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The use and sale of counterfeit batteries has become a growing concern in recent years. Fake batteries are often made with inferior materials and components and can be dangerous to use. They can cause damage to devices, and in some cases, even cause fires. In addition, counterfeit batteries can be unreliable and fail to provide the expected performance.

Packaging clues can also help identify genuine battery packaging versus counterfeit, with fake batteries often having exaggerated metrics, especially in terms of capacity. Verifying authenticity through unique identifiers, such as serial numbers and holograms, is another option, although it may not apply to all OEM or upgrade batteries. While these methods may not always be foolproof, they can help prevent falling victim to fraudulent batteries.

In this article, we will go over what to look for when shopping for a battery to make sure you don't end up with a lemon. We will cover the common tactics that these predatory manufacturers use, and we will tell you what to look for in a good battery.

When it comes to batteries, there are a few terms that you should be aware of. OEM, Genuine, Counterfeit, and Fake are four of the most common terms used to describe batteries. OEM stands for Original Equipment Manufacturer, and those are batteries that are made by the original manufacturer of the device.

OEM batteries are generally not terrible batteries, but because batteries are the most expensive component, it's usually the minimum amount of battery for the application. Not necessarily low quality, but not by any means premium.

Genuine upgrade batteries are those that are made with high-quality components that are actually rated for what they are being advertised as. Counterfeit batteries are those that are made to look like an OEM battery. Fake batteries are made with low-quality components that are advertised as high-quality products. Fake batteries are generally the worst kind of bad battery, as they are made by people that literally have no other objective than to get your money. They will literally say anything, even super impossible things, to lure you in.

Counterfeit and outright fake batteries have become a serious problem. Fake batteries are made with inferior materials and components, which means that they are overrated. This can make them dangerous to use, because they can"t handle the amount of power that they are advertised as being able to handle. They can even cause damage to devices, and in some cases, fires. Also, fake batteries are known to be unreliable and never, ever live up to the expected capacity or performance.

These short-term cost savings, however, come at a long-term price. Even if your fake battery doesn't burst into

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flames or destroy your device, and even if you are totally happy with the performance you get out of the battery, it will definitely not last as long as a good battery made with high-quality components.

When it comes to determining a battery"s authenticity, one of the most obvious signs is the physical appearance of the battery. A visual inspection is one of the easiest and honestly most effective ways to determine whether a battery is good or bad. At first glance, there are several signs that can indicate a fake battery. Fake batteries (clones of OEM models) often have subtle differences in shape, size, and/or weight compared to their genuine counterparts. This situation is not too dissimilar from counterfeit jewelry or clothing.

Another thing to look at is the labeling on the battery. Oftentimes, the writing on such batteries will be incorrect or incomplete or have super basic spelling and grammar errors. Also, a different shade of color or a particular texture that differs from known-genuine models is another clear indication the battery may be fake.

Pay close attention to any logos or trademarks, as they can be a key indicator of a fake battery. Sure, a battery counterfeiter could perfectly represent these things, but they often do not. After all, if they were willing to use a lot of effort, they would not be trying to get rich quickly by selling fake batteries.

When it comes to batteries, weight is often a great indicator of authenticity. The outside of a battery can be made to look exactly like an original if enough effort is used. The weight, however, is impossible to trick unless the battery maker literally puts weights in the battery. If they did that, it would be super obvious that it was a scam, so most of the time, they don't.

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