

## “Knock-Off” Makita® Lithium-Ion Batteries May Burst Causing Fires, Personal Injuries or Property Damage



**CAUTION** Makita® U.S.A., Inc. notifies tool users of the hazards and risks of using non-genuine (“knock-off”) Makita Lithium-Ion batteries.

Makita Lithium-Ion batteries are manufactured to strict standards, and are engineered with internal electronic circuitry to monitor the battery conditions when in use with Makita tools and chargers. By using a non-genuine Makita “knock-off” battery or batteries that have been altered, the sophisticated electronic communication system between the battery and charger as well as between the battery and the tool may be defeated. This will result in:

- Voiding the Makita Warranty for the Makita tool and charger
- Voiding the UL/CSA Standards approval of the tool

When using non-genuine Makita batteries, there is also a risk of:

- **The battery bursting that may result in personal injury and/or property damage**
- **Possible fire damage to the tool, the battery and/or the charger**
- **Unknown tool performance**

Makita bears no liability for accidents, personal injury or property damage (or damage to batteries, tools or chargers) that occurs as a result of the use of “knock-off” batteries, or batteries that have been repaired or altered in any way.

Don't be fooled! Genuine Makita batteries are black in color, have the Makita trademark logo with Lithium-Ion identification on both sides, and have the Makita trademark logo on the bottom of the battery. “Knock-off” batteries may appear to be similar to genuine Makita batteries but have no Makita branding on them. Makita only approves the use of genuine parts and accessories with Makita tools. Makita does not approve the use of non-genuine or “knock-off” Lithium-Ion batteries which are marketed and sold by third parties for use in Makita Lithium-Ion cordless tools.



If there is any question whether your battery is a genuine Makita product, or if you have a performance issue with your Makita battery, tool, or charger, contact a Makita Factory Service Center or Authorized Service Center, or call (800)4-MAKITA.