

# Specialty carbon blacks for advanced lead-acid batteries

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Orion Engineered Carbons (OEC) is one of the world's leading suppliers of carbon black. We offer standard and high-performance specialty carbon black for coatings, printing inks, polymers, rubber and batteries. Our high-quality gas blacks, furnace blacks and lamp blacks enhance the performance of lead-acid batteries. Orion has served the global lead-acid battery industry with high quality specialty carbon black since the 1970s. With this extensive experience, OEC has developed a broad product portfolio to support global lead-acid battery manufacturers.

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## Carbon black for advanced lead-acid batteries

Carbon black as a conductive additive has been used in negative active mass (NAM) electrodes of automotive batteries and industrial batteries for several decades. In standard lead-acid batteries, carbon black can improve the electrical conductivity of the electrode, increase the formation efficiency and reduce the residual sulfate level. It also improves the electrical conductivity at the end of discharge, when the content of isolated  $PbSO_4$  crystals in NAM increases substantially.

In the 21st century, advanced lead-acid battery technology has been developed to meet the significantly increased requirements for emerging start-stop/hybrid electric vehicles and stationary energy-storage application, which include high dynamic charge acceptance (DCA) and long cycle life during micro-cycling at partial state of charge. The main feature of this technology is to use a conductive carbon enhanced negative electrode. Our novel PRINTEX® kappa family of products is dedicated for advanced lead-acid battery technology, to enable the batteries to achieve high DCA performance and maintain acceptable water loss.

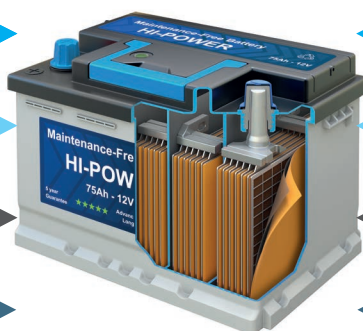
### New demands for batteries

Fast charging  
for e.g. regenerative braking

Idle-start-stop functionality

Maintenance free and long-life  
due to low-water consumption

Higher endurance for multiple  
tasks in hybrid vehicles



### Battery performance parameters needing to be enhanced

Dynamic charge acceptance  
(DCA)

Cold cranking

Water loss

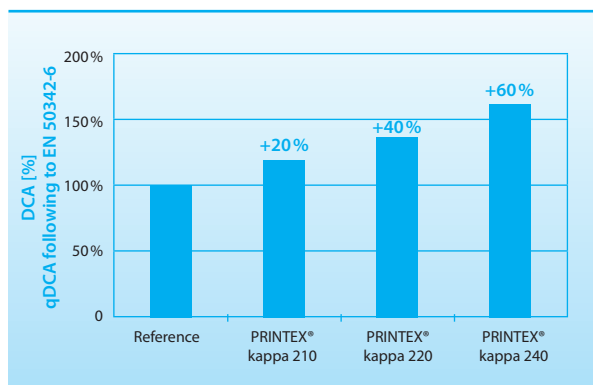
Long cycle life

# Portfolio of lead-acid battery grades

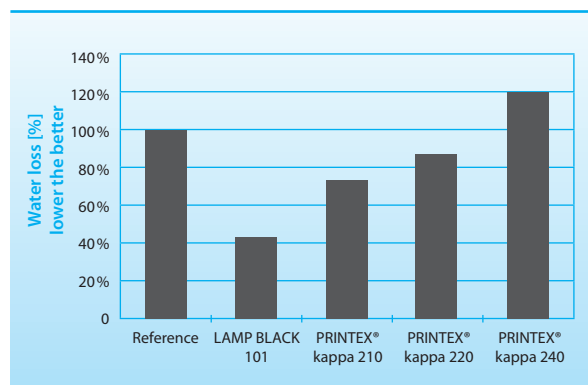
Orion offers a wide range of specialty carbon blacks designed to meet the demands and improve the performance of standard and advanced lead-acid batteries.

Product	Type			Dosage to NAM wt%	Application
	SLI	EFB	AGM		
<b>Products for advanced lead-acid batteries</b>					
PRINTEX® kappa 210		●	●	~0.4 - 1.0	PRINTEX® kappa grades are optimized for high DCA and controllable water loss to meet even the highest demands for <b>advanced lead-acid batteries</b> (automotive, stationary, motive, and 2-wheeler).
PRINTEX® kappa 220		●	●	~0.4 - 1.0	
PRINTEX® kappa 240		●	◐	~0.4 - 1.0	
XPB 646	◐	●	◐	~0.4 - 1.0	
<b>Product for standard/advanced lead-acid batteries</b>					
LAMP BLACK 101	●	●	●	~0.1 - 1	Orion LAMP BLACK 101 has exceptional purity and unique broad particle size distribution for easy processing and low water loss. Suitable for <b>both standard and advanced lead-acid batteries</b> .
<b>Products for standard lead-acid batteries</b>					
PRINTEX® G	●		●	~0.1 - 0.2	Orion PRINTEX® grades have excellent purity and quality, proven over decades in multiple applications including automotive, motive, 2-wheeler and uninterruptable power supply.
PRINTEX® MV	●			~0.1 - 0.2	
PRINTEX® 300	●			~0.1 - 0.2	

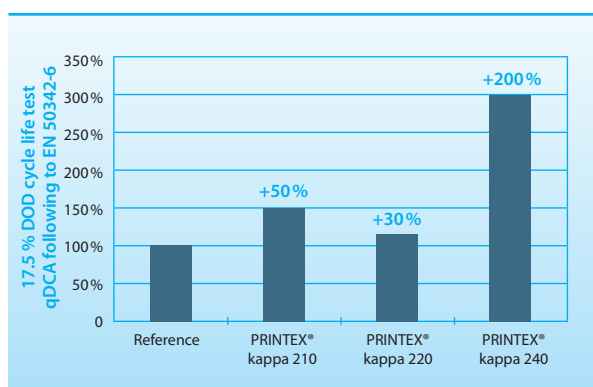
Improves dynamic charge acceptance by up to 60%.



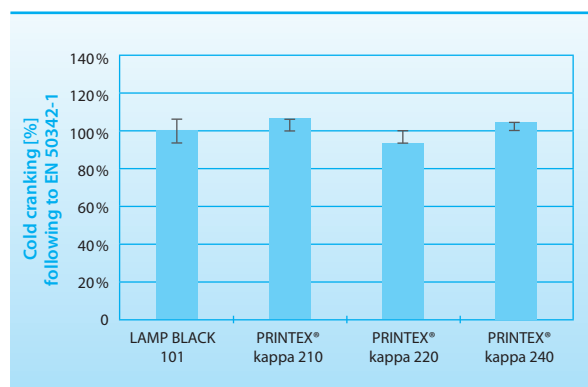
Optimizes water loss without sacrificing charge acceptance.



PRINTEX® kappa series improves 17.5% DOD cycle life from 30% up to 200%.



Reliable high cold cranking for frequent start-stop operations.



Orion Engineered Carbons has a dedicated global Energy Systems team with the expertise to engage in joint development activities with our customers and provide technical product support. For more information please contact us.



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