

# Manufacturing Improvements for DLA Lithium Batteries SBIR

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# Improvements for Military Lithium Batteries

- PRC-148, PRC-152, PRC-154, BB-2590, PLM-4
- Create open standards & enable competition
  - BB-2590 is competitively sourced, others are single source with no data package
- Benefits:
  - Increase commonality between packs
  - Cost savings — manufacturing costs & competition
  - Surge capacity/shelf life improvements — separate the COTS cells from the military-specific packs

Battery	BB-2590	PRC-148	PRC-152	PRC-154	PLM-4
<b>Pros</b>	Clear Specifications; Clear path to Service approval	Almost identical to -152	Almost identical to -148	Greatest future potential as -148 and -152 are replaced with -154	Simple pack design; Highest price (greatest improvement potential)
<b>Cons</b>	Already competitively procured	Will be superseded by -154; likely to be first radio replaced		Low DLA procurement volume	Low volume
<b>Volume</b> (30 day avg.)	1,872	1,865	701	20	12
<b>Recent Price:</b>	\$142.24	\$197.24	\$233.70	\$247.01	\$809.43
<b>Cost of Cells:</b>	~\$48	~\$12	~\$18	~\$18	~\$80
<b>Percent of Price Cells:</b>	34%	6%	8%	7%	10%

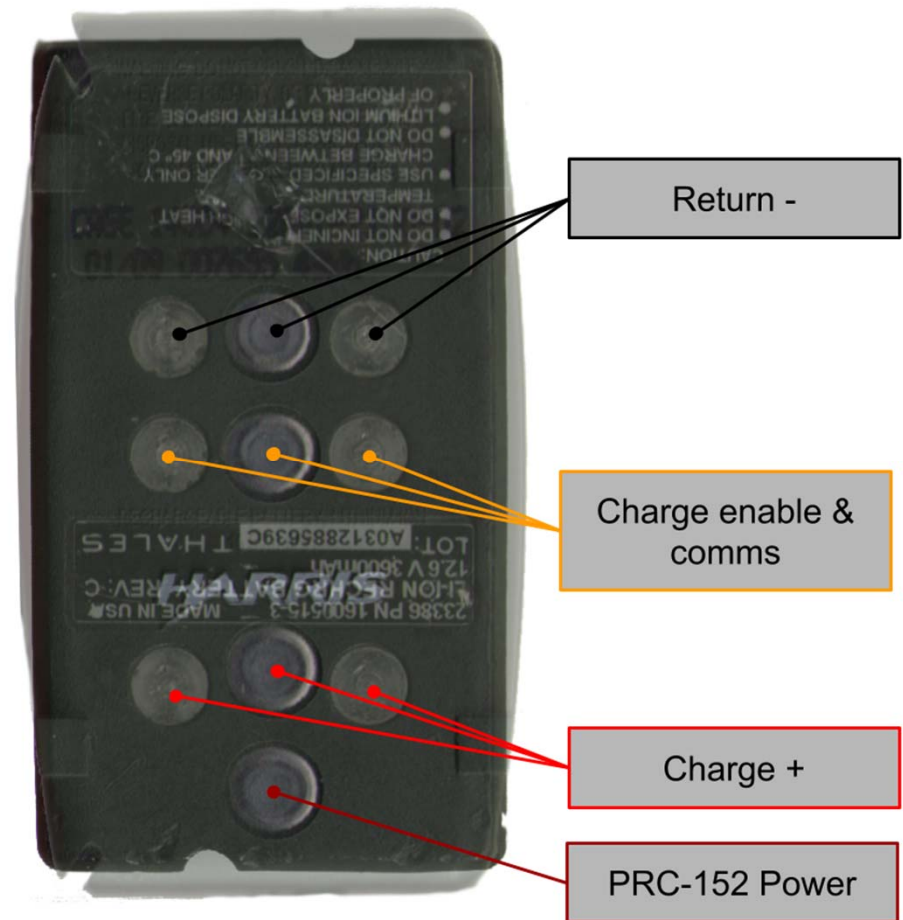
## Prototype Selection Tradeoff Summary

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# NSN Consolidation Benefits

## PRC-148 and PRC-152 can be combined into a single NSN

- Pack will “speak” correct language to each respective radio and charger
- Pins on radio side are compatible
- Pins on charger side can coexist — BB-2590-style tear-off to hide unused pins if necessary
- Mechanical interfaces must be carefully designed, but are similar enough to be combined



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