

Lithium Batteries as Cargo Announcement

Introduction:

Recently there have been significant changes made to the Regulations regarding air cargo shipments of Lithium batteries and cell packs. As of the release date of this notification, the following information is the most current available. For complete information regarding the new Regulations regarding transportation of batteries, please visit the IATA website and type this link into your web browser: <http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Pages/lithium-batteries.aspx>

Information or actions outlined below are only relevant for our current generation of Lithium batteries and does not apply to discontinued models or non-Lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries are considered dangerous cargo and should never be shipped if the battery has been damaged in any way or modified in any manner irrespective of the State of Charge mentioned below.

Regulations Overview:

Under the new Regulations it is forbidden to air cargo ship Lithium batteries or cell packs in a State of Charge (SoC) greater than 30%. This new Regulation does not pertain to: 1) commercial air travel where a passenger hand carries spare batteries, 2) shipments of devices with batteries installed, or 3) ground transportation of Lithium batteries. Please refer to the IATA Dangerous Goods section and contact your local airline for more and current information regarding commercial air transportation of Lithium batteries/cell packs.

Anton Bauer's Response:

All Anton Bauer (A/B) current production/generation batteries have an installed battery gauge. For A/B Cine and Digital series batteries, the display provides the battery charge percentage, and for the Dionic HC series, a single bar of charge on the Dionic HC series represents less than 30% SoC meaning that more than a single "bar" indicates a charge over the allowed SoC under the Regulations.

To help our Customers during this transition and assist in their maintaining Regulatory compliance, we have developed capabilities within our Performance Quad Charger (only) that will allow the battery to be assessed and/or discharged to the 30% SoC level required for air transportation.

Anton Bauer will continue shipping product via ground transportation until such time we have re-worked or new stock available that is compliant with the new Regulation.

Securing the new Performance Quad Charger Feature:

We plan a new charger capability which will be a firmware add on feature that does not currently exist in the chargers today.

1. We will offer this firmware upgrade free of charge for Customers who currently own Performance Quad Chargers.
2. Customers can obtain the firmware and installation instructions by following this link <http://vitec.ftpstream.com/?lid=2cot2ask#> and opening the Anton Bauer Performance Quad Update folder.
3. For customers who don't currently own a Performance Quad Charger, please contact your local sales channel for pricing and availability of the Performance Quad Charger. Once you have procured a charger, please download and install the latest firmware using the link above.

Thank you for your patience as we work towards compliance with the new Regulations.

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