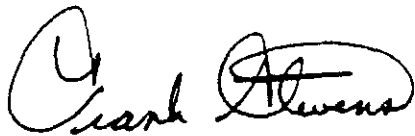


Situation: 3. Dark Stains on Inside of Battery Plugs - In batteries with separate pockets (plates insulated by pockets), polyethylene film is used as separating material. During the initial charging process or when the batteries are subsequently charged, residual oil may be released by the separating material and be deposited on the inside of the caps. This oil is between dark gray and black in color. Sometimes, a very thin film can form on the surface of the electrolyte. However, the electrolyte itself does not change color or become cloudy.

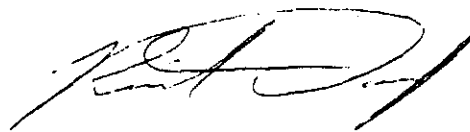
Comment: The residual oil is electrochemically neutral and does not affect the operation of the battery. As there are no adverse effects when this occurs, replacing the battery cannot be justified.

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