



Taking camera batteries on to domestic aircraft?

Q – Can I take large camera batteries on to domestic aircraft?

A – Yes, but it depends on the capacity of the battery. In some cases the capacity of batteries found on 2/3" cameras are considered to be 'Dangerous Goods'. Qantas, Jetstar, & Virgin state that any battery with a watt hour rating greater than **160Wh** is not permitted on an aircraft under any circumstances. And batteries rated between **100Wh & 160Wh** are limited to two batteries per passenger.

The following extract was taken from the Qantas website on Dec 17, 2009.

Consumer electronic devices containing lithium or lithium ion cells or batteries and Spare lithium or lithium ion cells or batteries

- Spare Lithium ion batteries and cells with a Watt hour rating greater than **160Wh**, are not permitted on an aircraft under any circumstances.
- Spare lithium ion batteries and cells with a Watt hour rating of between **100Wh and 160Wh** are limited to two batteries per passenger. Batteries must have terminals insulated or protected to prevent short circuit and must be carried in cabin baggage only. – Operator approval is required for these prior to travel.
- Spare Lithium ion batteries and cells with a Watt hour rating or less than 100Wh have no limit to the number that can be carried, batteries must have terminals insulated or protected to prevent short circuit and must be carried in cabin baggage only
- Spare Lithium metal or Lithium alloy batteries with a lithium content of less than 2 grams have no limit to the number that can be carried, however, batteries must have terminals insulated or protected to prevent short circuit and must be carried in cabin baggage only.
- If batteries are installed in equipment such as laptop computers, camera, calculators etc – the above limits still apply, however they can be carried as checked baggage, provided the electronic device is protected from accidental activation.

Note: Conversion from Ah (Amp hours) to Wh is: Ah x Voltage = Wh.