

# **COLD-WEATHER BATTERY TECHNOLOGY PATENT #PDR-2022-178**

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## ABSTRACT

A system and method for maintaining optimal battery performance in extreme environments, specifically designed for autonomous mobile robots operating at sub-zero temperatures. The invention comprises a multi-layer thermal management system, proprietary electrolyte composition, and adaptive power regulation algorithm that enables consistent battery discharge characteristics at temperatures ranging from -40°C to +25°C.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] Autonomous mobile robots operating in cold storage and industrial environments face significant challenges related to battery performance degradation at low temperatures. Conventional lithium-ion batteries experience substantial capacity reduction and increased internal resistance when operated below 0°C, leading to shortened run times and unreliable performance.

[0002] This invention addresses these limitations through a novel approach to battery thermal management and chemistry optimization specifically designed for cold-environment operation.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention provides a cold-weather battery system comprising:

- A multi-layer thermal isolation chamber with vacuum-sealed barriers
- Proprietary low-temperature electrolyte composition (Formula A-22)
- Integrated heating elements with predictive temperature management
- Adaptive power management system with cold-weather optimization
- Real-time performance monitoring and adjustment algorithms

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

## **1. Thermal Management System**

[0004] The thermal management system consists of:

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1 Three-layer vacuum-sealed chamber with aerogel insulation

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2 Thermally-regulated battery compartment maintaining  $5^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$

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3 Active heating elements drawing <2% of total battery capacity

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4 Temperature sensors with  $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  precision

## **2. Electrolyte Composition**

[0005] The proprietary electrolyte formula comprises:

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1 Modified lithium hexafluorophosphate (LiPF<sub>6</sub>) concentration

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2 Ethylene carbonate/propylene carbonate blend ratio optimization

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3 Proprietary additive package for low-temperature conductivity

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4 Stability enhancement compounds for extended cycle life

### **3. Power Management System**

[0006] The adaptive power management system includes:

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1 Predictive load balancing algorithm

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2 Temperature-compensated charging protocols

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3 Dynamic power allocation based on environmental conditions

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4 Emergency power reserve management

## **CLAIMS**

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A cold-weather battery system comprising:

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Thermal isolation chamber

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Low-temperature electrolyte composition

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Adaptive power management system

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Temperature monitoring and control system

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The system of claim 1, wherein the thermal isolation chamber maintains internal temperature within ±1°C of a target temperature

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The system of claim 1, wherein the electrolyte composition enables >80% capacity retention after 1000 cycles

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

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Operating Temperature Range: -40°C to +25°C

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Nominal Voltage: 48V

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Capacity: 100Ah

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Cycle Life: >2000 cycles at -20°C

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Charging Temperature: -30°C to +25°C

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Self-heating Power Consumption: <2% of capacity

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