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RE: Hazards of Knockoff and Counterfeit Batteries

Metabo HPT rechargeable power tool lithium ion batteries are high-energy devices that are designed to respond to heavy power demand and are manufactured to strict standards to ensure safety and reliability. Our tools, batteries, and chargers are manufactured, tested, and UL approved to deliver a safe, reliable and tested system to the market.

We are seeing knockoffs of Metabo HPT Li-Ion batteries being promoted online and at some other retailers. These knockoffs are just that -- “Knockoffs” of an original product. They may look similar, but they are not the same. Knockoffs cannot be trusted to be safe against the risks of overheating, overload damage to the tool and other hazardous conditions or to perform to the rigorous standards of our products.

Metabo HPT batteries, chargers and tools are tested as a system with UL to ensure safety. These knockoffs have not been tested and approved by UL as part of the Metabo HPT cordless system. UL and other nationally recognized testing labs (NRTLs) evaluate all aspects of the tool and battery to ensure the products are safe. These standards are recognized by OSHA. This listing is mandatory for power tools used in work environments governed by OSHA (29 CFR §1910.303(b), (b)(1), (b)(1)(i)) (knockoff batteries cannot be listed as part of a system).

The warranty on any Metabo HPT product does not cover damages caused by a non-Metabo battery, including personal injury or property damage.

Metabo HPT’s warranty will also not cover or be held liable for any issues resulting from the other potentially hazardous development of so called “adaptors”. These adaptors claim to allow the use of batteries from one manufacturer with another manufacturer’s tools. These adaptors are not tested and approved to ensure they are safe for use.

We recommend that our customers always promote OSHA compliance and a safe workplace for your customers. You should always provide clear warning about

hazardous batteries that are not recommended by the original equipment manufacturer and do not expose yourself or your customers to the risk that comes from selling these “Knockoffs” or “Adapters” of Metabo HPT products.

For more information, PTI (Power Tool Institute) has an excellent article on this topic, which covers knockoffs, counterfeits and remanufactured batteries:

<https://powertoolinstitute.com/pti-pages/it-original-power-tool-batteries.asp>.

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