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TECH TIP: Batteries

Modern camera batteries no longer have memory problems. Older batteries which were repeatedly recharged after being only *partially* discharged seemed to "remember" the smaller capacity.

But batteries don't last for ever. Label your batteries with the date of purchase, your address and a sequential number. (Avery return address label 5267 is a good size.) Always use the battery base protectors to prevent the risk of a short.

If you have to store batteries for a period store them discharged in a cool dry place. (**Never** discharge a battery by shorting its terminals with some wire. That makes them heat up, damage themselves and can even cause an explosion. Buy a battery discharger: in mid October 2010 www.amazon.com had an Ultralast UL-CV1 Universal Camcorder Battery Charger/Discharger/Tester for \$17.13.