



## ULD CONTRIBUTION TO CARGO COMPARTMENT FIRE PROTECTION – CLARIFICATION ON THE APPLICATION OF FCC/ FRC

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➤ The Specialist in Aviation Restraint and Safety Technology products including

- \_ Tarian® Armour System
- \_ 9G aircraft barrier nets, with smoke/thermal protection
- \_ Fire containment products

➤ Tier 1 supplier to Airbus, Boeing etc

➤ World leader in cargo restraint equipment

➤ Leading supplier to Defence forces worldwide



## ➤ Declared Li-ion Bulk Shipments

- Flammable gas release
- Even at 30% SOC, a 2600mAh 18650 battery cell releases 1.5 liters of flammable gas

## ➤ Undeclared Li-ion content

- Rechargeable device sales rising
- Cross Border E-Commerce rising
- Increase in individual shipments
- DG shipments are complex and expensive
- Risk of fires that cannot be stopped by existing Halon systems



### Declared Li-ion Bulk Shipments



### Undeclared Li-ion Content





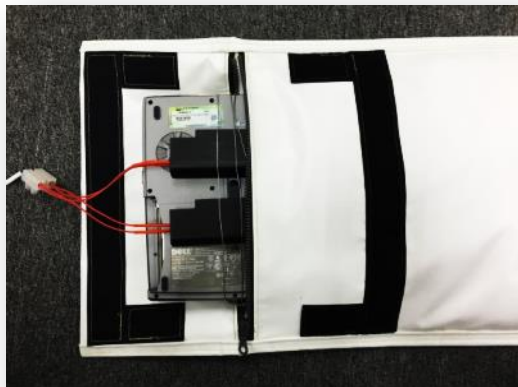
- ⊗ **FCC** – Fire Containment Cover (for palletized loads)  
**FRC** – Fire Resistant Container (for ULD containers)
- ⊗ Developed as solutions to UDG, Lithium battery shipments, rises in E-Commerce and rechargeable device sales
- ⊗ FCC – TSO-C203 (FAA/EASA), SAE AS6453 & ISO 14186 released
- ⊗ Fire Resistant Fabric / Materials used
  - \_ Passive system
  - \_ Fire Barrier - Oxygen suppression secondary function
  - \_ Patented designs
- ⊗ FRC – ISO 19281 released, AS8992 close to being released
- ⊗ Both solutions have been extensively tested with Class 'A' fire & Lithium-ion battery fire
- ⊗ Main deck cargo – Class E & B (optional Class C & other compartments)
- ⊗ Extensive trials & testing fed back into design
- ⊗ Already in revenue service and trials  
(UPS, LH, Blue Dart, Northern Air Cargo, etc.)



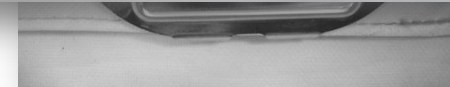
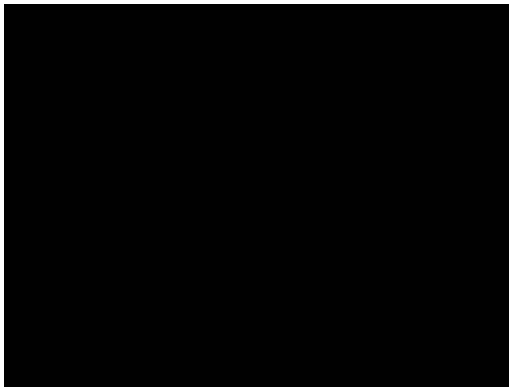
- A derivative of the FCC, developed for smaller cargo loads
- Uses same technology as FCC, and will contain Class 'A' and Lithium-ion fires for up to 6 hours
- Allows smoke to be released, ensuring detection systems continue to activate
- Can be used as an 'OVERPACK' at any stage of supply chain
- Protected aircraft in real life fire



- Developed to contain PED fires in pax cabin
- Uses same technology as FCC and FCB
- Tested with laptops and spare batteries



- Installation of an FCC typically takes less time than a standard pallet net (10-12mins)
- Patented Deployment Kit allows quick and easy deployment and storage of the FCC
- Safety instructions printed directly on FCC/FCB
- Customer markings & tracking
- Reparable





- Lithium-ion technology develops faster than regulators can handle
- No test-norm for lithium fire or lithium assisted Class A fire. No two fires are the same.
- Weight & Cost
- 1800°F flame penetration resistance under all conditions
- Limit heat transfer to aircraft structure
- Durability
  - \_ Resistance to environmental exposure (contamination, abrasion, UV etc)
  - \_ Reparability on field
  - \_ Allowance for damage
- Operation
- Off-gas & pressure waves





## AmSafe Bridport (*INTERNAL*) TEST

- Test method defined by Operator and AmSafe Bridport
- FCC dimensions 125" x 96" x 96" height
- Qty of 1,500 Lithium-ion batteries
- 18650 type cells – 2600mAh, 3.7V, SOC 70%-90%
- Battery boxes placed in 3 positions
- Remaining load consisted of Class 'A' load
  - \_ All batteries vented
  - \_ No external flames beyond limits

## FAA (*EXTERNAL*) TEST

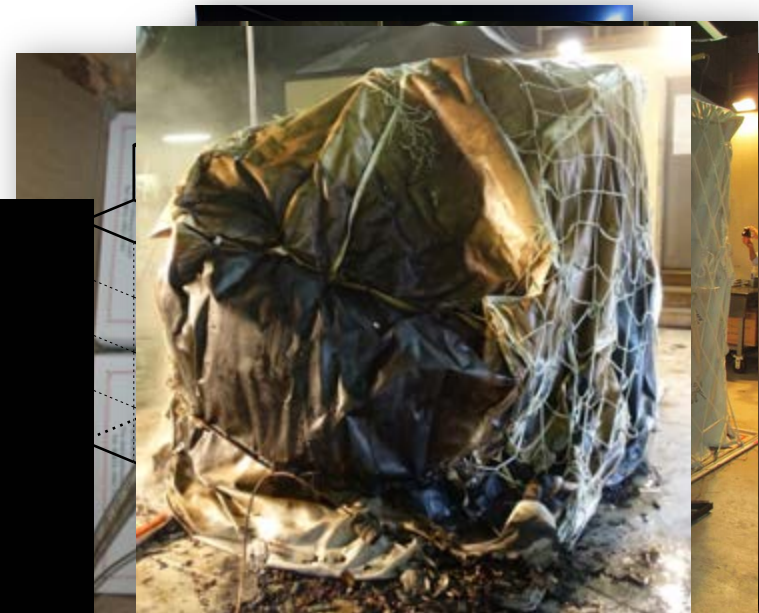
- Test method currently trial by FAA (no standardised test)
- FCC dimensions 125" x 96" x 96" height
- Qty of 1,000 Lithium-ion batteries
- 18650 types cells – 3000mAh, 3.7V, SOC 30%-40%
- Battery boxes placed in 1 position, pallet corner
- Remaining load consisted of Class 'A' load
  - \_ All batteries vented

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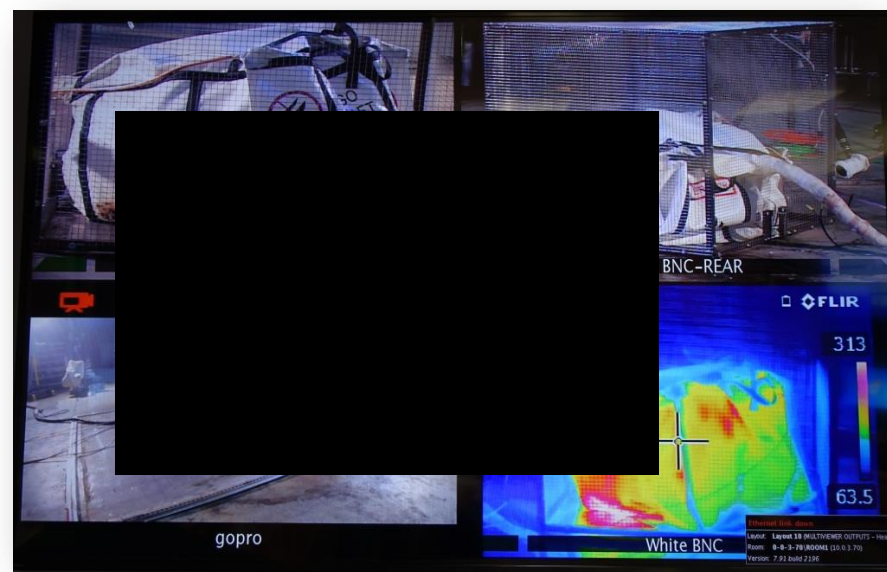


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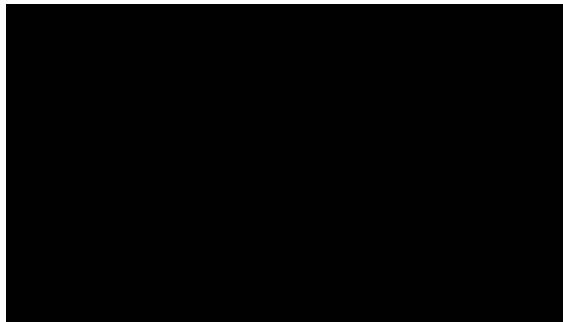
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- Testing conducted by the FAA
- FCB dimensions 24" x 24" x 20"
- Qty of 1,000 Lithium-ion batteries
- 18650 type cells – 3000mAh, 3.7V, SOC 30%-40%
- Load consisted only of batteries
- Result: **PASS**
  - \_ All batteries vented
  - \_ No external flames
  - \_ No batteries escaped confines of the FCB



- Testing conducted by the FAA
- FCB dimensions 24" x 24" x 20"
- Qty of 7 laptops 100% SOC
- Laptops packed in boxes as per recent PED ban
- Result: **PASS**
  - \_ All batteries vented
  - \_ No external flames
  - \_ No batteries escaped confines of the FCB



TRUTH	MISCONCEPTION
FCC/FRC is for Declared DG <u>and</u> Undeclared DG	FCC/FRC is for DG only
Largest risk is from <u>Undeclared DG</u> . Risk is increasing!	We don't ship DG
FCC/FRC does <u>not</u> delay smoke detection. Similar or better than ULD	FCC/FRC delays smoke detection
FCC/FRC <u>can</u> contain Li-Ion battery fire, to certain limits	FCC/FRC can't contain any type of Li-Ion battery fire
TCO of FRC is lower than Aluminium Container	FRC is more expensive than normal container
FCC installs faster than pallet net. Simple instructions	FCC hard to handle/install, too complex
FCC is usually mistreated. If handled correctly it will last 5 years. It is also reparable	FCC isn't durable
FCC has been in industry for 10+ years	FCC is a new untried concept



- Each individual airline should do a safety risk assessment
- Does the shipment contain general mail?
- Is the shipment from an unknown shipper?
- Has the shipper violated regulations in the past?  
Undeclared DG detected?
- Origin of the shipment?  
(e.g. Guangdong/Hong Kong vs. Hawaii)
- Is it during a peak time/big event?  
(e.g. Black Friday, Xmas, Singles' Day, etc.)



Thank you for your time