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The Doc has been testing for several weeks battery cartridges which allows you to use AA batteries in devices that take C and D size batteries. Here is a picture:



The system works by inserting the AA battery into the C body (see far left of photo). If you need a D size battery you then place the C body into the D body (see back of picture on the right hand side). The front right of the picture has the D body pulled in half.

The idea is a good one, but it falls down in practice. The D cartridge uses a spring to ensure proper contact is made with the C body (look at the bottom half of the D cartridge in the middle of the photo), unfortunately due to engineering tolerances the two halves do not stay together properly. Secondly, in practice the plastic is too brittle and has a tendency to break. If you look at the C body on the left of the picture you will see that it is broken near the top.

CONCLUSION

A great idea that is poorly implemented. Simply not worth the \$8 being asked by Jaycar.

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Cost: \$8 for two cartridges.

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