



Introducing

# Military Applications for Nickel Zinc Batteries

"Changing the Way We Power the World™"

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# Disruption is Inevitable

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1913 New York 5th avenue



# New Option for old Problems

The Dilemma

“Performance Gaps” exposed as technology evolves

## Lead-acid Shortcomings

### Capacity

Seeking longer run times in smaller packages

### Power

More power required for commercial and industrial users

### Life

Demand for longer cycle life and shelf life

## Lithium-ion Problems

### Safety

Customers in key markets place a premium on safety

### Complexity

Operations require advanced electronics (BMS)

### Cost

Widespread deployment of storage requires < \$200/ kWh

Market expected to exceed

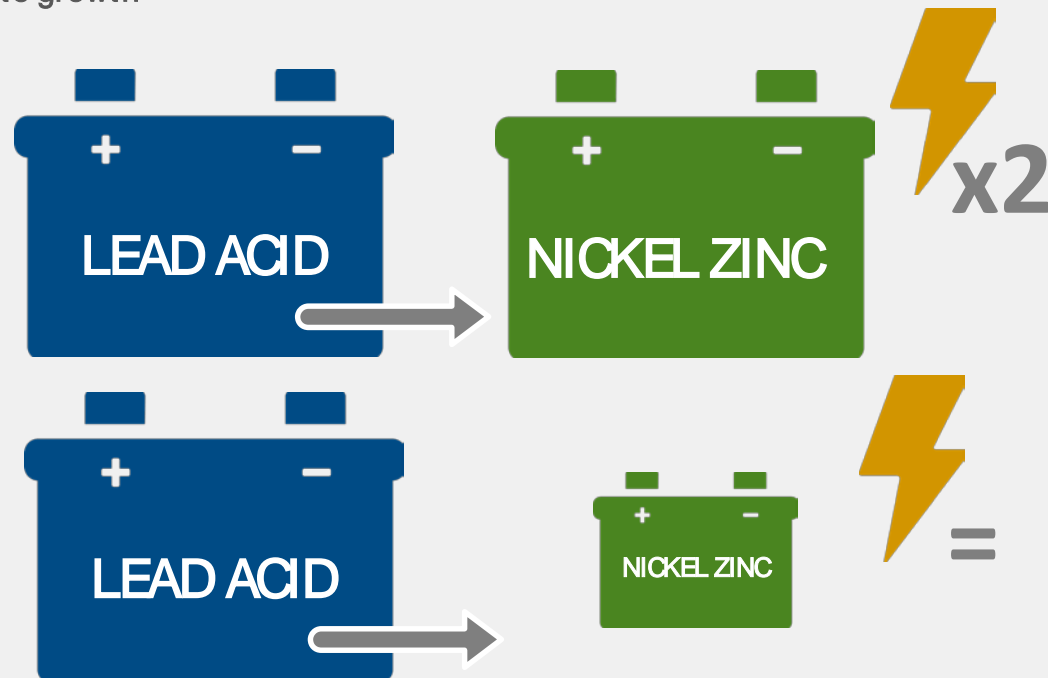
**1 TWh  
by 2025**

# Why Nickel Zinc Batteries?

## Why ZAF?

ZAF's nickel-zinc battery design solves historic problems.

- ✓ Electrolyte dry out
- ✓ Zinc migration
- ✓ Dendrite growth



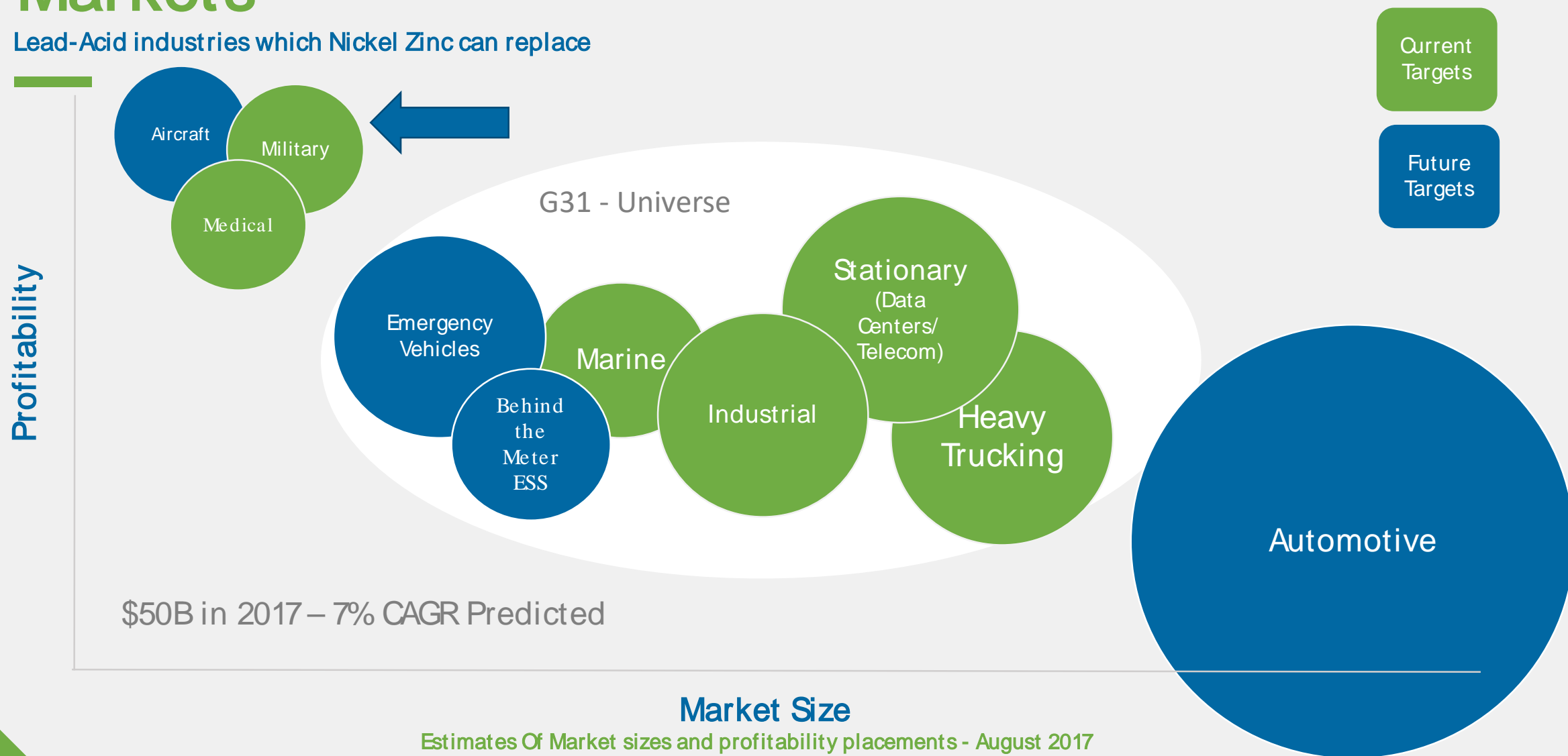
A Nickel Zinc (NiZn) battery can give 2x performance in the same size or the same performance as a Lead Acid battery in half the footprint.





# Markets

Lead-Acid industries which Nickel Zinc can replace





# Military Applications for NiZn

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- Mobile Communications
- UPS Back Up
- Energy Storage for remote operations
- Power Equipment for modern soldier
- Laser devices
- Replacement for 6T (700,000+ purchased yearly)
- Aircraft

# Nickel Zinc Group 31

Capacity and Power Comparison versus Equivalent Lead Acid

Battery Data	ZAF G31 NiZn Capacity	Odyssey G31 AGM – Lead Acid	ZAF G31 NiZn Power	Unit
Capacity (C/20)	172	100	152	Ah
<b>Capacity (C/3)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Ah</b>
Mass	27	35.3	27	kg
Cycle Life (80% DOD)	700	400	700	Cycles
CCA Current (30s)	650	1150	1000	A
Specific Energy (C/3)	71	27.4	63	Wh/kg
Energy Density	131	70.9	117	Wh/L

# Military-Government Entity Applications

## Military Sector Breakdown

<u>Application</u>	<u>Current Chemistries</u>	<u>Alternative Chemistry</u>	<u>Advantages of Alternative Chemistry</u>	<u>Potential Customer/Sponsor</u>
Submarine	PbA	NiZn	Energy density & longer life (cost & uptime)	US Navy NAVSEA
6T Current Vehicles	PbA	NiZn	Weight, life-cycle cost	Us Army TARDEC
6T Stop-Start Future Vehicles	PbA	NiZn	Weight, life-cycle cost	General Atomics
Critical information infrastructure	PbA	NiZn	Life-cycle cost, capacity	General Dynamics/DIA
Future Pursuit Opportunities				
Critical infrastructure backup	PbA	NiZn	Weight, life-cycle cost	Homeland Security
Diver propulsion device	AgZn/Li-ion	NiZn/ZnO2	AgZn: performance; Li-ion: cost and safety	Navy, Marines
Emergency backup/telco (COW)	PbA	NiZn	Weight, life-cycle cost	FEMA
GREENS/FOB microgrids	Li-ion/PbA	NiZn	Li-ion: safety; PbA: weight & energy; Both: cost	Army, USMC
ICBM-Silo backup systems	PbA	NiZn	Energy density & longer life	Air Force
Launch batteries	AgZn	NiZn/ZnO2	Performance and Cost	Air Force, Navy
Legged squad support system	Li-ion	NiZn/ZnO2	Safety and cost	Army
Manned underwater delivery vehicles	AgZn/Li-ion	NiZn	AgZn: performance; Li-ion: cost and safety	Navy
Most military aircraft	NiCd/PbA	NiZn	NiCd: reduced maintenance; PbA: weight & energy; Both: cost	Air Force, Navy
Rib boats	PbA	NiZn	Weight, life-cycle cost	USMC
SEAL delivery vehicles	AgZn	NiZn	Cost (Considering Li-ion, safety is preventing)	Navy
Shipboard backup power (UPS)	Li-ion	NiZn	Cost and safety	Navy
Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit	Li-ion	ZnO2	2x Performance, Cost, and Safety	SOCOM
Unmanned air systems	Li-ion/PbA	ZnO2	2x Performance, Cost, and Safety	Air Force
Unmanned surface vehicle systems	Li-ion/PbA	NiZn/ZnO2	Li-ion: safety; PbA: weight & energy; Both: cost	Navy
Unmanned underwater vehicle systems	Li-ion	ZnO2	2x Performance, Cost, and Safety	Navy



# Defense Portable Power Market

DoD to spend \$6.1B on portable power for forward deployed bases by 2030.

- Changes in chemistry promoting increase in utilization for portable power (DoD Roadmap supports nickel-zinc).
- New vehicles, and transports require lighter, more powerful batteries. 6T batteries in approximately 700,000 vehicles.
- Increasing deployment of mobile microgrids driving.
- Migration paths are seen as “evolutional” for this market segment. 6T “stop-start” vehicles in development.

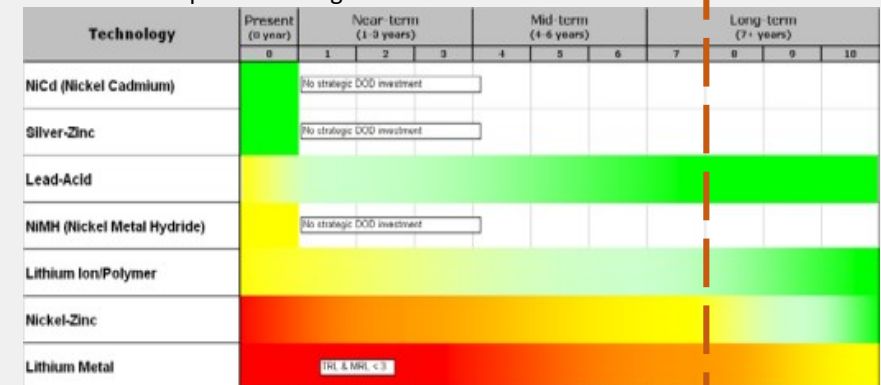
Battery Specification	PbA Spec	Generation NiZn	Armasafe Plus	Deka US 6TL	Li-Ion
Nominal Voltage (V)	12	12	12	12	12
Volume (L)	17.4*	17.23	15.6	18.4	17.42
Weight (kg)	34 (40.75)	28 (61.7lbs)	40 (88 lbs)	33 (73 lbs)	22 (48lbs)
Rated Capacity (C/3) (Ah)	120	165	120 (JC20)	120 (JC20)	120
Cold Cranking Amps (-18°C) (A)	1100	900	1225	750-825	1000-1100
Specific Energy (Wh/kg)	42	69	36	43	65
Energy Density (Wh/L)	83	112	92	78	82



DoD “Roadmap” for Non-Rechargeable Batteries



DoD “Roadmap” for Rechargeable Batteries



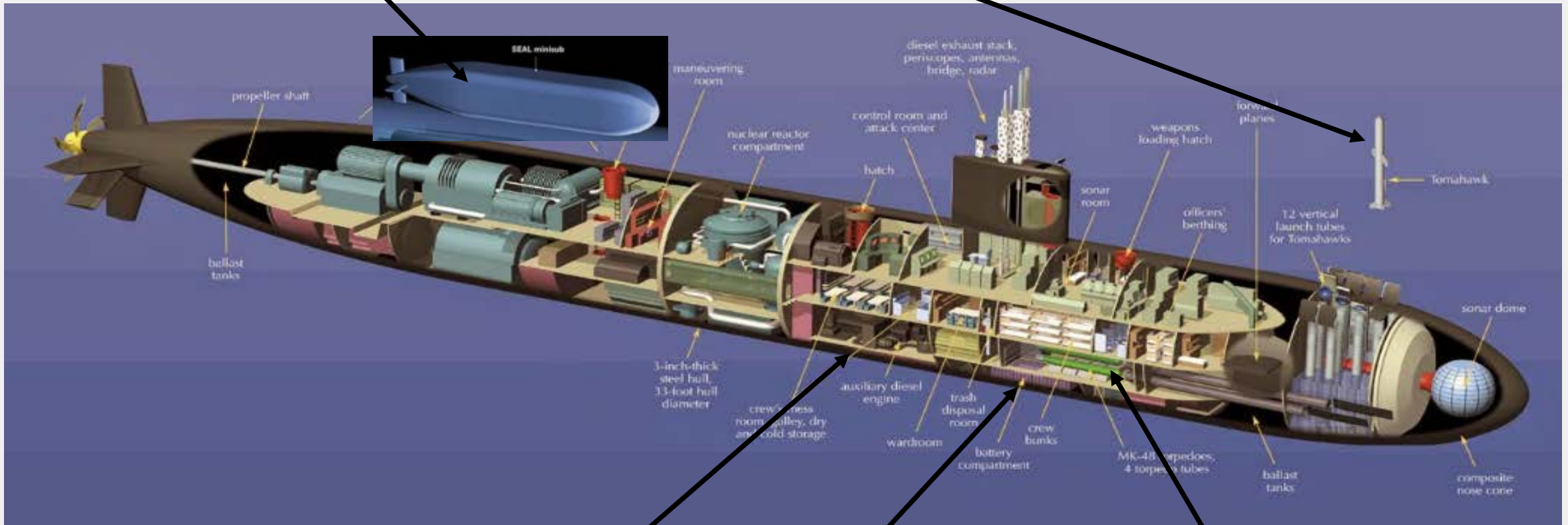
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# Batteries are in:

SEAL Delivery Vehicle (Battery TBD: Li-ion Possible)

Missiles (LiFeS<sub>2</sub> & AgZn)



Black Start System (VRLA)

Submarine Itself (VRLA)

Torpedoes (AgZn)

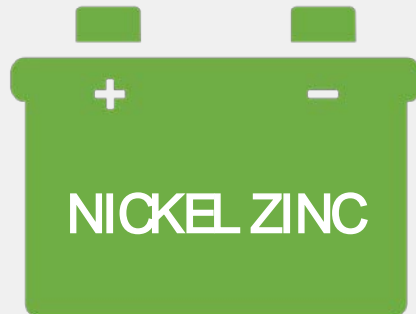
# Naval

## Underwater power



Naval underwater batteries  
are a \$50M+/ yr market

- Submarines have on-going battery issues
  - Formerly flooded lead acid batteries lasted 7 years
  - Now VRLA lead acid batteries last 3-4 years
  - New Columbia-Class submarine's systems too much load for lead acid
- NAVSEA worked with major lead-acid company
  - NAVSEA approached ZAF, Development Contract now in place.



ZAF currently meets or exceeds  
current specifications

# NiCd to NiZn Comparison

Saft ULM®: Designed to keep you flying for the lowest Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

## ■ Reduced maintenance

Plastic bonded electrodes (PBE), first developed by Saft, reduce maintenance intervals by over 50%

One example: A330 operators choosing the Airbus approved Saft ULM® batteries have extended their maintenance intervals from 1000 oph to 3000 oph and, as a result, have significantly reduced their operating cost.

## ■ Long service life

High quality proprietary separator systems extend life duration by up to 10 years  
The longer the life the lower the TCO.

## ■ Less weight

The use of lightweight plastic bonded electrodes reduces weight  
The decrease in weight means less fuel burn resulting in a reduction in aircraft operating costs.

## ■ Travel anywhere

Combination of Saft plastic bonded electrodes and superior separator systems reduce overcharge current

The decrease in overcharge current results in a longer life even under the most difficult climates both hot and cold. Temperature range from -40°C to +70°C [-40°F to +158°F].

## ■ Exceptional storage life

Long-term storage of up to 10 years without any intervention ever required  
Zero maintenance cost during storage.

## ■ Easily replaceable spare parts

Designed for individual cell replacement  
Instead of buying an entire battery, opt to easily replace cells for a low cost.

## ■ For new installations or retrofit solutions

Form, Fit & Function interchangeable with standard high-performance products  
No aircraft modification necessary, which allows for commonality between interchangeable components resulting in cost-effective inventory solutions.

## • ZAF NiZn Comparison

• Zero Maintenance

• Same Service Life

• Similar Weight

• Same Operating Environments

• Form, Fit and Function Interchangeability by Design

• Longer Storage Life

• Same Capability for Cell Replacement

• Form, Fit and Function Interchangeability by Design



# Cost Comparisons

PbA  
\$2k-\$4k x2

NiZn  
\$5k-\$8k x 2

NiCd  
\$7k-\$10k x \*

Li-Ion  
\$15k-\$20k x 2

\* Times 3-4 because of hot-swap operational needs due to maintenance requirements.

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**Saft 415538 Model 447CH1 Nicad Battery Assembly**  
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Our Price: **\$10,314.53**

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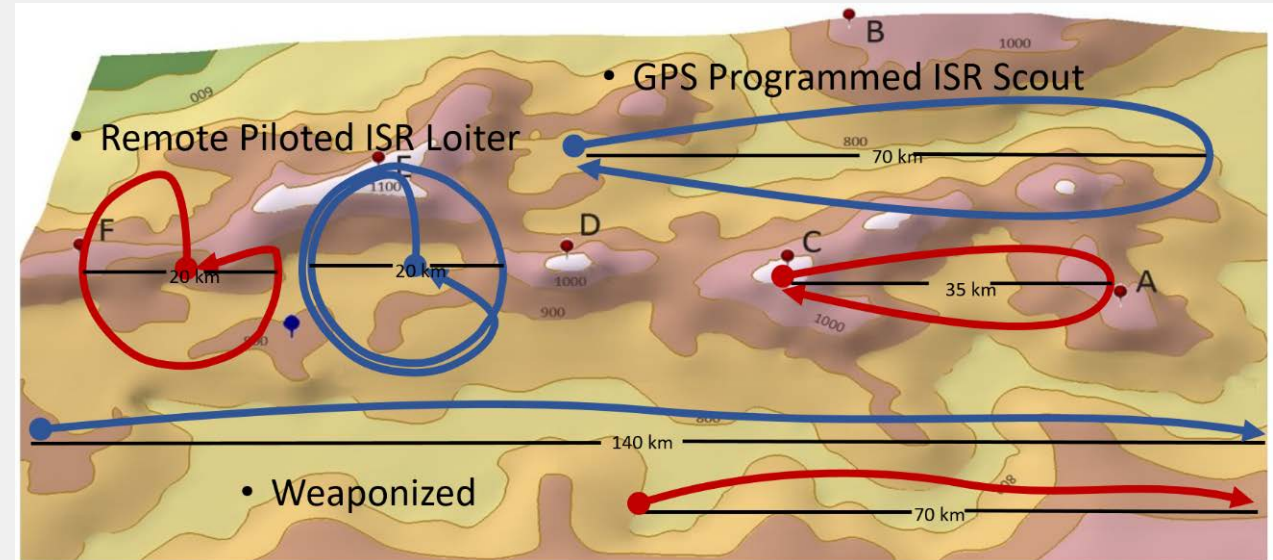
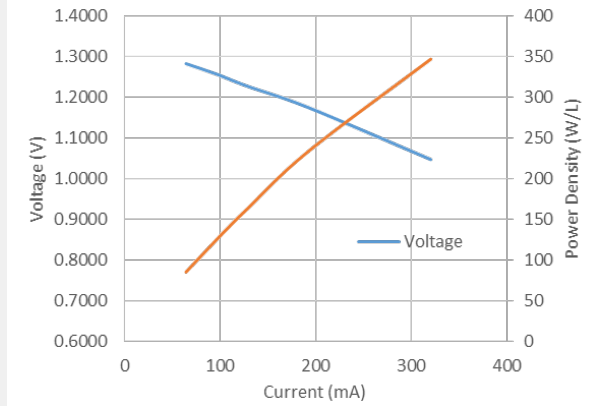
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**ADD TO CART**

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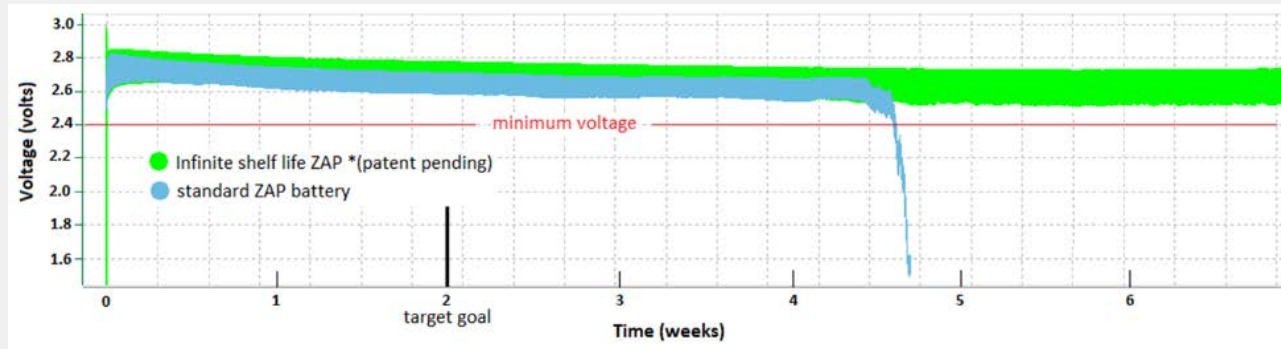
# Zn-Air vs. Li-Ion Example – Raven UAS



- Zn-Air has twice the energy density as Li-ion.
- Up to now, a primary battery. ZAF has achieved operational 50-cycle life.
- Note: This particular cell is not currently optimized for high power applications. A Zinc-Air cell optimized for power density projects to have 2X the power density of our tested pouch cell.

**The mission effect of twice the endurance.**

(Average Speed 30.5 knots, Average Endurance Li-ion 75 minutes)



Testing Specifications: 125mA  
for 400mS at 10 minute intervals  
for 2 weeks (2048 cycles)

# Economics

## Comparison Against Lithium

- Lithium \$100 per battery and 200 cycles = \$.50 per mission and 35km per cycle = \$1.42/ mission
- Zn \$50 per battery and 50 cycles=\$1.00 and 70km per mission=\$1.42

RQ-11B Raven is the most widely used unmanned aircraft system in the military today.



# Contract Award

Minuteman III, ICBM Silo Ground-Station Backup Power

- In 2018 ZAF Proposed to the Rapid Innovation Fund (RIF) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) titled “ICBM battery: ZAF Ni-Zn replacement batteries for ICBM ground facility battery”.
- ZAF was notified by the Air Force proposal review team that our proposal had been selected for contract award.
- Contract Value: \$1.4M





# ZAF Energy Systems

## Summary

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- We have the ideal technology and a compelling value proposition to displace lead-acid.
- We address a huge and growing market.
- We have a formula for sustainable energy storage unlike any other competing product.
- We have the strategic partnerships and business strategy to scale production to meet demand.
- We have the plan and the team to execute.

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