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TOPIC -----

If I use my Macintosh Portable only once every three months, how should I treat the battery: do nothing or keep the charger attached?

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh Portable battery is a sealed lead-acid battery and must be recharged periodically in order to maintain normal battery life. If the battery falls below 5.4 volts, it cannot be recharged.

To prevent the battery from completely discharging, keep it plugged in to the Battery Recharger, or leave the Macintosh Portable plugged in to the power adapter whenever possible.

When neither of these methods is possible, observe these precautions for recharging and storing the battery:

- Do not leave the battery in the Macintosh Portable for longer than TWO WEEKS without plugging in the power adapter.
- If you store the battery, recharge it overnight before storing it, then store it in a cool, dry place.
- Do not leave a battery in storage for longer than SIX MONTHS without recharging it.

Failure to follow these steps for recharging and storing the battery will result in a dead battery that CANNOT be recharged and will need to be replaced.

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