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Model: MT-24F | Group Size: 24F

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, installation, and maintenance of your Interstate Batteries MT-24F Group 24F car battery. Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with installation or operation.



Figure 1: Interstate Batteries MT-24F Car Battery, top-front view.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Car batteries contain sulfuric acid, which is corrosive, and produce explosive gases. Always follow these safety precautions:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses and gloves, when handling batteries.
- Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks near the battery.
- Ensure adequate ventilation when working with batteries.
- Avoid contact with battery acid. If contact occurs, flush immediately with water and seek medical attention.
- Keep batteries out of reach of children.
- Do not short-circuit battery terminals.
- Always disconnect the negative (-) terminal first and connect it last during installation or removal.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Before installing your new Interstate Batteries MT-24F, ensure it is the correct group size and specifications for your vehicle. Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for specific battery requirements.

3.1 Pre-Installation Checks

- Verify the battery dimensions (10.25x6.88x8.75 inches) and terminal type (Top Post) match your vehicle's requirements.
- Inspect the new battery for any signs of damage.
- Gather necessary tools: wrench set, battery terminal cleaner, battery terminal puller (optional), wire brush, baking soda (for cleaning corrosion), and water.

3.2 Battery Removal (Old Battery)

1. Turn off your vehicle's engine and remove the key from the ignition.
2. Locate the battery.
3. Using a wrench, loosen and remove the negative (-) terminal cable first. Secure the cable away from the battery.
4. Next, loosen and remove the positive (+) terminal cable. Secure it away from the battery.
5. Remove any battery hold-down clamps or straps.
6. Carefully lift the old battery out of the battery tray. Batteries are heavy (approximately 39.2 lbs); use proper lifting techniques or assistance.
7. Clean the battery tray and terminal cables thoroughly using a wire brush and a baking soda/water solution to remove any corrosion. Rinse with clean water and dry completely.



Figure 2: Top view of the MT-24F battery showing positive (red) and negative (black) terminals.

3.3 Battery Installation (New Battery)

1. Place the new Interstate Batteries MT-24F battery into the clean battery tray, ensuring it is seated securely.
2. Install the battery hold-down clamps or straps to secure the battery firmly in place.
3. Connect the positive (+) terminal cable first. Tighten the connection securely with a wrench.
4. Connect the negative (-) terminal cable last. Tighten the connection securely.
5. Apply a thin layer of anti-corrosion grease to the terminals to prevent future corrosion.
6. Ensure all connections are tight and secure.



Figure 3: Close-up of the MT-24F battery label, showing specifications and warnings.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the Interstate Batteries MT-24F operates as the primary power source for your vehicle's starting system and electrical components. No specific user interaction is required beyond normal vehicle operation.

- Ensure your vehicle's charging system is functioning correctly to maintain optimal battery charge.
- Avoid excessive short trips or prolonged periods of vehicle inactivity, which can lead to battery discharge.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance can extend the life of your Interstate Batteries MT-24F battery.

- **Terminal Cleaning:** Periodically inspect battery terminals for corrosion. If corrosion is present, disconnect the cables (negative first, then positive) and clean the terminals and cable clamps with a wire brush and a baking

soda/water solution. Rinse and dry thoroughly before reattaching cables (positive first, then negative).

- **Charge Level:** If your vehicle is stored for extended periods, consider using a trickle charger to maintain the battery's charge.
- **Environmental Factors:** This battery is designed for reliable performance in hot to moderate climates. Extreme cold can reduce battery capacity temporarily.

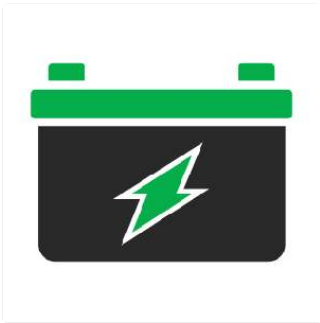


Figure 4: Icon representing battery power and reliability.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your vehicle's starting or electrical system, consider these common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Crank/Slow Crank:**
 - Check battery terminals for corrosion and ensure they are clean and tight.
 - Verify the battery is fully charged. A low charge can cause slow cranking.
 - Inspect battery cables for damage or loose connections.
- **Dim Lights/Electrical Malfunctions:**
 - This often indicates a low battery charge or a failing alternator. Test the battery voltage and the vehicle's charging system.
- **Battery Light On:**
 - This typically indicates an issue with the vehicle's charging system (e.g., alternator). Have your vehicle inspected by a qualified mechanic.

If these steps do not resolve the issue, consult a professional automotive technician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the Interstate Batteries MT-24F Group 24F car battery:

Feature	Detail
Brand	Interstate Batteries
Model Number	MT-24F
Group Size	24F
Voltage	12 Volts
Cold Cranking Amps (CCA)	600 CCA

Feature	Detail
Reserve Capacity	110 minutes
Battery Cell Composition	Lead Acid
Number of Cells	6
Terminal Type	Top Post
Dimensions (LxWxH)	10.25 x 6.88 x 8.75 inches
Item Weight	39.2 Pounds
Vehicle Service Type	Passenger Car, SUV, Truck, Van

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Interstate Batteries MT-24F car battery comes with a performance warranty for 24 months from the date of purchase. For specific warranty claims or questions, please contact Interstate Batteries directly. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and performance issues under normal operating conditions. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty validation.

9. SUPPORT AND RECYCLING

For further assistance or technical support regarding your Interstate Batteries MT-24F, please visit the official Interstate Batteries website or contact their customer service.

Battery Recycling: This product includes a refundable core deposit. Used batteries contain hazardous materials and must be recycled responsibly. Please return your used battery (core) to an authorized Interstate All Battery Center or a local recycling facility to receive your deposit back and ensure proper environmental disposal. Interstate Batteries actively promotes battery recycling.



Figure 5: Interstate Batteries MT-24F, ready for installation or recycling.

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