



PETZL MYO product information

Product safety alert: MYO headlamps and AA/LR06 rechargeable batteries

Please take a few minutes to read this information, as we will need your assistance.

Intensive use of the MYO series headlamps has revealed a potential quality issue:

If a short circuit occurs in the cable that connects the battery pack to the headlamp when the headlamp is used with rechargeable batteries, the cable may spark, melt or catch fire. This may pose a burn hazard to the user.

The number of reported incidents is 0.004% of the units sold, however, PETZL has determined that this level of incidence warrants the issuing of an alert so that end users can be made aware of the potential issue and avoid the use of AA/LR06 rechargeable batteries in MYO headlamps manufactured before June 2008.

This is a product safety alert and not a recall.

The alert concerns all MYO models produced from February 2003 to June 2008. MYO headlamps manufactured after June 2008 are not affected.

We have enclosed several documents for your information: FAQ, Battery Compatibility Chart and After Sales Guidelines, to assist you with dealing with any end user queries. You are, as always, welcome to ring us and discuss this issue if you have any questions that are not covered in the enclosed information.

We ask you to accept PETZL's sincere apologies and thank you for your support.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Foord', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg FOORD
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MYO headlamps and AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries



General information

Due to advances in the performance characteristics of AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries (especially their higher output during discharge), they can in certain cases of intensive use, cause quality and safety problems with MYO-series headlamps. When the headlamp is used with AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries, if a short-circuit appears in the cable connecting the battery case to the lamp, the cable can spark, melt, or catch fire. This poses a burn hazard to the user.

The number of reported incidents is very low and is an insignificant percentage (0.004%) of total MYO headlamps sold. Nevertheless, this rate of incidence does not meet our standards of reliability and safety. As a result, Petzl has decided to alert end-users and to take the necessary corrective actions.

Attention:

- This information applies to all Petzl MYO-series headlamps manufactured before the end of June 2008. For these headlamps, only alkaline batteries should be used. Rechargeable AA/LR6 batteries must not be used. (photos, MYOLITE, MYO)
- Since July 2008, modifications are underway for our currently available MYO headlamps to make them compatible with AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries.

1 - MYO XP, MYO XP BELT, MYOLITE 3 product improvement actions

Since July 2008, modifications are underway (addition of an electronic protection) for the MYO XP, MYO XP BELT, and MYOLITE 3 headlamps to make them compatible with AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries.

- All MYO XP and MYO XP BELT headlamps shipped from Crolles since July 2008 are compatible with AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries.
- Starting in October 2008, all MYOLITE 3 headlamps shipped from Crolles will be compatible with rechargeable batteries.



- This information is engraved on the inside of the battery case and will appear on a label on the packaging stating: AA/LR6 RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES COMPATIBLE

2 - End-user communication

- Information will soon be available on www.petzl.com. The objective is:
 - to inform
 - to help end-users identify if their headlamp or a headlamp at a store is compatible with AA/LR6 rechargeable batteries
 - answer frequently asked questions (see next page).
- Attached: a pdf version of the end-users communication web page.

| | Type of battery | Alkaline | Lithium | Rechargeable |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| SIGNAL E05 P | CR2032 | NO | YES | NO |
| E+LITE E02 P | CR2032 | NO | YES | NO |
| TIKKINA E41 PM | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TIKKA E43 PT – E43 PS – E43 PM | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| ZIPKA E44 PT – E44 PM | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TIKKA PLUS E47 PT – E47 PS – E47 PM | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| ZIPKA PLUS E48 PT – E48 PM | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TIKKA XP E86 PR | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TACTIKKA E46 P2 – E46 PC2 | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TACTIKKA PLUS E49 P – E49 PC | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TACTIKKA PLUS ADAPT E49 PA | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TACTIKKA XP E89 PC – E89 PD | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| TACTIKKA XP ADAPT E89 P | LR03 | YES | NO | YES |
| MYO E26 P | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYO E26 PN | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYOLITE E31 P | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYOLITE 3 E32 P | LR6 | YES | NO | NO / YES* |
| MYO 3 E27 P | LR6 | YES | NO | NO |
| MYO 3 noir E27 PN | LR6 | YES | NO | NO |
| MYO 5 E28 P | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYO 5 noir E28 PN | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYOBELT 3 E29 P | LR6 | YES | NO | NO |
| MYOBELT 3 E29 PN | LR6 | YES | NO | NO |
| MYOBELT 5 E30 P | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYOBELT SB 5 E33 P | LR6 | YES | YES | NO |
| MYO XP E83 P2 | LR6 | YES | NO | NO / YES* |
| MYO XP BELT E84 P2 | LR6 | YES | NO | NO / YES* |
| DUO LED 5 E69 P | LR6 or PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | YES | NO | YES |
| DUO LED 14 E72 P | LR6 or PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | YES | YES | YES |
| DUO LED 14 ACCU E72 AC | PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | ----- | ----- | YES |
| DUOBELT LED 5 E73 P | LR14 | YES | NO | YES |
| DUOBELT LED 14 E76 P | LR14 | YES | YES | YES |
| SPELIOS E75 | LR6 or PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | YES | YES | YES |
| FIXO DUO LED 14 E63 L14 | LR6 or PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | YES | YES | YES |
| EXPLORER LED 14 E70 L14 | LR6 or PETZL ACCU (E65100 2) | YES | YES | YES |
| ULTRA E52 AC | PETZL ACCU (E55450) | ----- | ----- | YES |
| ULTRA BELT E53 AC | PETZL ACCU (E55450) | ----- | ----- | YES |

* Compatible when the information is engraved on the battery case.

Gray line = discontinued product