

Important UPS Safety Information

SAVE THIS GUIDE

This Safety Guide contains important instructions that should be followed during installation and maintenance of the APC™ by Schneider Electric equipment and batteries.

It is intended for APC by Schneider Electric customers who setup, install, relocate, or maintain APC by Schneider Electric equipment.

Read, understand, and follow ALL safety instructions contained in this manual. Failure to follow safety instructions and warnings could result in equipment damage, serious injury, or death.

Changes and modifications to this unit not expressly approved by Schneider Electric IT Corporation could void the warranty.

Product Handling Guidelines



<18 kg
<40 lb



18-32 kg
40-70 lb



32-55 kg
70-120 lb



>55 kg
>120 lb



- Adhere to all national and local electrical codes.
- Do not work alone under hazardous conditions.
- This UPS is intended for indoor use only.
- Do not operate this unit in direct sunlight, in contact with fluids, or where there is excessive dust or humidity.
- Be sure the air vents on the UPS are not blocked. Allow adequate space for proper ventilation.
- This unit contains no user serviceable parts. Some UPS models have user replaceable internal batteries.
- For a UPS with a factory installed power cord, connect the UPS power cable directly to a wall outlet. Do not use surge protectors or extension cords.
- The equipment is heavy. Always practice safe lifting techniques adequate for the weight of the equipment.
- The batteries are heavy. Remove the batteries before installing the UPS and external battery packs (XLBPs), in a rack.
- Always install XLBPs at the bottom in rack-mount configurations. The UPS must be installed above the XLBPs.
- Always install peripheral equipment above the UPS in rack-mount configurations.

Electrical safety

- Do not handle any metallic connector before power has been disconnected.
- For models with a hardwired input, the connection to the branch circuit (mains) must be performed by a qualified electrician.
- 230 V models only: In order to maintain compliance with the EMC regulations for products sold in Europe, output cords and network cables attached to the UPS must not exceed 10 meters in length.
- The protective earth conductor for the UPS carries the leakage current from the load devices (computer equipment). An insulated ground conductor is to be installed as part of the branch circuit that supplies input power to the UPS. The conductor must have the same size and insulation material as the grounded and ungrounded branch circuit supply conductors. The conductor will typically be green, with or without a yellow stripe.
- Leakage current for a pluggable, Type A UPS may exceed 3.5 mA when a separate ground terminal is used.
- The UPS input ground conductor must be properly bonded to protective earth at the service panel.
- If the UPS input power is supplied by a separately derived system, the ground conductor must be properly bonded at the supply transformer or motor generator set.

De-energizing safety

- The UPS contains internal batteries and may present a shock hazard even when disconnected from AC and DC power.
- The AC and DC output connectors may be energized by remote or automatic control at any time.
- Before installing or servicing the equipment check that the:
 - Input circuit breaker is in the **OFF** position.
 - Internal UPS batteries are removed.
 - XLBP battery modules are disconnected.

Battery safety



CAUTION

RISK OF HYDROGEN SULPHIDE GAS AND EXCESSIVE SMOKE

- Replace the battery at least every 5 years or at the end of its service life, whichever is earlier.
- Replace the battery immediately when the UPS indicates battery replacement is necessary.
- Replace batteries with the same number and type of batteries as originally installed in the equipment.
- Replace the battery immediately when the UPS indicates a battery overtemperature condition, or when there is evidence of electrolyte leakage. Power off the UPS, unplug it from the AC input, and disconnect the batteries.
- Do not operate the UPS until the batteries have been replaced.
- *Replace all battery modules (including the modules in External Battery Packs) which are older than one year, when installing additional battery packs or replacing the battery module(s).

Failure to follow these instructions could result in equipment damage and minor or moderate injury.

* Contact APC by Schneider Electric Customer Support to determine the age of the installed battery modules.

- Batteries typically last for two to five years. Environmental factors impact battery life. Elevated ambient temperatures, poor quality utility power, and frequent short duration discharges will shorten battery life. Batteries should be replaced before end of life.
- Replace batteries immediately when the unit indicates battery replacement is necessary.
- When replacing batteries, replace with the same number and type of batteries as originally installed in the equipment.
- APC by Schneider Electric uses Maintenance-Free sealed Lead Acid batteries. Under normal use and handling, there is no contact with the internal components of the battery. Over charging, over heating or other misuse of batteries can result in a discharge of battery electrolyte. Released electrolyte is toxic and may be harmful to the skin and eyes.
- CAUTION: Before installing or replacing the batteries, remove jewelry such as chains, wristwatches and rings. Use tools with insulated handles. High short circuit current through conductive materials could cause severe burns.
- CAUTION: Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. The batteries may explode.
- CAUTION: Do not open or mutilate batteries. Released material is harmful to the skin and eyes and may be toxic.

General information

- The UPS will recognize as many as 10 external battery packs connected to the UPS.
- The model and serial numbers are located on a small, rear panel label. For some models, an additional label is located on the chassis under the front bezel.
- Always recycle used batteries.
- Recycle the package materials or save them for reuse.
- This Safety Guide can be downloaded from APC by Schneider Electric Website, www.apc.com.