Lithium Ion Battery Frame and Cage

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Products Used: R530H NT, R530H BK0201, R530HR BK652, R433H, R435H

Application Description
Lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries are made of many individual battery cells grouped together in modules. The modules are enclosed in a structure to provide support, stiffness, electrical insulation and chemical resistance to the entire module structure. These can be comprised of metallic or polymeric materials. Polymeric structures are preferred because of their light weight. Some mounts, depending on design, are attached to the battery cage via adhesives or bolted on.

Given its exceptional temperature resistance, battery frames made with Vydyne® glass-filled PA66 provide support to the Li-ion cells over a wide range of temperatures (-30°C to 85°C). PA66 strength, stiffness and dimensional stability at elevated temperatures are critical to performance. Furthermore, its electrical insulating and chemical resistance properties help ensure batteries continue to operate safely over their lifespan.

Benefits
• Stiffness and strength
• Electrical insulation
• Dimensional stability
• Chemical resistance

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The Vydyne Difference

Impact modified, glass-filled Vydyne R433H protects Li-ion batteries with superior energy absorption. These PA66 grades keep batteries safer in the event of a crash and provide another level of protection for battery cages. They perform well across a range of temperatures, including sub-zero, making them a material of choice for Li-ion batteries.

Ascend's Vydyne R530H and R530HR family of glass-filled products possess a combination of high strength, stiffness and heat deflection temperature (HDT) to support the battery cells at elevated temperature and protect them during vehicle crashes. The inherent electrical insulating properties of PA66 make it the perfect fit for electric vehicle (EV) battery module frames and cages. All grades exhibit high flow that helps reduce warpage during molding and frequently provide faster cycle times versus the competition. Outstanding PA66 chemical resistance is characteristic of these grades.

Product Properties

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*Dry as molded (DAM)

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