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INTRODUCTION

The described safety requirements comprise the protective measures to protect from hazards generated by the electricity, the electrolyte, and the explosive gases when using secondary batteries. In addition measures are described to maintain the functional safety of batteries and battery installations.

For the electrical safety (protection against electric shock) under Clause 4, this standard refers to IEC 60364-4-41. The pilot function of this standard is fully observed by indication of cross-reference numbers of the relevant clauses, but interpretation is given where adoption to direct current (DC) circuits is required.

This safety standard comes into force with the date of publication and applies to all new batteries and battery installations. Previous installations are intended to conform to the existing national standards at the time of installation. In case of redesign of old installations this standard applies.

Valve-regulated lead-acid batteries used in stationary battery installations are intended to fulfil safety requirements in accordance to IEC 60896-21 and IEC 60896-22.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY BATTERIES AND BATTERY INSTALLATIONS –

Part 2: Stationary batteries

1 Scope

This part of the IEC 62485 applies to stationary secondary batteries and battery installations with a maximum voltage of DC 1 500 V (nominal) and describes the principal measures for protections against hazards generated from:

- electricity,
- gas emission,
- electrolyte.

This International Standard provides requirements on safety aspects associated with the erection, use, inspection, maintenance and disposal.

It covers lead-acid and NiCd / NiMH batteries.

Examples for the main applications are:

- telecommunications,
- power station operation,
- central emergency lighting and alarm systems,
- uninterruptible power supplies,
- stationary engine starting,
- photovoltaic systems.

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 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-43, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-43: Protection for safety – Protection against overcurrent*

IEC 60364-5-53, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-53: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Isolation, switching and control*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60622:2002, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Sealed nickel cadmium prismatic rechargeable single cells*

IEC 60623:2001, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Vented nickel-cadmium prismatic rechargeable single cells*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC/TR 60755, *General requirements for residual current operated protective devices*

IEC 60896-11:2002, *Stationary lead-acid batteries – Part 11: Vented types – General requirements and methods of tests*

IEC 60896-21:2004, *Stationary lead-acid batteries – Part 21: Valve regulated types – Methods of test*

IEC 60896-22:2004, *Stationary lead-acid batteries – Part 22: Valve regulated types – Requirements*

IEC 60900, *Live working – Hand tools for use up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c.*

IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61340-4-1, *Electrostatics – Part 4-1: Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrical resistance of floor coverings and installed floors*

IEC 61660-1, *Short-circuit currents in d.c. auxiliary installations in power plants and substations – Part 1: Calculation of short-circuit currents*

IEC 61660-2, *Short-circuit currents in d.c. auxiliary installations in power plants and substations – Part 2: Calculation of effects*

IEC 62259:2003, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline and other non-acid electrolytes – Nickel cadmium prismatic secondary single cells with partial gas recombination*

ISO 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

(secondary) cell

(rechargeable) cell

single cell

assembly of electrodes and electrolyte which constitutes the basic unit of a secondary battery

NOTE This assembly is contained in an individual case and closed by a cover.

3.2

vented (secondary) cell

secondary cell having a cover provided with an opening through which gaseous products may escape

3.3

valve regulated (secondary) cell

secondary cell which is closed under normal conditions but has an arrangement which allows the escape of gas if the internal pressure exceeds a predetermined value. The cell cannot normally receive addition to the electrolyte