

be developed and added to existing electronically built fusing mechanism including self destruct or self neutralizing devices. The activation of such additional features takes place after the short circuit of the capacitor firing lines used to initiate the detonator. One of these passive features could be to electrically feed supplementary capacitors or other devices in order to drain the battery power in a very short period of time. Another method could be to drain the battery power by overloading and destroying some of the electronic components contained in the fuse. It could also simply be natural battery life decay based on the battery shelf life. Passive self deactivation will automatically involve major refurbishing in a maintenance or manufacturing depot, unless the features are designed in such a way that dead battery, overturned electronic circuit board or exploded detonator could be easily substituted on site.