



TECHNICAL NOTE TN-1073c
Tait Orca Battery Improvements & Introduction Dates

19 August 2005 (Revised 31 October 2005)

Applicability

This Technical Note applies to all TOPB200, TOPB400, TOPB500 and TOPB800 batteries produced with serial numbers greater, or dates after those listed in the table below.

Note: This Technical Note does not apply to the TOPB100, TOPB600 or TOPB700 as these products are to be made obsolete.

1. Introduction

Based on field feedback, the Tait Orca battery pack has been redesigned to incorporate several changes that make servicing the pack easier and will result in more reliable operation for customers.

2. Improvements to the Battery Pack

What has changed?

- The surface area of the bottom contacts is now larger; this improves access to the contacts and allows easier cleaning of the battery contacts should they become dirty.
- The bottom contacts are now less recessed in the battery case; this improves access to the contacts and allows easier cleaning of the battery contacts should they become dirty.
- The bottom contacts on the battery are now gold plated and are therefore less susceptible to corrosion.

3. Introduction Date

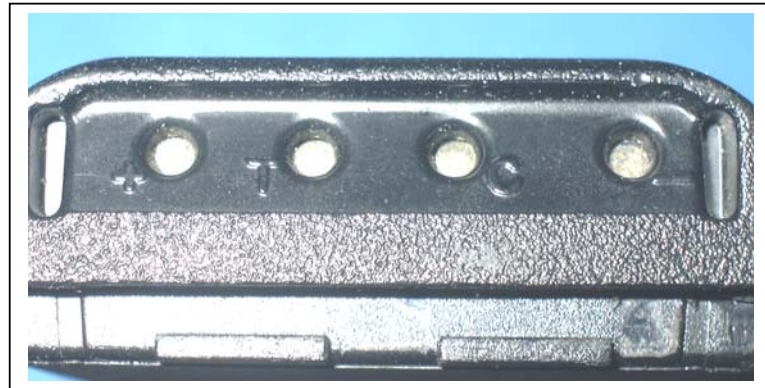
The table below details the introduction dates for the improved batteries.

Battery Type	Introduction Date	First Serial Number
TOPB400	8 September 2005	15537765
TOPB4U0	31 October 2005	15549320
TOPB200	14 July 2005	15525509
TOPB2U0	14 July 2005	15525559
TOPB200-IF	22 August 2005	15533015
TOPB500	15 July 2005	15526009
TOPB5U0	21 July 2005	15527529
TOPB500-IF	19 August 2005	15532975
TOPB800	27 May 2005	15514249

4. Before and After Images of the Battery Pack

Battery Before Improvements

The image below shows the bottom contacts of a battery without the improvements.



Battery After Improvements

The image below shows the bottom contacts of a battery with the improvements.



Compliance Issues

None

CSO Instruction

Please inform all sales, logistics and technical staff of the introduction of the improved battery.

5. Issuing Authority

Name and Position of Issuing Officer

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