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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) The procedure of forced discharge test has been clarified (6.4.3.2).
- b) "Cell block" has been added to the scope (Clause 1).
- c) Option of temperature cycling test with electrical operation has been deleted (6.3.2).
- d) The test conditions for overcharge test have been revised (6.4.2.2).

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This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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## INTRODUCTION

The commercialization of electric road vehicles including battery, hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles has been accelerated in the global market, responding to the global concerns on CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and energy security. This, in turn, has led to rapidly increasing demand for high-power and high-energy-density traction batteries. Lithium-ion batteries are estimated to be one of the most promising secondary batteries for the propulsion of electric vehicles. In the light of the rapid spread of hybrid electric vehicles and the emergence of battery and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, a standard method for testing reliability and abuse requirements of lithium-ion batteries is indispensable for securing a basic level of safety and obtaining essential data for the design of vehicle systems and battery packs.

This document specifies reliability and abuse testing for automobile traction lithium-ion cells that basically differ from the other cells including those for portable and stationary applications specified by other IEC standards. For automobile application, it is important to note the usage specificity; i.e. the design diversity of automobile battery packs and systems, and specific requirements for cells and batteries corresponding to each of such designs. Based on these facts, the purpose of this document is to provide a basic test methodology with general versatility, which serves a function in common primary testing of lithium-ion cells to be used in a variety of battery systems. This document does not provide any pass-fail criteria for the tests, but specifies a standard classification of descriptions for test results.

This document is associated with ISO 12405-4 [1]<sup>1</sup>.

IEC 62660-1 [2] specifies the performance testing of lithium-ion cells for electric vehicle application.

IEC 62660-3 [3] specifies the safety requirements of lithium-ion cells for electric vehicle application.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

# SECONDARY LITHIUM-ION CELLS FOR THE PROPULSION OF ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES –

## Part 2: Reliability and abuse testing

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62660 specifies test procedures to observe the reliability and abuse behaviour of secondary lithium-ion cells and cell blocks used for propulsion of electric vehicles including battery electric vehicles (BEV) and hybrid electric vehicles (HEV).

NOTE 1 Secondary lithium-ion cells used for propulsion of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) can be tested by the procedure either for BEV application or HEV application, according to the battery system design, based on the agreement between the cell manufacturer and the customer.

This document specifies the standard test procedures and conditions for basic characteristics of lithium-ion cells for use in propulsion of battery and hybrid electric vehicles. The tests are indispensable for obtaining essential data on reliability and abuse behaviour of lithium-ion cells for use in various designs of battery systems and battery packs.

This document provides standard classification of description of test results to be used for the design of battery systems or battery packs.

NOTE 2 Cell blocks can be used as an alternative to cells according to the agreement between the cell manufacturer and the customer.

NOTE 3 The safety requirements of lithium-ion cells for electric vehicle application are defined in IEC 62660-3 [3].

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-64, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

ISO 16750-3, *Road vehicles – Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment – Part 3: Mechanical loads*

ISO 16750-4, *Road vehicles – Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment – Part 4: Climatic loads*

ISO/TR 8713, *Electrically propelled road vehicles – Vocabulary*

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**3.1****battery electric vehicle****BEV**

electric vehicle with only a traction battery as power source for vehicle propulsion

**3.2****cell block**

group of cells connected together in parallel configuration with or without protective devices, e.g. fuse or positive temperature coefficient resistor (PTC), not yet fitted with its final housing, terminal arrangement and electronic control device

**3.3****hybrid electric vehicle****HEV**

vehicle with both a rechargeable energy storage system and a fuelled power source for propulsion

**3.4****rated capacity** $C_n$ 

capacity value of a cell in ampere hours (Ah) determined under specified conditions and declared by the cell manufacturer

Note 1 to entry:  $n$  in  $C_n$  is the time base in hours (h). In this document,  $n = 3$  for BEV application and  $n = 1$  for HEV application unless otherwise specified.

**3.5** $I_t$ 

reference test current in amperes (A) which is expressed as

$$I_t = C_n / t$$

Note 1 to entry:  $t$  has a dimension of time in hours (h).

Note 2 to entry: See IEC 61434:1996 [4], Clause 2.

**3.6****room temperature**

temperature of  $25\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ K}$

**3.7****secondary lithium-ion cell****cell**

secondary single cell whose electric energy is derived from the insertion and extraction reactions of lithium ions between the anode and the cathode

Note 1 to entry: The secondary lithium-ion cell is a basic manufactured unit providing a source of electric energy by direct conversion of chemical energy. The cell consists of electrodes, separators, electrolyte, container and terminals, and is designed to be charged electrically.

**3.8****state of charge****SOC**

capacity in a cell expressed as a percentage of rated capacity