

# SANDVIK BATTERIES

## BUILT FOR MINING, ENGINEERED FOR SAFETY



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# 01 DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING

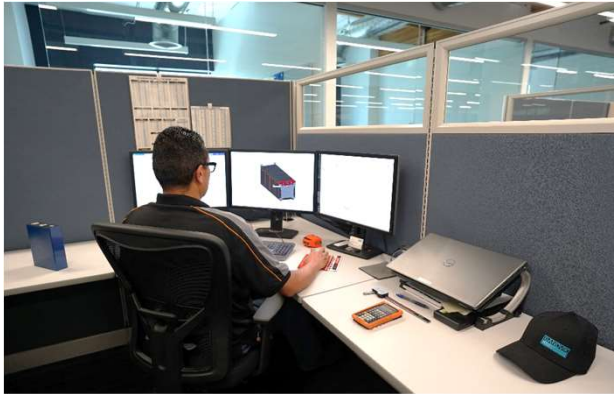
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## BATTERIES DESIGNED FOR MINING PROVEN TO PERFORM



- Only OEM with in-house battery system
- Engineered specifically for UG mining
- Full control over R&D priorities, enabling rapid turnaround on customer requests
- Proven, rugged designs with over half a million operating hours underground
- 10+ years of battery expertise with Artisan®



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## 100 MWh BATTERY FACTORY 100% DEDICATED TO MINING

- Sandvik battery factory located in Camarillo, California
- Over 100 MWh annual capacity
- High-volume flow production enables new battery production as well as rapid response to aftermarket needs
- Safety and quality culture
- Training and customer visit center



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## STRATEGIC CELL SUPPLY FROM GIGAFACTORY



- One of the world's leading EV battery makers
- Three giga-factories
- High level of automation
- Authorized >180 patents
- Strategic partnership with Sandvik for mining application
- Stringent quality and environmental control



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## TESTED AND CERTIFIED CELLS



- ✓ Crush
- ✓ Shock
- ✓ Vibration
- ✓ Overcharge
- ✓ Thermal test
- ✓ Forced discharge
- ✓ Altitude simulation
- ✓ External short circuit

### CERTIFICATIONS

- UL 1642 [Lithium battery standard](#)
- UN 38.3 [Transport safety](#)
- CE [HSE compliance](#)
- IEC 62619 [Industrial application testing](#)
- ROHS [Restriction of Hazardous substances](#)



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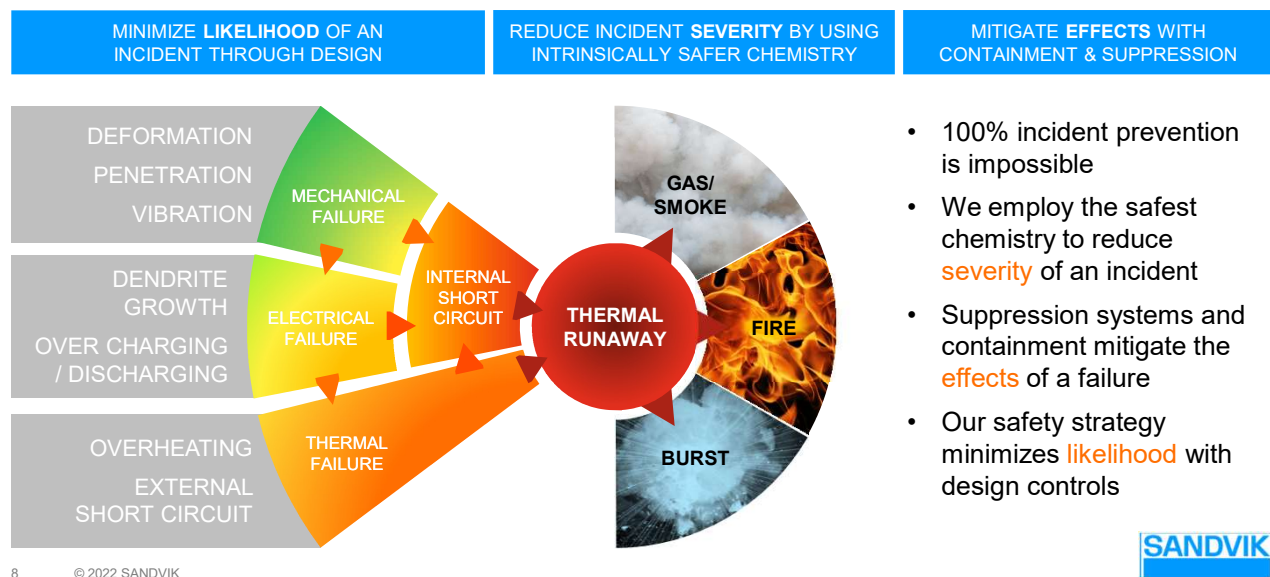
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# 02 HAZARD REDUCTION (CELL SELECTION)

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## SAFETY STRATEGY FOR THERMAL RUNAWAY



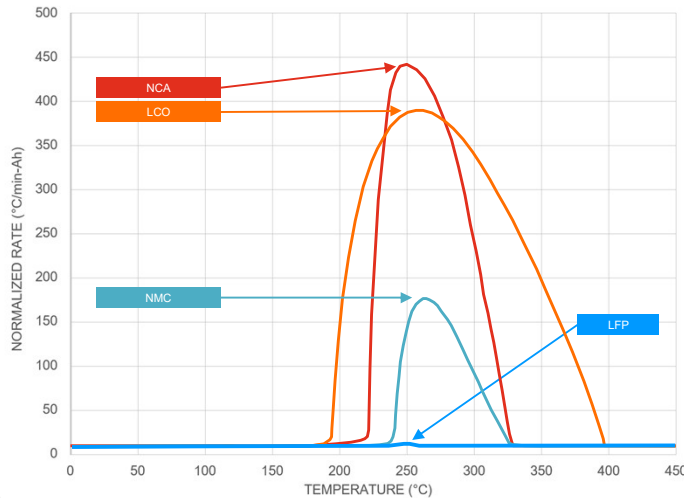
- 100% incident prevention is impossible
- We employ the safest chemistry to reduce **severity** of an incident
- Suppression systems and containment mitigate the **effects** of a failure
- Our safety strategy minimizes **likelihood** with design controls

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## REDUCING HAZARD SEVERITY

### HEAT RELEASED IN A THERMAL RUNAWAY SCENARIO



- The rate of temperature rise (left) indicates severity of a thermal event
- The higher the Heat Release Rate, the harder it is to contain an incident
- The **LFP** rate of temperature rise is over 100x lower than other chemistries, making containment more achievable
- In thermal runaway tests, LFP cells emit flammable gaseous electrolyte but do not self-ignite
- An external ignition source, like arcing in the enclosure, can still trigger a fire



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## REDUCING HARMFUL EMISSIONS

### GASES FROM BATTERIES



- Lithium-ion batteries do not off-gas during normal operation, gases are produced as a result of abuse, damage, thermal runaway or fire
- In case of a fire, smoke (from burning electrolyte, plastics, rubber, paint etc.) is the primary hazard
- The new chemical to be aware of is the possible formation of HF (Hydrogen fluoride). HF can form when the fluorine ions in the electrolyte combine with hydrogen atoms from water
- LFP has been shown to produce the lowest quantities of harmful emissions (though HF gas formation is still a possibility)

NAIL PENETRATION FTIR EMISSIONS COMPARISON (PPM)

Exhaust compound	LFP	LMO	NMC
CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	85,959
CH <sub>4</sub>	0	43	28
CO	4	230	4,235
NO	0	0	632
NO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	5
NH <sub>3</sub>	0	8	0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0	25	0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0	62	53
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0	63	280
HCL	0	0	459
CH <sub>2</sub> O	0	19	10
HF	0	0	26,698

SOURCE: CDC (SwRI Project No. 03.24852), Jones et. al., January 8 (2021)



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## MANAGING PRESSURE RISK

### CELL VENTS



- Cells in Sandvik's batteries are equipped with high reliability vents that prevent pressure build up in case of thermal runaway. Eliminating the risk of a case rupture / burst



### PACK VENTS



- Gore vents and drains in the enclosure prevent pressure build up in the pack and allow vented gases to expel air in the enclosure to avoid a combustible mixture

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## SYSTEM DESIGN (LIKELIHOOD REDUCTION)

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## SYSTEM DESIGN



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## CELL SAFETY FEATURES

### PRESSURE VENTS

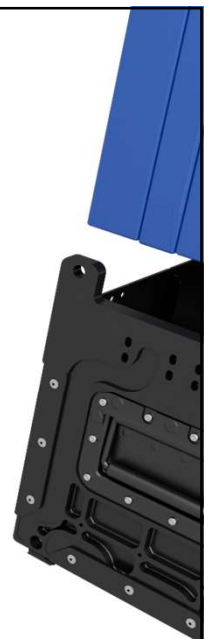
Burst prevention

### LASER WELDED ALUMINUM HOUSING

Thermal conduction and mechanical safety with mylar and polycarbonate insulation

### LFP CHEMISTRY

Low heat release rate from thermal runaway



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## CELL SAFETY FEATURES

### SHUTDOWN SEPARATOR COATING

If 110-130C is reached, this coating melts and blocks ion flow through the separator to interrupt current and prevent further temperature increase

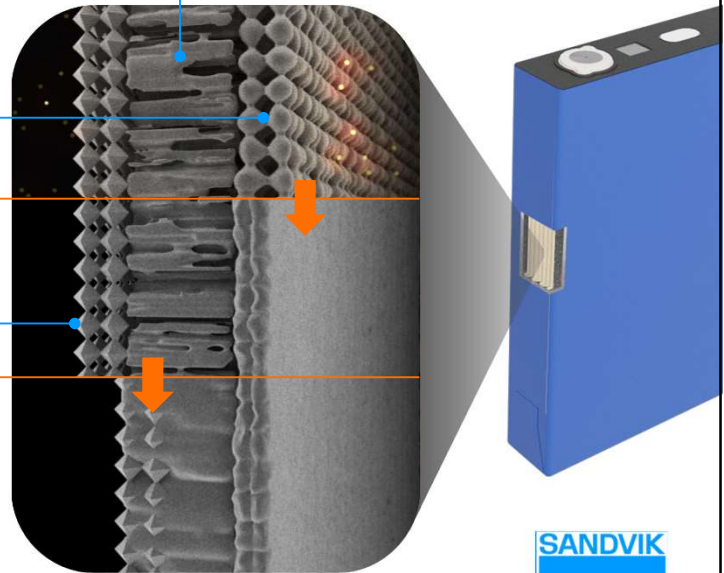
110-130C

### CERAMIC SEPARATOR COATING

If 160-175C is reached the polypropylene separator will melt and bond with this porous coating to help block dendrites and provide structural support to prevent shrinkage and maintain the separation of electrodes

160-175C

Polypropylene electrode separator



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## MODULE SAFETY FEATURES

### ISOLATING FOAM POTTING

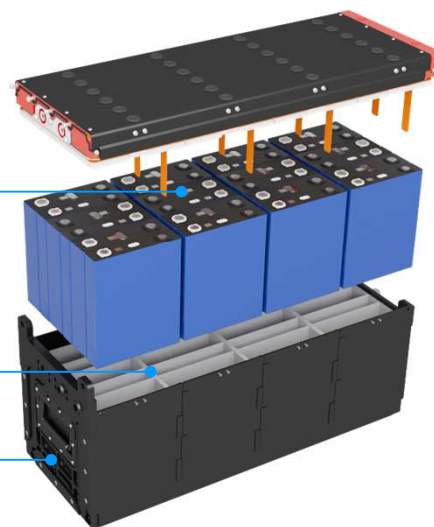
Blocks moisture and prevents isolation faults

### THERMAL CONDUCTION

Conducts heat away from a hot cell and distributes it across the entire module

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Keeps dust, water and contaminants away from conductors and protects against mechanical damage



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## MODULE SAFETY FEATURES

### BATTERY MONITORING SYSTEM

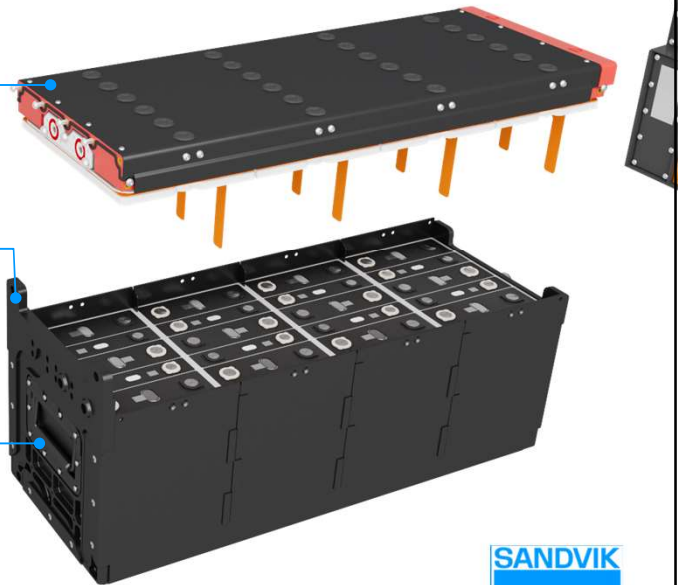
Continuous voltage and temperature monitoring. Resistive balancing to equalize State of Charge (SoC)

### TOUCH-AND TOOL SAFE

No exposed live conductors, low-voltage (40V) to mitigate shock

### ASSEMBLY PROOF

Only one way to assemble, reducing risk of mistakes



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## PACK SAFETY FEATURES

### ROBUST

Designed for mining conditions, fabricated from 6mm plate steel

### STRATEGICALLY SEALED WITH DRAINS

Limits ingress of dust and contaminants but allows fluids to drain rather than collect

### COOLING

Non-conductive coolant to manage temperature during charging

### SERVICEABLE

Modular, drawer-style connections, no live work needed – arc-flash safe



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## PACK SAFETY FEATURES

### BATTERY SYSTEM CONTROLLER (BSC)

Monitors all safety thresholds and disconnects battery contactors if required

### ISOLATION MONITORING DEVICE (IMD)

Monitors electrical isolation between the HV circuit and the chassis

### BATTERY CONTACTORS

Redundant configuration (2x) to break circuit in case of over/under voltage, isolation fault, over temperature or over current. Triggered also by HVIL

### 600A FUSES

Overcurrent protection and protection against damage from external shorts



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## PACK SAFETY FEATURES

### FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

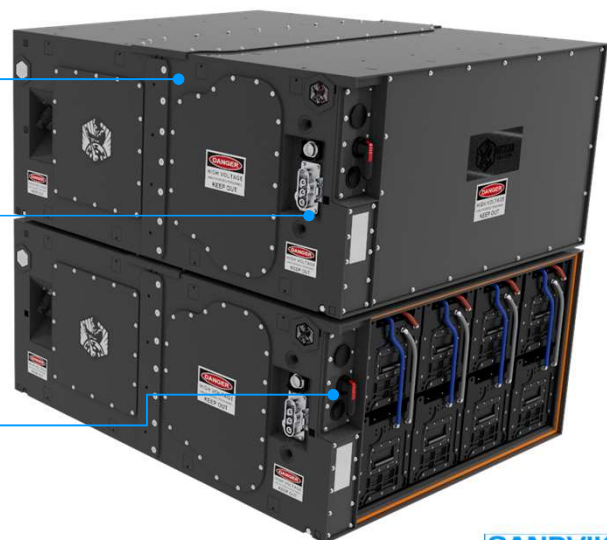
Thermally activated, designed for electrical systems, intended to suppress fires in their early stages

### HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE INTERLOCK LOOP (HVIL)

Directly depowers contactors in the event that any manually actuated electrical connection is opened

### DISCONNECT SWITCH

Lockable 2-pole manual disconnect



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## CAGE SAFETY FEATURES

### ROBUSTNESS

Additional mechanical safety for packs

### SWAPPING ABILITY

Design enables safe operation from the cabin while performing a battery change

### MODULE ACCESS PANELS

Quick access to pack modules without cage disassembly



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## BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



### MCU: MASTER CONTROL UNIT

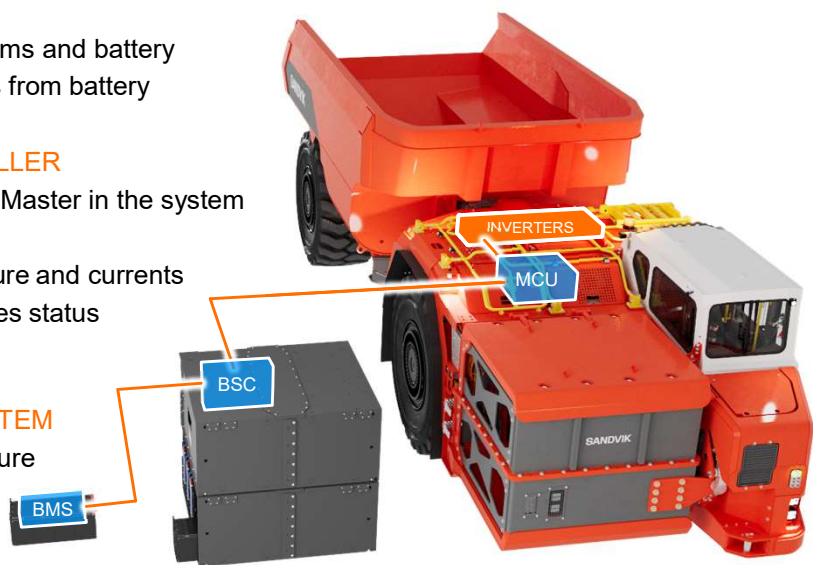
- Communicates with machine systems and battery
- Ensures machine is following limits from battery

### BSC: BATTERY SYSTEM CONTROLLER

- Responsible for protecting battery. Master in the system
- Calculates limits / thresholds
- Monitors HVIL, isolation, temperature and currents
- Connects battery and communicates status
- Opens contactors as last resort

### BMS: BATTERY MONITORING SYSTEM

- Monitors cell voltage and temperature
- Manages cell balancing
- Communicates data to the BSC



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## FIRE SUPPRESSION

### HEAT ACTIVATED AEROSOL GENERATORS

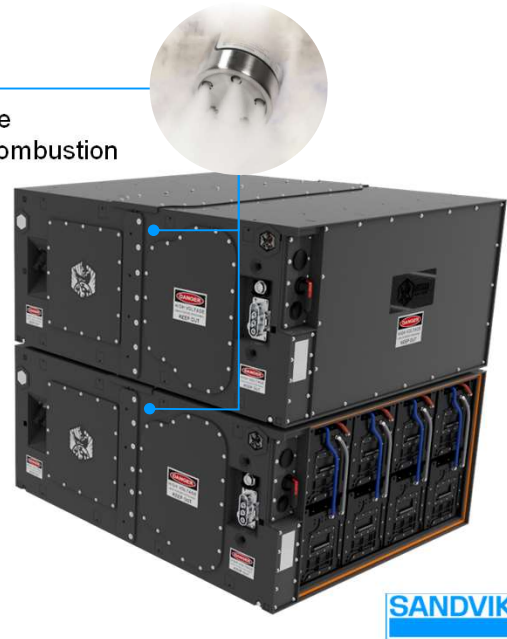
Electrically non-conductive fire suppression system that fills the pack interior with an aerosol agent that chemically interrupts combustion

### NON-DESTRUCTIVE ON DISCHARGE

Fire suppression agent does not damage the pack interior components

### QUICK MAINTINENCE

Discharged media stays in the air and can be blown out of the enclosure. Used suppression canisters are simple to replace

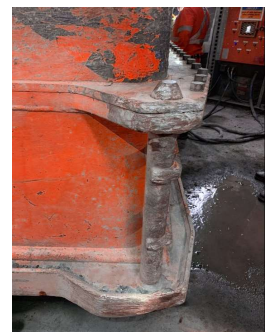


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## BUILT FOR REAL-WORLD USE

- Structural design as robust as any conventional machine
- Batteries can withstand significant impact damage without incident
- Attachment between battery cage and frame of machine is both robust and tight. LH518B battery attachment is designed to exceed ISO standard (1.5x machine weight)



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