

January 10, 2023

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 2021-2022
Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Calabasas, California

Dear Ms. Cotton:

Please consider this letter our 2023 Rechargeable Battery Report for Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. (“Harbor Freight”) which covers the years of 2021-2022. 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. 2021 – 47,444 lbs.
 - b. 2022 – 85,474 lbs.
2. Harbor Freight collected from Minnesota stores the following weight of rechargeable batteries:
 - a. 2021 – 6,014 lbs.
 - b. 2022 – 11,258 lbs.
3. This results in the following capture rates:
 - a. 2021 – 12.7%
 - b. 2022 – 13.2%

Chemistry	2021			2022		
	Sales Weight (Pounds)	Recycling Weight (Pounds)	% Recycled	Sales Weight (Pounds)	Recycling Weight (Pounds)	% Recycled
Li-ion	24338.2	2414.7	10%	32371.1	2903.7	9%
Pb	21466.4	3515.8	16%	51813.2	8294.6	16%
NiCd	798.8	26.6	3%	520.7	23.9	5%
NiMH	839.1	56.9	7%	758.4	35.4	5%

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