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**Electrically propelled road vehicles —  
Test specification for lithium-ion  
traction battery packs and systems —**

**Part 3:  
Safety performance requirements**

*Véhicules routiers à propulsion électrique — Spécifications d'essai  
pour packs et systèmes de batterie de traction aux ions lithium —*

*Partie 3: Exigences de performance de sécurité*



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## Foreword

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ISO 12405 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Test specification for lithium-ion traction battery packs and systems*:

- *Part 1: High-power applications*
- *Part 2: High-energy applications*
- *Part 3: Safety performance requirements*

## Introduction

Lithium-ion battery systems are efficient rechargeable energy storage systems for electrically propelled road vehicles. The requirements for lithium-ion battery systems to be used as power source for the propulsion of electric road vehicles are significantly different to those batteries used for consumer electronics or for stationary applications.

Lithium-ion batteries can store electricity at relatively high-energy density compared to other battery chemistries currently available. Under current state of art, most lithium-ion batteries use organic electrolytes which are classified as Class 3 “flammable liquid” under the “UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods — Model Regulations”. Therefore, mitigating potential hazards associated with fire or explosion of lithium-ion batteries is considered an important issue.

This part of ISO 12405 provides specific test procedures and related requirements to ensure an appropriate and acceptable level of safety of lithium-ion battery systems specifically developed for propulsion of road vehicles.



# Electrically propelled road vehicles — Test specification for lithium-ion traction battery packs and systems —

## Part 3: Safety performance requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 12405 specifies test procedures and provides acceptable safety requirements for voltage class B lithium-ion battery packs and systems, to be used as traction batteries in electrically propelled road vehicles. Traction battery packs and systems used for two-wheel or three-wheel vehicles are not covered by this part of ISO 12405. This part of ISO 12405 is related to the testing of safety performance of battery packs and systems for their intended use in a vehicle. This part of ISO 12405 is not intended to be applied for the evaluation of the safety of battery packs and systems during transport, storage, vehicle production, repair, and maintenance services.

### 2 Normative references

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

ISO 6469-1, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Safety specifications — Part 1: On-board rechargeable energy storage system (RESS)*

ISO 6469-3, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Safety specifications — Part 3: Protection of persons against electric shock*

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

ISO 12405-1:2011, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Test specification for lithium-ion traction battery packs and systems — Part 1: High-power applications*

ISO 12405-2:2012, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Test specification for lithium-ion traction battery packs and systems — Part 2: High-energy applications*

ISO 20653, *Road vehicles — Degrees of protection (IP code) — Protection of electrical equipment against foreign objects, water and access*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 8713 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **battery control unit**

##### **BCU**

electronic device that controls, manages, detects, or calculates electric and thermal functions of the battery system that provides communication between the battery system and other vehicle controllers

Note 1 to entry: See also [Annex A](#) for further explanation.