

Rebuilt Battery Packs “Better Than New”

If you have a power tool battery pack that's gone bad, you don't have to replace it. You can rebuild it instead, and it should be more powerful than ever.

“We rebuild more than 1,000 battery packs a month,” says Peter Peterson, Voltman Batteries. “We rebuild any brand. You will receive your original case back with brand new batteries on the inside.”

Peterson says the batteries are rebuilt better than the original. All connections between batteries are spot welded instead of soldering, which can create heat and damage cells.

“We've invested more than \$10,000 in each of our welding systems,” he adds. “Each strap receives several spot welds to ensure the best connection.”

Rebuilt 2100 mAh NICAD batteries receive a 90-day warranty. The larger 3300 mAh NIMH rebuild offers 60 percent more run time than the original and carries a 180-day warranty. Peterson claims the rebuild will outlast lithium batteries.

All old batteries are recycled. The company claims to recycle more than a million pounds of batteries each year.

Cost of rebuilding varies by power. Prices



range from \$25 to \$140. Any Nicad battery 9 to 18 volts is \$45. Voltman Batteries will rebuild and return the pack within 2 to 4 weeks. Same-day-turn-around service for a \$20 premium is also available.

“Just prepay by phone or online, or enclose a check with the battery,” says Peterson. “We will replace every cell with new high drain cells, and when you get it back, it will be better than new.”

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Mower Graveyard

If you think your riding lawn mower or garden tractor can't be saved, call up the Mower Graveyard. That's what Bill Rust calls his collection of hundreds of old garden tractors and riding mowers waiting to be broken down for parts.

Rust says his “graveyard” includes at least 20 different brands. He notes that parts sales and repairs are up due to the poor economy while antique collectors are less active.

“People are mainly trying to keep their old mowers going,” he says. “We send parts all over the U.S. and send quite a few parts to Australia and some to England and Canada.”

Rust also carries after-market parts, as well as quite a few Briggs and Stratton parts bought from different dealers. In addition, he maintains an inventory of engines from Kohler, Briggs and Stratton, Wisconsin and Tecumseh for repowering mowers and tractors. He also buys old mowers.

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Simple Tool Solves Hydraulic Pressure Problems

A simple tool invented by George Waite makes releasing pressurized hydraulic couplers as easy as turning on a water faucet.

Waite's Hydraulic Pressure Relief Tool works like pliers to grip the valve end. Turn a simple tap on one side of the pliers, and it slowly presses on the male fitting, gradually releasing pressure as needed. The controlled release keeps fluid from shooting all over you and the equipment and prevents damage to the coupler.

“You can release pressure and fluid into a Dixie cup with this tool,” says Waite. “You don't have to try to unscrew the hose or force the coupler.”

A universal reaction from people who see the tool for the first time is, “Why didn't I think of that?” says Waite. The next question is, “Where can I get one?”

Satisfied customers:

“I've been looking for something like this

for 40 years.” Roger.

“The Pressure Relief Tool fits fine on my S185 Bobcat. Thanks for the fast service.” Leny.

“This tool is an excellent remedy for a messy and dangerous problem.” Tom.

“I received my Pressure Relief tool quickly and put it to work right away. Works great.” Keith.

The tool is powder-coated and priced at only \$29.95 for 1/2-in. couplings and \$34.95 for 3/4-in. or 1/2-in. flat-face skid steer size couplings. Call for information on other sizes. Waite points out that the tool costs less than replacing three damaged male fittings.

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Tool works like pliers to grip the valve end. Turn a simple tap on one side of the pliers and it releases pressure as needed. “It works so smoothly you can release fluid into a Dixie cup,” says George Waite.