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The alkaline battery gets its name from the fact that it uses an alkaline electrolyte of potassium hydroxide (KOH) rather than the acidic ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl) or zinc chloride (ZnCl_2) electrolyte used in zinc-carbon batteries. Other battery systems use alkaline electrolytes as well, but the active materials for the electrodes are different.

Alkaline batteries have a higher energy density and a longer shelf life than zinc-carbon batteries of the Leclanché cell or zinc chloride types while providing the same voltage.

A cell of an alkaline battery is a section of the battery. In a chemical power supply, a dry battery is the primary battery. It's a disposable battery of some sort. It converts chemical energy into electrical energy by using manganese dioxide as the positive electrode and zinc cylinder as the negative electrode to power an external circuit. Because zinc is more active than manganese in the chemical reaction, zinc loses electrons and is oxidised, whereas manganese gains electrons and is reduced.

Sometimes alkaline batteries occasionally leak or explode. This happens due to an internal short circuit. On removing the sealing ring, the electric fluid inside will flow out.

Since the air volume in alkaline batteries is very small, one should not be concerned about explosions; at most, the bottom of the negative electrode rushes out, usually within 20 cm, causing no serious injury to personnel.

Alkaline batteries are disposable batteries with electrodes made of zinc and manganese dioxide. Potassium or sodium hydroxide is the alkaline electrolyte used. These batteries have a constant voltage and are more energy dense and leak resistant than carbon zinc batteries.

Primary batteries are alkaline batteries. The alkaline battery gets its name from its alkaline electrolyte of potassium hydroxide, as opposed to the zinc-carbon batteries' acidic ammonium chloride or zinc chloride electrolyte.

It is dangerous to recharge alkaline batteries. If cycling is not maintained, too much heat can accumulate. This could result in an alkaline battery exploding, which is a bad scenario in any case.

Due to the materials used, alkaline batteries last longer. The most noticeable distinction between alkaline and non-alkaline batteries is the amount of power they provide. Carbon batteries do not have the same lifespan as alkaline batteries.

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