Battery Racks and Cabinets



Assembly Instructions Battery Racks

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1.0 Introduction

These instructions detail the proper assembly of Alpha battery racks.



Use a crew of at least two persons trained in handling, installing, operating, and maintaining batteries and battery systems to assemble the battery racks. Rack components must be assembled and secured on-site in accordance with these assembly instructions and all applicable codes and laws.

During assembly procedure, do not tighten the hardware until the final step. This will prevent hole alignment problems due to tolerance stacking. Once the battery rack is assembled, tighten all the hardware to its specified torque.

1.1 Tools required:

Chalk line 13mm wrench Torque wrench (0-250 in-lbs) 13mm socket Concrete drill with bit for anchor bolts (when applicable) Level Multimeter (grounding verification) Measuring Tape



Inspect contents upon receipt. If items are damaged or missing, immediately contact Alpha Industrial Power and the shipping company. Most shipping companies have only a short claim period.

Do not proceed with the installation of the battery rack if parts are missing or damaged.

1.0 Introduction, continued

1.1 Parts List

Please refer to the bill of material enclosed with each rack. Each battery rack is unique and will contain different parts for each configuration

1.2 Pre-installation



The following items must be addressed prior to assembly and installation.

Installation Considerations	
Anchoring	To provide stability and safety, securely anchor all battery racks to the floor in accordance with applicable codes
Codes	Ensure observance of all applicable codes.
Grounding	Ground the rack in accordance with all applicable codes.
Location	Locate the racks in a clean, cool, dry place where they will not be affected by sources of heat or sunlight. Adequate ventilation must be provided. DO NOT install the rack in an airtight enclosure or room with no ventilation. The floor must be level, and capable or supporting the weight of the battery rack and the batteries, in addition to any other equipment.
Battery Installation Procedure	DO NOT install batteries until the rack has been properly and completely installed. Know the polarities and terminal placement of each battery and coordinate its location prior to installation. Unless otherwise instructed, begin the installation of the batteries at the center of the bottom row and work out to each end. Install the batteries on the lowest shelves first and work upward. If necessary, use only a small amount of water or unscented talcum powder to help reduce friction on the shelving. DO NOT use any lubricating agent to help slide batteries into place.
Seismic/Earthquake Protected Design	Perform in accordance with applicable local, state and national codes.
Maintenance	Make periodic inspections of the entire rack for any signs of acid corrosion. If found, the acid must be neutralized. If left unattended, the corrosion could weaken areas of the rack. Periodically check to see If the rack remains properly grounded and anchored.

2.0 Assembly Procedure

2.1 Determine the type of battery rack you are installing. Every battery rack will be marked with the rack type, depth of the rack and the length of the battery rack.



Battery Rack Type (see section 2.2)



1P ~ 1 Battery Row Depths(B): 250; 350; 450; 550; 650



2P ~ 2 Tier - single row Depths(B): 350; 500; 550; 650



3P ~ 3 Tier – single row Depths(B): 350; 650



4P ~ 4 Tier – single row Depths(B): 500

2.1 Rack Type continued



2G ~ 2 Step Depths(B): 470; 570; 670; 870



Depths(B): 690; 990; 1260



4G ~ 4 Step Depths(B): 1110



2P - 3G ~ 2 Tier - 3 Step Depths(B): 670; 690





2P - 4G ~ 2 Tier - 4 Step Depths(B): 1110



2.3 Utilizing the footing layout diagram assemble the frames.



NOTE: Frames may or may not be equally spaced



2.4.1 Attach the rail to the frame with one angle clip "L" and 2 each M8 Bolts







2.4.3 Attach the diagonal cross rack bracing (All assemblies will not have bracing)

2.4.4 Level Rack by adjusting the insulated foot.



2.4.5 Installation of middle support rail (if required)



One or more mid-support rails may be required. Space evenly between outside rails Install procedure same as outside rails. (2.4.1 & 2.4.2)

2.4.6 At this time, verify or torque all hardware to 75 in-lbs (8Nm)

2.4 Installation is now complete for **Standard** battery racks and the rack is ready for battery installation. Follow the battery layout provided for you installation to install the battery system.



3.0 Seismic Battery Hardware Installation



For Seismic battery rack installation, perform steps 2.4.1 through 2.4.6. On seismic racks the insulated foot is replaced with a floor flange for bolting the battery rack to the floor. After battery installation follow seismic battery installation instructions.

3.1 Identify the individual components of the seismic installation.



3.2 Some racks may need the installation of the seismic flange to the frame (see figure 3.2.A). With the beveled hole facing down install with the flat head bolt to frame leg. Install the M8 anchor bolts into the slots on the floor foot flange (figure 3.2.B). Pre-drill the anchor holes per the footing layout in section 2.3. When anchor bolts supplied by factory – torque the bolts to 221 in-lbs (25Nm) into concrete floor. For all other surfaces please refer to all local and state building codes.



3.3 Install the batteries onto the racks.



When installing the batteries leave a 10mm spacing between cells to accommodate the fixing rods during the seismic hardware installation.

3.4 Layout the battery hold-down angle bars to verify installation position



3.5 Position the hold-down angle bars onto the batteries. Align the fixing rods with the holes and hook the rod under the outside rail.



3.6 Feed the fixing rod through the holes in the hold-down angle bar. Insert washer and install wing nut until hand tight as shown in figure 3.6.A. Fixing rods are installed in opposite directions on every-other battery spacing (see figure 3.6.B & 3.6.C)



3.7 Installation is now complete for **Seismic** battery racks.



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