Rechargeable Batteries
Lab Equipment and Integrated Weighing Solutions to Support Battery Manufacturing
Rechargeable Batteries—
The Must-Have for a Powerful Future

Material refiners, battery manufacturers, OEMs and recyclers are all invested in meeting global carbon neutrality goals and developing the super battery. Developing safe, durable rechargeable batteries that satisfy “green” mobility initiatives requires significant investment in research and development (R&D) and quality control (QC), as well as expertise in production stages.

Sartorius Products for the Battery Industry

Analytical Balances
Delivering the right dose of components is critical in battery manufacturing. With configurable hardware, software, and connectivity, the Cubis® II high-performance balance aligns with your unique needs.

- Seamless connectivity enhances productivity, efficiency, and data integrity in your laboratory
- Customizable modularity with 45 weighing modules, 2 user interfaces, and 7 draft shields
- Adaptable QApps software for different applications
- Long-term flexibility to enhance hardware and software configuration over time

High Precision OEM-Weigh Cells
High-throughput dispensing applications are common in the battery industry for controlling the delivery of electrolytes, gap fillers or glue. Dispensing heads must be metrologically controlled and adjusted according to the ambient conditions, density, or viscosity of the delivered liquids.

Sartorius’ integrated weigh cells are ideal for calibrating dispensing heads by automatic mass calculation and detection of value drifts over time.

- Designed for high-precision industrial applications; resolution of up to 0.001 mg
- Configurable for accurate weighing of moving samples or unstable environments
- Internal/external calibration weight for easy checks and necessary adjustments
- Simple communication via the data interface
High Purity Water Systems
In battery production, total ion-free water is mandatory for preparing water-based slurries and samples or simply rinsing the battery cases to avoid interferences on the charged poles.

Sartorius Arium® water purification systems offer a wide range of options to meet your laboratory water needs regarding quality (ultrapure, pure or Reverse Osmosis water), daily volume usage and flexibility:

- System selection specifically for your application
- Perfect integration into any laboratory
- Display with touch function and intuitive menu
- Favorites function with direct access for recurring volumes

Particle Separation for Analysis
Filters may be used to separate specific constituents for further chemical or physical characterization in basic research, recycling or non-conformity testing. Sartorius laboratory filtration products are engineered to support every filtration application.

- Membrane filters made of Regenerated Cellulose (RC), Polyamide (PA), Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), or Polycarbonate (PC)
- Quartz Microfiber filters are especially suited for emission monitoring at high temperatures and wherever filters of the highest purity are needed
- Ash-free filter papers for multiple quantitative, qualitative, and gravimetric analyses

Pipetting Steps
Using inadequate tools to pipette solvents can lead to unintentional consequences, such as aerosol contamination of your sample or pipette, or dissolution of the tip by the solvent.

Proline® Plus mechanical pipettes offer:
- A wide variety of adjustable single and multi-channel models as well as fixed single-channel
- Volume range from 3 μL to 10 mL
- Materials with high chemical resistance, increasing pipette lifetime
- Best-fitting tips—ensuring the performance of Sartorius pipettes and repeatability of results like no other tip can
Exploring the Life Cycle of the Rechargeable Battery

Battery production is subject to many constraints:
- **Ecological**—Carbon neutrality objective
- **Economic**—Reaching parity price for OEM manufacturers
- **Political**—No geopolitical dependence
- **Transport**—Safety or disruption of the supply chain
- **Technological**—New chemistries and increased energy density

These challenges can be overcome by building successful local partnerships across the supply chain, from active materials to manufacturing, vehicle assembly, and recycling.

The Life Cycle of the Rechargeable Battery

1. **Active Materials**
   - The growing electric mobility (eMobility) market has increased demand for active materials used in battery electrodes, such as lithium, cobalt, manganese, and nickel. Battery-grade chemical suppliers must certify the purity of materials in addition to testing for density, BET surface area, particle size distribution, and other attributes.

2. **Battery Manufacturing**
   - Cell manufacturers must rigorously control, record and monitor every stage of the battery manufacturing process, including electrode slurry preparation, electrolyte filling, die coating, and drying stages. This optimizes material supply, reduces scrap and recalls, increases production rates, and lowers the carbon footprint.

3. **Integration and OEM**
   - Battery cells are assembled in modules and packs and connected to the thermal management system and BMS hardware/software before final integration into vehicles, laptops, or medical devices. Empty spaces in the stacks are filled to avoid overheating.

4. **Recycling**
   - After their end-of-life cycle (EOL), batteries can be repurposed, recycled, or refined. Battery recycling involves shredding and processing components for a better revalorization. The process requires systematic testing of composition and purity of the active materials for reporting to the end-purchaser.

Read blog: Making Good on the Promise of Solid-State Batteries
Sartorius Applications for Battery Producers

Gravimetric Uniformity Checking
High precision balances offer numerous possibilities for non-destructive QC from checking die coating homogeneity and measuring the density of raw materials, to ensuring the accurate dispensing of electrolytes.

In-Process Control Weighing
Control dispensing heads and check for correct assembly by weight with high-precision weigh cells embedded in your production line.

Moisture Determination
Strictly monitoring humidity along the production steps helps prolong battery life and stability. Discover our solutions for determining moisture within minutes.

Deionized Water
Are you developing water-based slurry or cleaning specific process steps? Discover the benefits of a purified water system with the lowest conductivity and easiest maintenance.

Separation and Particle Analysis
High-performance filtration units are crucial for monitoring wastewater, capturing particles or separating components in the black mass.

Sample Preparation
Impurity testing relies on accurate results from ICP | HPLC standards, pipetting, and gravimetric analysis.

Data Analytics
Predicting battery life, optimizing your process or designing your experiments—easy-to-use data analytics software from Sartorius will help you get there.