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Product Code:	PA
Subject Code:	DC
Part Number:	BKB 191 205/1
LBI:	N/A

CATEGORY: PORTABLES

SUBJECT: MPA BATTERY PREMATURE FAILURES

PROBLEM:
Some short pack MPA batteries BKB 191 205/1 R1A, dated October 1995 (JAA) to March 1996 (CBA), may show signs of switch melting and subsequent failure.

SOLUTION:
The battery vendor has identified the problem that causes the switch failure and implemented the fix.

Batteries will be marked with an “X” on the third character of the date code, an “S” after the circled “C” or show the advanced “R1B revision level indicating changes to the battery design to correct the above problem.

NEW BATTERY DATE CODE MARKINGS:
New battery date code markings are as follows:
The first character is the month marking, A=Jan. continues to L=Dec.
The second character is the year marking, A=1995 and continues
The third character identifies the cell manufacturer, A=Sanyo, B=Panasonic
The fourth character is the vendor ID, Circled C= Centurion