



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

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GEHC Ref# 32075

To: Director of Clinical/ Biomedical Engineering  
Director of Neonatology/L & D and NICU Nurse Manager  
Risk Manager/Hospital Administrator

RE: **Certain Giraffe Shuttle Devices – Battery emitting odor during charging (sulfur odor)**

***This document contains important information for your product. Please ensure that all potential users in your facility are made aware of this safety notification and the recommended actions. Please retain this document for your records.***

### Safety Issue

GE Healthcare has become aware that when the Giraffe Shuttle is being charged the batteries could potentially emit low concentrations of gases (outgassing) producing a strong sulfur odor. The outgassing stops when the shuttle is unplugged from the wall socket. Inhalation of these gases in rare cases could cause bronchoconstriction potentially requiring medication in susceptible individuals such as asthmatic users. This issue could also cause minor headaches, irritation of the eyes and throat. There have been no serious injuries reported as a result of this issue.

### Safety Instructions

To minimize the opportunities for outgassing during charging of the Giraffe Shuttle until the correction is available, it is recommended in order to continue use of the Giraffe Shuttle to follow the below instructions. If at any time you smell a gas odor during charging, disconnect the Giraffe Shuttle from the wall power outlet. **Discontinue use** of the Giraffe Shuttle and contact a GE Healthcare Representative.

- 1) **DO NOT** charge the Giraffe Shuttle while connected to Giraffe or Panda beds. In the rare case where charging is required when connected, **DO NOT** charge more than 5 minutes and ensure a caregiver is nearby the Giraffe Shuttle with patients in the Giraffe or Panda bed.
- 2) The Giraffe Shuttle should always be plugged in to a wall outlet when not in use:
  - with power ON/OFF switch in ON position; and
  - in a well-ventilated area away from patients.
- 3) When not in transport the locking/unlocking pedals should be in the position shown in Figure 1. The STOP (red) and GO (green) indicators should not be illuminated.

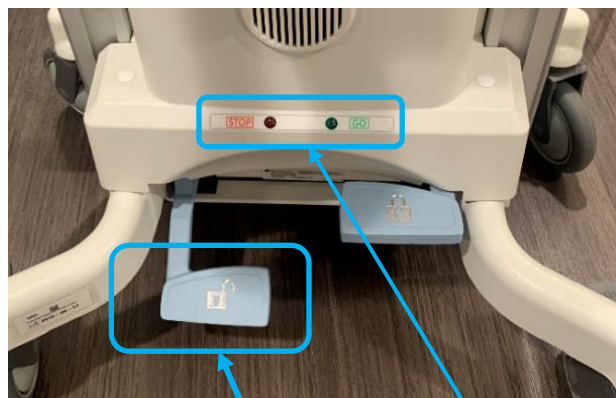


Figure 1: Undocked - Unlock Pedal Pressed and STOP/GO LED Lights OFF

- 4) **DO NOT** use the Giraffe Shuttle for transport if the battery charge display shows only one yellow light or a single flashing RED light as shown in Figure 2. Ensure the Giraffe Shuttle is adequately charged for the transport before use.



Figure 2: Battery charge display

**Affected  
Product  
Details**

Certain Giraffe Shuttle Devices serial listed below and Giraffe Shuttle devices which have received Upgrade kits with part number 2109672-001 and 2109673-001  
 GTIN: 00840682110808 with serial numbers: GSHW60086; GSHX60001; GSHX60014;  
 GSHY70002; GSHY70003; GSHY70004; GSHY70005; GSHY70006; GSHY70007; GSHY70008;  
 GSHY70009; GSHY70012; GSHY70013; GSHY70014; GSHY70015; GSHY70016; GSHY70017;  
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 GSHZ70101; GSHZ70102; GSHZ70103; GSHZ70104; GSHZ70105; GSHZ70106; GSHZ70107;  
 GSHZ70108; MAAP50034; MAAQ50170; MAAR50021; MAAT50013; MAAT60045;  
 MAAU61029; MAAU61040; MAAV60059;

**Product  
Correction**

GE Healthcare will correct all affected products at a later date when the correction is available at no cost to you. A GE Healthcare representative will contact you to arrange for the correction.

**Contact  
Information**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact GE Healthcare Service or your local Service Representative.  
UKI Technical Support Representative.  
+44 1707 263570 or askuktechnicalsupport@ge.com

GE Healthcare confirms that this notice has been notified to the appropriate Regulatory Agency.

Please be assured that maintaining a high level of safety and quality is our highest priority. If you have any questions, please contact us immediately per the contact information above.

Sincerely,



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Senior Executive, Quality & Regulatory  
GE Healthcare



Jeff Hersh, PhD MD  
Chief Medical Officer  
GE Healthcare



**MEDICAL DEVICE NOTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
RESPONSE REQUIRED**

GEHC Ref# 32075

**Please complete this form and return it to GE Healthcare promptly upon receipt and no later than 30 days from receipt. This will confirm receipt and understanding of the Medical Device Correction Notice and required actions to be taken Ref# 32075.**

Customer/Consignee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

We acknowledge receipt and understanding of the accompanying Medical Device Notification, and that we have taken appropriate actions in accordance with that Notification.

Please provide the name of the individual with responsibility who has completed this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

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