

Re: Need to replace Nicad Battery on Southwestern Bell cordless GH5850

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jenbooks13@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I want to thank everybody for their answers! I've never posted on this group before and you are all quite helpful. To Jak...and the others...I did look at pics on the internet and at ebay, but they look like different sizes. I was baffled by that. Why there would not be a standard.

There are 'many' standards. I redid one pack for a phone that had shorter than normal AA's, with standard-sized ones. It was just a matter of breaking out a plastic tab in the battery compartment. Given that there was room inside for the standard cells, I can only assume the company (V-Tech) used the smaller cells to save money. It worked fine.

The internet is not the best resource (IMO) for comparison. Going to a store that has a variety of these packs, like--well, like almost anywhere here in the States (Office Depot, Home Depot, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, the local hardware store...they all have 'some' replacement packs)--will give you a better visual 'feel' for what's available.

I'm not very mechanical/handy, so the idea of having batteriesamerica making me one sounds better. I don't really know how to 'swap connectors' though I suppose if someone could refer me to an internet site explaining it, I could learn :).

It's a matter of cutting the plug off the old pack and soldering it onto the new. Observe polarity (red wire to red wire--black to black) and use heat shrinkable tubing to insulate the connections. If this is beyond your capability, you're probably better off to proceed as you have.

It's clearly the handset, and not the base, since I switched the phones, using the good one in the livingroom where I mostly do professional work. So I'm hoping it's just the battery, and that the phone itself is not failing for some mysterious reason.

I hope so, too. OTOH, cordless phones--even new--are pretty cheap these days. I buy them at thrift (second hand) stores. Many people simply donate the phone when the batteries die. I've yet to get a used one which

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needed more than basic cleaning and a new battery; but pass on ones which have obvious physical problems. I usually pay about \$3-\$5 for them.

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Thanx again!

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