



## **Battery Advisory**

FireHawk<sup>®</sup> M7 Air Mask  
FireHawk<sup>®</sup> M7 Responder Air Mask

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MSA is removing the Energizer<sup>®</sup> C Size Alkaline batteries from its list of acceptable batteries for use in the power module of the FireHawk M7 and FireHawk M7 Responder Air Masks. **Check the batteries in the power module of these air masks and replace any Energizer batteries with acceptable batteries.** Acceptable batteries include the following:

- Rayovac<sup>®</sup> 814 or AL-C (Regular/Max or Ultrapro)
- Duracell<sup>®</sup> MN1400 or Duracell Procell PC1400 alkaline batteries

Although new air masks were shipped with Rayovac batteries, some users may have replaced them with Energizer batteries.

Recent testing indicates that impact to the power module of the air mask, when equipped with Energizer batteries, could result in a sustained loss of power. The potential for power loss is due to the unique shape of the Energizer battery. The Rayovac and Duracell batteries listed above did not exhibit this condition during the testing.

Although a power loss would not affect the air flow or Audi-Larm<sup>™</sup> audible alarm, the PASS and HUD or I-HUD components would not function. As a precaution, MSA recommends that users discontinue using Energizer batteries in the power module of the FireHawk M7 and FireHawk M7 Responder Air Masks.

We regret any inconvenience that this situation may cause. If you have any questions, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-866-672-0005.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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