



# Leading the way in micromobility safety



Lithium-ion battery fires: What fuels the fire?

In 2021 and 2022, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) received reports from 39 states of at least 208 fires for overheating events that caused a reported 19 fatalities.

Overheating events of lithium-ion batteries, also known by the scientific term, Thermal Runaway, are typically caused by five factors which could result in an explosion and potentially ignite a fire:

- **Environment** – Accounting for exposure to extreme temperatures (hot or cold), water and other chemicals
- **Mechanics** – Factoring in the shock and impact from daily e-bike use on the streets
- **Age** – Ensuring the battery remains safe to use each day and after each charge
- **Design** – Confirming the electrical and mechanical parts are well-assembled and reliable
- **Electrical** – Testing that charge and discharge performance remains safe and as designed

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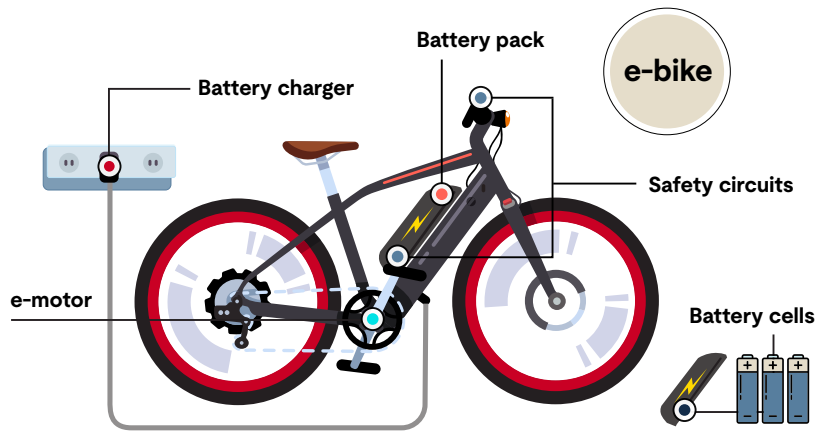
> Watch live testing of a battery experiencing Thermal Runaway.

## Certifying to UL Standards saves lives

Lithium-ion batteries are only one aspect of micromobility safety. UL Standards, including **UL 2849**, specifically address the need to evaluate and test safety-critical materials and components, individually and as a collective system, to mitigate risk to the end user. This comprehensive approach helps to ensure that the micromobility equipment can perform safely day-to-day and charge after recharge for the consumer.

## Certifying beyond the battery: a system approach to safety to reduce risk

**UL 2849** addresses more than just the battery: The standard looks at a holistic electrical system approach to safety (see components outlined in the e-bike illustration below).



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Battery cell</b></li> <li>• Electrical or environmental susceptibility</li> <li>• Mechanical integrity</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Electric motor (e-motor)</b></li> <li>• Material and electrical safety</li> <li>• Control system functional safety</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Electric bicycle (e-bike)</b></li> <li>• Charge and discharging within battery limits</li> <li>• Temperature within battery limits</li> <li>• Susceptible to adverse conditions from application and environment</li> <li>• Interrupt charging when error with host or charger</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Battery pack</b></li> <li>• Prevention of fire propagation</li> <li>• Battery management system functional safety</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Battery charger</b></li> <li>• No electric shock or fire hazard</li> <li>• Compatible to power requirement of the hose</li> </ul> |   |



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