



# Travelling by air with Elinchrom batteries



As of 2025, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) have been updated with specific provisions for passengers and crew carrying lithium batteries. Below is a summary of the current regulations:

### **Traveling by Air with Lithium Batteries**

All current Elinchrom batteries are rated less than 100 Wh, therefore the following rules apply:

#### **Battery Configuration:**

In Equipment (e.g., ELB 500 or FIVE with battery connected, ONE, THREE, and LED 100 C)

Approval of the Operator	NO
Permitted in Checked Baggage	YES
Permitted in Carry-On Baggage	YES
Pilot-in-Command Notification Required	NO

#### **Important Considerations:**

- If the device is placed in checked baggage, it must be completely turned off (not in sleep mode) and set into locked mode in order to be protected against accidental activation.

- The device should be packed securely to prevent damage.
- Some airlines have stricter policies than IATA and prohibit any lithium-ion batteries in checked baggage. Always check with your airline.

**Battery Configuration:  
In Spares (e.g., spare ELB 500 or FIVE battery)**

Batteries, spare/loose, including lithium metal or Lithium-ion cells or batteries, for portable electronic devices must be carried in carry-on baggage only. Articles which have the primary purpose as a power source, e.g. power bank are considered as spare batteries. These batteries must be individually protected and switched off to prevent short circuits.

Approval of the Operator	NO
Permitted in Checked Baggage	NO
Permitted in Carry-On Baggage	YES
Pilot-in-Command Notification Required	NO

**Important Considerations:**

- Spare batteries must not be placed in checked baggage under any circumstances.
- Each battery must be individually protected to prevent short circuits (e.g., by placing them in their original packaging, a battery case, or insulating terminals with tape).

For further details, refer to the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) 2025 or consult your airline before traveling.

**Additional Recommendations:**

For 2025, it is recommended that lithium-ion batteries contained in equipment be offered for transport at a state of charge not exceeding 30% of their rated capacity. This recommendation aims to enhance safety during air transport and is expected to become mandatory starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.



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