

WINTER MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR ELECTRIC GOLF CARS

Cold temperatures can be harmful to electric golf car batteries. Performing the following simple maintenance procedures will help to avoid expensive repairs and interruption.

1) **KEEP YOUR CAR CHARGED MONTHLY.**

Charging the vehicle monthly will lower the chance of frozen or dead batteries. Charge your car monthly whether you are using it or not. You must unplug the charger from your car and replug it in order to reactivate the charger. Damaged batteries must be replaced while dead batteries can often times be jumped. The batteries must give off 20v or more to kick the charger on.

2) **MAINTAIN WATER LEVEL IN YOUR BATTERIES.**

Fill each battery chamber with distilled water (about \$1.00/gallon at the grocery store). Each battery has three chambers and each must be filled. Leave about ½" to 1" gap of air at the top of the chamber to allow the battery to "breathe". Not filling the batteries with water will cause the batteries to go dry and destroy them.

3) **CLEAN YOUR BATTERY CONNECTIONS.**

With the caps securely in place, take a garden hose directly to the top of the batteries to clean any corrosion (light blue and chalky) or dirt off of the battery cables. A quick brush with a stiff brush will knock off any stubborn debris. Overfilling the batteries with water can result in battery acid leaking from the top and corroding the connections.

4) **WATCH FOR FROZEN BATTERIES.**

A puddle of water under your golf car indicates that a battery casing has broken due to freezing. Call immediately if this occurs.

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