

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS
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January 20, 2022

Ms. Amanda Cotton
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Land & Air Compliance Section
Industrial Division
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

RE: Rechargeable Battery Recycling Report for 2019-2020
Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Calabasas, California

Dear Ms. Cotton:

Please consider this letter our 2021 Rechargeable Battery Report for Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. ("Harbor Freight") which covers the years of 2019-2020. This report includes the information we are required to report in accordance with Minnesota regulations and the Harbor Freight Tools plan.

1. Harbor Freight sold the total weight of rechargeable batteries at Minnesota store locations and through our e-commerce process to Minnesota addresses:
 - a. 2019 – 26,512 lbs.
 - b. 2020 – 25,041 lbs.
2. Harbor Freight sent out from Minnesota stores for recycling through our vendor, US Ecology, the following weight of batteries:
 - a. 2019 – 700 lbs.
 - b. 2020 – 426 lbs.
3. This results in the following capture rates:
 - a. 2019 – 2.6%
 - b. 2020 – 1.7%

Please note: This capture rate does not comprehend the batteries that we harvest at our asset recovery facility when damaged products are evaluated for resale potential. In addition, most rechargeable batteries last many years and are not returned for recycling on an annual basis.

Chemistry	2019			2020		
	Sales Weight (Pounds)	Recycling Weight (Pounds)	% Recycled	Sales Weight (Pounds)	Recycling Weight (Pounds)	% Recycled
Li-ion	11,247	119	1.1	15,941	202	1.3
Pb	13,835	431	3.1	7,367	222	3.0
NiCd	839	127	15.1	926	2	0.2
NiMH	591	23	3.9	807	0	0

Harbor Freight Tools continues to promote the return of defective and used rechargeable batteries at the Harbor Freight store locations. We provide notice to consumers of our recycling programs and a reminder that it is illegal to put rechargeable batteries in the garbage as provided by Minn. Stat. § 115A.9157, subd. 2. Harbor Freight Tools has also updated its website with recycling directions.

Sincerely,

Peter Doran

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Environmental Compliance Manager