

MORE ON BATTERIES The result of a past Hints/Kinks item prompted requests for more details on checking the wet-cells in RV batteries.

Carefully pry off & remove the cell covers. Check the level of the liquid in each visible cell. The level should be just below the cell top (about 1/8 th inch). If not, fill to that level with Distilled Water (available on laundry supplies shelf at supermarkets). If water level not visible, use Specific Gravity Suction Bulb, or have your garage do that test. If below visible (use flashlight) level, & at that level for extended period of time, consider a new battery.

The reason is that the internal plates “sulfate” or ground to the battery case, resulting in a dead battery. If other battery aboard in the circuit, it too, maybe in the same condition. If not affected, it has been the only source of energy & requires your close attention.

Your best bet is to replace all similar batteries in the circuit to preclude further problems on the road.

If refilling the cells has been successfully accomplished, replace the cell covers, after cleaning, tapping them on to closure. Clean the electrical line clamps to remove any foreign matter. It is best to remove the battery from its housing (or box) away from the RV to preclude acid splashes onto the RV’s skin. Use work gloves for your personal protection. Your continual attention to battery condition is recommended.