- Special suitability for lithium-ion batteries up to 600Wh

Application

- Users of products with lithium-ion batteries up to 600Wh (laptops, e-bikes, e-scooter, cordless screwdrivers, etc.)
- Hotels, especially bicycle hotels
- Computer/electronic stores (including storage areas)
- Tool departments in retail companies
- File storages/archives/paper and packaging stores
- Offices
- Wood processing
- Textiles
- Municipal facilities
- Administrative and manufacturing areas
- Private households

Note

The suitability test on lithium-ion batteries was conducted by the Dutch institute KIWA!



Type	Part No.	Extinguishing Agent / Qty.	Type	Propellant	Performance LE*	Discharge time / Discharge range	Temperature range	Use on lithium-ion (in Wh)	H/W/D in bracket ø – cylinder Weight (kg)
WKL 6 PRO	803841.0000	5,88 l Water + 0,12 l Imprex C	Strike knob and pre-mounted lance	60 g CO2	21A	65 sec. / 4m	+5 °C to +60 °C	600	640/400/165 10,8 kg
WKL 9 PRO	803851.0000	8,82 l Water + 0,18 l Imprex C	Strike knob and pre-mounted lance	120 g CO2	27A	80 sec. / 4m	+5 °C to +60 °C	600	640/430/205 15,6 kg

WKL 6/9 PRO

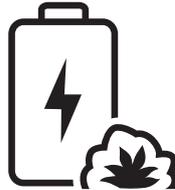
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The ace for sensitive applications

A compact summary of our top 10 product highlights

1 ✓ **Special suitability for lithium-ion batteries**

Extinguishing agent Imprex C with proven special suitability for burning lithium-ion batteries up to 600 Wh (type WKL 6 PRO)



2 ✓ **Top product for home**

Suitable for the most common fires at home (fire class A)

3 ✓ **Creditable towards basic equipment according to ASR A 2.2**

Water extinguisher WKL 6 PRO with 6 LE and WKL 9 PRO with 9 LE is part of the basic equipment in fire class A for workplaces.

4 ✓ **Cartridge technology**

High ease of maintenance

5 ✓ **Confirmed sustainability**

100% fluorine-free, long extinguishing agent shelf-life

6 ✓ **Increased safety**

Extinguishing lance for additional distance to source of danger **at 4m spraying distance**

7 ✓ **Use on electrical equipment**

... up to 1000V, minimum distance 1m (at higher voltage follow DIN VDE 0132)

8 ✓ **Special nozzle**

Very long discharge time, up to 40% longer than conventional devices

9 ✓ **Standardised spare parts**

10 ✓ **Special hose assembly**

Rotatable hose assembly with rotatable and suppressible extinguishing pistol

Interesting facts about fighting burning Li-On batteries

Minimize risks

WORK SAFETY



SAFETY FIRST



PROTECTION



REGULATIONS



HAZARDS



HEALTH



INSURANCE

Safety instructions for fighting burning lithium-ion batteries



Staying in the hazardous area

In the event of fire, first and foremost, unprotected persons who are not required for emergency response should be prohibited from entering or remaining in the hazardous area. Persons wearing protective equipment should always ensure to keep a minimum distance. In the event of a clear development of smoke or release of gas, the hazardous area must be left immediately and sufficient ventilation must be provided.



Fire fighting

Only suitable fire extinguishers containing extinguishing agents with a high cooling effect may be used for fire fighting. Professional associations such as the DGUV and the bvfa recommend water as extinguishing agent, if necessary with additives. Other extinguishing agents, such as ABC or BC powder, metal fire powder or carbon dioxide (CO₂) must not be used! The warning and safety instructions on the corresponding extinguishing equipment must also be observed.

Since batteries can re-ignite even after a longer period of time, they must be stored safely in water basins or other suitable containers after extinguishing. This container must be stored outside the building and away from other fire loads until it can be disposed of properly.



Personal protective equipment

Authorised persons should only act with suitable, sufficient, adapted protective equipment in the form of protective gloves, protective clothing, face and respiratory protection.

As a general rule, no action should be taken that involves a personal risk of danger to oneself or that has not been adequately practised.

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For more than seven decades, we have been the right contact for all questions regarding fire protection products. During this time, we have been able to gain a lot of experience, optimise our products, adapt them to today's requirements and continuously expand our team. We never lose sight of our origin, the fire extinguisher.

We offer a wide variety of models - from portable and mobile fire extinguishers to large fire extinguishing units. In addition, we are at home in the world of extinguishing water technology and object protection extinguishing systems. Our smoke and CO detectors, manufactured in our group, are highly reliable and stand out with manufacturer's warranties of up to 10 years. With our sophisticated range of accessories and spare parts, we create the safety you need. The portfolio is completed by both internal and external training courses and seminars.



Portable Fire Extinguishers



Extinguishing Water Technology



Mobile Extinguishers



Object Protection Extinguishing Systems



Vehicle Systems



Smoke detectors



**Accessories, Spare Parts,
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