

Ask Dave



Q. *We pick up old lead/acid batteries all the time and someone said we have not been hauling them correctly. Is there a special requirement for handling these used batteries?*

A. Yes. The DOT offers recyclers some limited exemptions from the hazardous materials rules when it comes to lead/acid batteries destined for recycling. Here's what is required:

- No other hazardous materials are shipped in the same truck;
- Batteries must be loaded or braced so as to prevent damage and short circuits in transit;
- Other materials in truck must be blocked, braced or otherwise secured to prevent contact with or damage to batteries;
- Stack batteries on pallet, separate layers with cardboard or wood to prevent short circuits, shrink wrap, label as 'batteries for recycle'

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