



STATEMENT – LITHIUM BATTERIES.

Following our recent AGM acceptance of a rule concerning the type of casing and protection of Lithium based batteries. There have been a number of misinformed interpretations of the rule. There has also been allegations made that the executive of the BRCA misled the membership by not publishing the proposal in due time for the AGM. This is a completely without foundation. The proposal was discussed fully and without amendment, passed by the membership. This new rule will come into force on 1st April 2017.

The rule is quite simple to understand:- All Lithium based “DRIVE” batteries, for all Sections must be ‘hard-cased’. The rule also covers Lithium based batteries that are used for powering receivers, servo’s and other devices within the car. These batteries should preferably be ‘hard-cased’, but if a ‘soft-cased’ battery is used that is over 10Wh then it must be protected from accidental damage. This protection may be a box which the battery sits into or other form of shielding that will totally enclose the battery and protect it from accidental damage. Any Lithium battery not having the original manufacturers label giving the energy capacity should not be allowed. It’s that simple.

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