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A list of all the parts in the IEC 62660 series, published under the general title *Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles*, can be found on the IEC website.

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## INTRODUCTION

The commercialisation 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 rapidly diffusing hybrid electric vehicles and emerging 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 standard is to specify 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 the other IEC standards. For automobile application, it is important to note the usage specificity; i.e. the designing 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 standard 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. For the requirements for cells differ depending on the system designs of battery pack or vehicle, and should be evaluated by the users, this standard does not provide any pass-fail criteria for the tests, but specifies a standard classification of descriptions for test results.

This standard is associated with ISO 12405-1 and ISO 12405-2<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> Under consideration.

# 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 used for propulsion of electric vehicles including battery electric vehicles (BEV) and hybrid electric vehicles (HEV).

The objective of this standard is to specify 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 standard provides standard classification of description of test results to be used for the design of battery systems or battery packs.

NOTE 1 The reliability and abuse tests for the electrically connected lithium-ion cells may be performed with reference to this standard.

NOTE 2 The test specification for lithium-ion battery packs and systems is defined in ISO 12405-1 and ISO 12405-2 (under consideration).

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-482, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

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

IEC 61434, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Guide to the designation of current in alkaline secondary cell and battery standards*

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*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-482 and the following apply.

### 3.1 battery electric vehicle

#### BEV

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

### 3.2 hybrid electric vehicle

#### HEV

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

### 3.3 rated capacity

quantity of electricity  $C_3$ Ah (ampere-hours) for BEV and  $C_1$ Ah for HEV declared by the manufacturer

### 3.4 reference test current

#### $I_t$

current in amperes which is expressed as

$$I_t \text{ (A)} = C_n \text{ (Ah)} / 1 \text{ (h)}$$

where

$C_n$  is the rated capacity of the cell ;

$n$  is the time base (hours).

### 3.5 room temperature

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

### 3.6 secondary lithium ion cell

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

NOTE 1 The secondary cell is a basic manufactured unit providing a source of electrical energy by direct conversion of chemical energy. The cell consists of electrodes, separators, electrolyte, container and terminals, and is designed to be charged electrically.

NOTE 2 In this standard, cell or secondary cells means the secondary lithium ion cell to be used for the propulsion of electric road vehicles.

### 3.7 state of charge

#### SOC

available capacity in a battery expressed as a percentage of rated capacity

## 4 Test conditions

### 4.1 General

The details of the instrumentation used shall be provided in any report of results.