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1. INTRODUCTION

The SIRAS™ mobile drone is a professional aircraft, intended to be operated by USA FAA Part 107 certified pilots or pilots holding equivalent certifications. By operating the SIRAS drone, you agree to abide by and be bound by the requirements and limitations set forth in the SIRAS Standard Bundle User Manual. Please carefully note the contents of this manual and the safety warnings in the *SIRAS User Manual*.

This manual focuses on the proper care and safe handling of the SIRAS batteries. Proper care prolongs the life of the batteries and enhances flight safety. Inappropriate use, charging, or battery storage may cause a fire, property loss, or injury to oneself and/or others.

The SIRAS aircraft uses two batteries that are specifically designed with side gaskets and locking tabs to fit into the upper and lower battery compartments of the aircraft. The batteries are identical except for these surface features, which ensure their proper orientation.



FIGURE 1.A BATTERY



2. INDICATOR LIGHTS AND CONTROL BUTTON

A. Battery Indicator Lights

The top of the battery, illustrated in Figure 2.A, has a button and four LEDs.

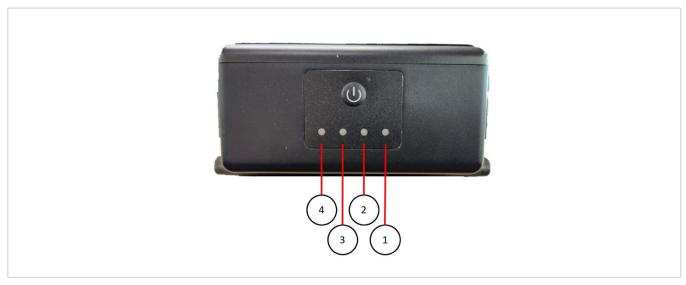


FIGURE 2.A BUTTON AND LEDS ON THE TOP OF THE BATTERY

B. Battery Button

B1. Check/Standby:

One short press of the Battery button will activate the battery from the Power-Off state and put it into Standby Mode. The LED display will then show the current battery charge level, as described in <u>Table 2-A</u>. The display turns off after five seconds and re-enters the Power-Off state after another five seconds.

B2. Power-On:

To power on the battery, start in the Power-Off state, and give the Battery button a short press (to enter the Check state). While the lights are still on, press and hold the Battery button for at least two seconds. The power indicator lights will be lit in order from LED1 to LED4, completing the Power-On action, after which the LED display will show the current power level.



B3. Power-Off/Sleep:

When the battery is in the Power-On state, give the Battery button a short press. This will light the four LEDs. Then, press and hold the Battery button for more than two seconds. The power indicator lights will turn off, in order from LED4 to LED1. The battery will now be in the Power-Off state. (The battery also enters the Power-Off state after ten minutes of inactivity.)

B4. Health indicator:

In the Power-Off state, press the Battery button and hold for approximately eight seconds. The LEDs will indicate remaining battery life, as described in <u>Table 2-C</u>. After five seconds, the battery will enter the Power-Off state.

C. Interpreting the Battery Indicator Lights

C1. Standby or Discharge Mode

In Standby Mode and when the batteries are installed in the aircraft with the power on, the four LEDs indicate one of eight battery levels, as shown in <u>Table 2-A</u>.

TABLE 2-A LEDS IN STANDBY OR DISCHARGE MODE

CAPACITY	LED4	LED3	LED2	LED1
0%~12%	0	0	0	*
13%~24%	0	0	0	•
25%~37%	0	0	*	•
38%~49%	0	0	•	•
50%~62%	0	*	•	•
63%~74%	0	•	•	•
75%~87%	*	•	•	•
88%~100%	•	•	•	•
* FLASH ○ OFF • ON				



C2. Charging Mode

When the battery is in charging mode, the four LEDs indicate one of the five battery levels shown in <u>Table 2-B</u>. (Charging is described in Chapter <u>0</u>).

TABLE 2-B BATTERY LEDS DURING CHARGING

CAPACITY	LED4	LED3	LED2	LED1
0%~24%	0	0	0	*
25%~49%	0	0	*	*
50%~74%	0	*	*	*
75%~99%	*	*	*	*
100%	•	•	•	•
* FLASH ○ OFF • ON				

The charger has a different indicator lighting pattern—see <u>Table 3-A</u> and <u>Table 3-B</u>.

The battery level indicator lights will turn off after being fully charged (100%) for 10 minutes.



C3. Remaining Battery Life

As described in 2.B above, pressing the Battery button in the Power-Off state and holding it for approximately eight seconds causes the battery to enter the Health Indicator state, in which the LEDs indicate remaining useful battery life, as shown in Table 2-C.

TABLE 2-C. LEDS INDICATING REMAINING USEFUL LIFE

REMAINING USEFUL LIFE	LED4	LED3	LED2	LED1		
88%~100%	•	•	•	•		
75%~87%	*	•	•	•		
63%~74%	0	•	•	•		
50%~62%	0	*	•	•		
38%~49%	0	0	•	•		
25%~37%	0	0	*	•		
13%~24%	0	0	0	•		
Below 12%	0	0	0	*		
* FLASH	* FLASH ○ OFF • ON					



3. CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS

A. Using the Battery Charger

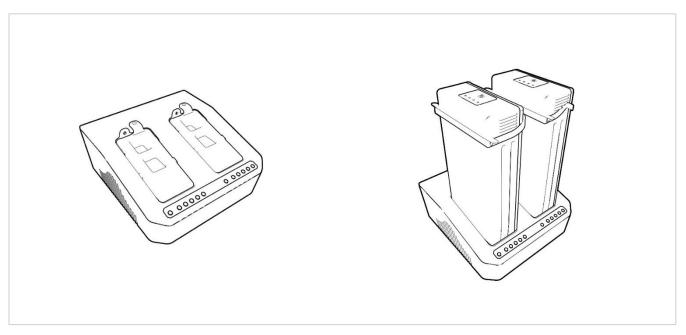


FIGURE 3.A BATTERY CHARGER

- ⚠ Charge the batteries in a flat, open area.
- (i) Immediately after a flight, the batteries will be warm. Allow them to cool to ambient temperature before charging. Charging the batteries while still warm will significantly reduce battery life.
- The battery charger will only operate in the temperature range 6~50°C (42~122°F) (see <u>Table 3-C</u>).
- Use only the charger provided. Failure to do so could allow charging to exceed the maximum rated voltage. This could impair the battery's charge/discharge performance, mechanical performance, and safety, as well as cause overheating or leakage.
- (i) Charge batteries in pairs. The two batteries should have charge levels within 5% of each other. Charge level differences greater than 5% can cause both batteries to wear more quickly and could diminish aircraft performance.



Charge batteries according to the following steps:

- 1. Connect the aircraft battery charger to a power source.
- 2. Turn off the Power switch on the back of the charger.
- 3. Inspect the contact pins in the charger to ensure that they are straight (see Figure 3.B).



FIGURE 3.B CHARGER PINS

- 4. While the power is off, gently insert up to two aircraft batteries into the charger, making sure they are oriented correctly.
 - The batteries only fit into the charger in one orientation. Do not force the batteries into the charger, as doing so will damage the charger pins. If the batteries do not slide into the charger, make sure you are inserting them in the proper orientation and that the pins are straight.
- 5. Flip the Power switch on the back of the charger to ON. The power-level indicator LEDs on the charger will begin to flash.
- 6. Check the charger lights as shown in Table 3-A and Table 3-B. Stop charging if the lights indicate an error.
- 7. Charge batteries to full capacity as indicated by all power level indicator LEDs on the charger being illuminated. When fully charged, the charger will also emit a completion sound.
- 8. Turn the charger off and unplug it from the power source.
- 9. Remove the batteries and store them in their storage unit or install and use them in the aircraft.
- 10. Do not store batteries in the aircraft—doing so will slowly drain them.



B. Battery Charger Display Lights

TABLE 3-A. AIRCRAFT BATTERY CHARGER POWER-LEVEL INDICATOR LEDS

CAPACITY	LED (100%)	LED (80%)	LED (60%)	LED (40%)	LED (20%)
<20%	0	0	0	0	*
>20%	0	0	0	*	•
>40%	0	0	*	•	•
>60%	0	*	•	•	•
>80%	*	•			•
100%	•	•	•	•	•
OFF *FLASH	• ON				

<u>Table 3-B</u> provides diagnostic information for when batteries are not charging as expected. Often, these errors can be cleared by turning off the charger, removing the batteries, re-inserting them, and turning the charger back on. If errors persist, notify your customer service representative.

TABLE 3-B. CHARGER ERROR MESSAGES

LED (ERROR)	LED (100%)	LED (80%)	LED (60%)	LED (40%)	LED (20%)	DESCRIPTION OF THE INDICATOR LIGHTS
*	0	0	0	0	•	Output overvoltage*
*	0	0	0	•	0	Output overcurrent*
*	0	0	•	0	0	Charger temperature is too high+
*	0	•	0	0	0	Unmatched voltage of the balancing port and main port*
*	•	0	0	0	0	Low voltage of AC power output*



LED (ERROR)	LED (100%)	LED (80%)	LED (60%)	LED (40%)	LED (20%)	DESCRIPTION OF THE INDICATOR LIGHTS
*	0	0	•	0	•	Battery voltage is too low*
*	0	•	0	0	•	Battery voltage is too high*
*	•	0	0	0	•	Battery temperature is too low, <5°C (41°F) **
*	0	0	•	•	0	Battery temperature is too high, >50°C (122°F) +

[○] OFF * FLASH • ON

C. Charger Performance as a Function of Temperature

<u>Table 3-C</u> details charger performance as a function of ambient temperature. Batteries should be kept between 16°C and 45°C (61°F – 113°F) for optimum charging performance.

TABLE 3-C. CHARGING PERFORMANCE AS A FUNCTION OF BATTERY TEMPERATURE

BATTERY TEMPERATURE	CHARGING PERFORMANCE
<5°C (41°F)	No Charge - Error LED will illuminate
6°C~15°C (42°F~59°F)	1.2A Slow Charge
16°C~45°C (61°F~113°F)	Normal 6A Charge
46°C~50°C (115°F~122°F)	1.2A Slow Charge
> 50°C (122°F)	No Charge - Error LED will illuminate

^{*} Contact FLIR Service

⁺ Allow cooling before charging batteries

^{**} Warm batteries to at least 5°C (41°F) before charging



4. BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BMS)

The battery has a built-in Battery Management System (BMS) that automatically performs the operations described here.

A. Sleep

After the battery has been in Power-On mode for 10 minutes, the BMS will set the battery to Power-Off mode to reduce power consumption. As described in <u>2.B</u>, Power-On mode can be reactivated by pressing the Battery button briefly.

B. Smart Storage

If the battery is not going to be used for more than 10 days, it is best to discharge it to approximately 40%-60% before storing it. This will prolong the battery's useful life even though the battery automatically performs its own charge level management.

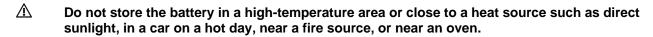
If the battery is stored with a high charge level, the Smart Storage function will automatically activate. A stationary battery wakes up from Sleep Mode once every two days to monitor its charge level. If the power level is below 50%, the battery will automatically enter Deep Sleep mode. If the power level is above 50%, the battery will return to Sleep mode. If on the 10th day of the battery being stationary, the power level is still above 50%, the battery will automatically discharge to 50% and then enter Deep Sleep mode. During the discharge process, the battery temperature may rise: this is normal.



5. STORAGE

A. Storage

The ideal battery storage temperature is 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F).



- ⚠ Store the battery in a dry environment. Do not store the battery in water or where water may enter.
- **⚠** Store the battery in an appropriate battery storage box.
- Check the battery monthly and recharge it fully if its charge level is 25% or less. A battery with less than 5% charge may sustain damage and lose its ability to be recharged.



6. HANDLING, DISPOSAL, AND WARNINGS

A. Handling and Disposal



- Avoid touching a leaking or deformed battery. The liquid inside the battery is corrosive. If the liquid comes into contact with skin or eyes, rinse the affected area in water for at least 15 minutes and seek proper medical treatment.
- **⚠** Fully discharge a battery before disposal.
- Dispose of a used battery at a hazardous waste facility. Do not discard with ordinary trash or with recycling materials.
- ⚠ Do not dispose of a battery by burning it.

B. Transportation

- ⚠ Do not transport damaged batteries. Instead, contact a company that handles hazardous materials professionally.
- (i) Before a battery is transported via public transportation of any kind, discharge the battery to 30%, or to the level required by local regulations.
- ⚠ Do not transport a battery in close proximity to metal objects.
- When traveling by air, do not place batteries in checked baggage. Transporting in carry-on baggage is allowed (at the appropriate charge level).
- ⚠ Do not ship batteries by air.



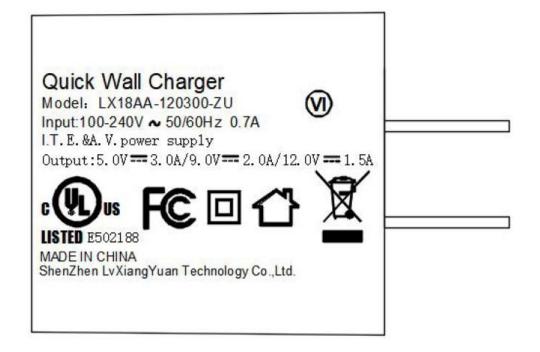
C. Warnings

- 1. Do not open or damage the battery's external case, as this may cause a short circuit or fire.
- 2. Do not get the battery wet or let the battery touch any form of liquid. Do not use the battery in the rain or in a humid environment. Doing so can cause spontaneous combustion, or possibly an explosion.
- 3. Do not use a swollen, leaking, or damaged battery—it could catch fire or explode.
- 4. If the battery drops from the airframe or is hit by an external force, do not use the battery again.
- If the airframe falls into the water, retrieve the airframe and remove the battery. Leave the battery in an open area until it is completely dry. Keep your distance from the battery, and after the battery has dried, never use it again.
- 6. Do not connect the battery directly to the socket on the wall or the socket in the car for charging.
- 7. Do not dispose of the battery in a fire or store it at a temperature higher than 45°C (113°F).
- 8. Do not use the battery when it smells foul or when it is hot, deformed, or discolored. If the battery is in use or is charging and is in any of these conditions, take it out of the airframe or charger. Allow it to cool, if necessary. Avoid touching a leaking battery.
- 9. Never use a wire or any other metal object to short circuit the positive and negative electrodes.
- 10. Do not store the battery near a microwave oven or pressure cooker.
- 11. Never place the battery on a conductive surface.
- 12. Do not hit the battery or put it under a heavy object.
- 13. Do not expose the battery to strong static electricity (e.g., lightning) or to a high magnetic field. This type of exposure could disable the built-in safety features of the battery and damage both the battery and the airframe.
- 14. The operating temperature of the airframe battery is −10°C to 40°C (14°F to 104°F). If the ambient temperature is above 60°C (140°F), the battery might catch fire. If the ambient temperature is below −10°C, battery life will be significantly shortened.
- 15. In ordinary use, do not allow batteries to drain below a 5% charge, as this may permanently damage the batteries' ability to recharge. Exception: final disposal (see 6.A).
- 16. Remove and charge the batteries promptly after a flight. Batteries left in a powered-off aircraft will eventually drain down to 0% and will sustain damage.
- 17. Keep the batteries away from children. If children swallow parts of the battery, seek medical assistance immediately.



7. WARNING LABELS





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