Battery Guidelines

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General Tips

Following are a few simple rules to avoid driving your batteries beyond their normal exhaust point, and worse yet, possible leaking.

- Replace all batteries at the same time
- Do not mix new batteries and used ones.
- Do not mix rechargeable and non-chargeable batteries
- Do not mix alkaline, nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH), or nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd) types of batteries.
- Do not mix different grades or brands of batteries
- Do not attempt to rejuvenate a battery that is not marked "rechargeable".
- In cold weather, keep your camera inside your jacket.
- Turn off your camera when not in use
- Limit use of your LCD, which quickly drains batteries
- Occasionally clean the battery compartment components with a clean pencil eraser.

More tips on battery storage

- Store batteries in a cool, dry place out of reach of children
- If you won't be using your camera for an extended time, remove the batteries
- Avoid high temperatures storage (store at room temp or in the refrigerator).
- Protect batteries from condensation by storing them in a zipped plastic bag
- Allow batteries to reach room temperature before inserting them into your camera (cold temperatures impair performance).
- If shooting in cold weather store extra batteries in your pants pocket close to your skin (keep them warm).