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Does depth of discharge affect cycle life?

Yes! The harder any battery has to work, the sooner it will fail.

Typical* VRLA Battery Cycling Ability vs. Depth of Discharge		
Capacity Withdrawn	Typical Life Cycles	
	Gel	AGM
100%	450	150
80%	600	200
50%	1000	370
25%	2100	925

^{*} You may experience longer or shorter life based upon application, charging regimen, temperature, rest periods, type of equipment, age of battery, etc.

5700

3100

10%

As you can see, the shallower the average discharge, the longer the life. This is why it's important to size a battery system to deliver at least twice the average power required, to assure shallow discharges.