



# COLD STORAGE?

Dear Half-Mast,

I've been in the communications/electronics battery storage business for a decade and I think I know how to store batteries. Now, I have a new BMO and he says that I don't need to refrigerate any batteries. He says its been proven not to do any good. He suggested I ask you. Should I get rid of the old fridge?

So, what do you say? Is cold-storage for batteries still the right thing to do?

SGT G.M.B.

Dear Sergeant G.M.B.,

You're right on track when you think that high heat is bad for batteries. While in storage, batteries degrade. They do it faster and to a greater degree when the temperature is above 80°F.

You should keep batteries cool, out of direct sunlight and don't store them in unventilated shelters or connex containers.

But, and it's a big but that concerns your question, the current scientific thinking is that no batteries need to be refrigerated. Regular storage on a shelf with temperatures below 80°F, should keep the batteries in good shape.

Does it hurt the batteries to put them in the frig? Probably not.

But if you don't, will it increase the rate of degradation? Nah.

*Half-Mast*