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This first edition cancels and replaces the second edition of IEC 61960 published in 2011. It is a technical revision.

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

- adding definition of portable applications (Scope),
- update of examples of cells (Table 1 and 2),

- adding “Dimensions of the cell with a laminate film case” (Annex A),
- adding “Capacity after storage” (from the date of manufacture) (Annex B).

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES CONTAINING ALKALINE OR OTHER NON-ACID ELECTROLYTES – SECONDARY LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES FOR PORTABLE APPLICATIONS –

Part 3: Prismatic and cylindrical lithium secondary cells, and batteries made from them

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61960 specifies performance tests, designations, markings, dimensions and other requirements for secondary lithium single cells and batteries for portable applications.

The objective of this document is to provide the purchasers and users of secondary lithium cells and batteries with a set of criteria with which they can judge the performance of secondary lithium cells and batteries offered by various manufacturers.

Portable applications comprise hand-held equipment, transportable equipment and movable equipment.

Examples of the main uses are shown below:

- a) hand-held equipment: smartphone, tablet PCs, audio/video players, and similar equipment;
- b) transportable equipment: notebook computers, CD players, and similar equipment;
- c) movable equipment
 - 18 kg or less in mass and not fixed in place, or
 - provided with wheels, castors, or other means to facilitate movement by an ordinary person as required to perform its intended use,
 - power tools, power assisted cycles, business-use video cameras, and similar equipment.

NOTE 1 All applications using batteries whose nominal voltages are equal to or over the hazardous voltage of 60 V DC are excluded.

NOTE 2 EESS (Electrical Energy Storage Systems) and UPS, which use batteries over 500 Wh of electric energy are excluded.

NOTE 3 Self-propelled vehicles are excluded.

This document defines a minimum required level of performance and a standardized methodology by which testing is performed and the results of this testing reported to the user. Hence, users will be able to establish the viability of commercially available cells and batteries via the declared specification and thus be able to select the cell or battery best suited for their intended application. The end user can handle only batteries which have completely fulfilled all the requirements of this document and others concerning safety such as IEC 62133-2.

This document covers secondary lithium cells and batteries with a range of chemistries. Each electrochemical couple has a characteristic voltage range over which it releases its electrical capacity, a characteristic nominal voltage and a characteristic final voltage during discharge. Users of secondary lithium cells and batteries are requested to consult the manufacturer for advice.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-482:2004, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 62133-2:2017, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications – Part 2: Lithium systems*

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1

charge recovery **capacity recovery**

capacity that a cell or battery can deliver with subsequent recharge after storage, at a specific temperature, for a specific time, as a percentage of the rated capacity

3.2

charge retention **capacity retention**

capacity that a cell or battery can deliver after storage, at a specific temperature, for a specific time without subsequent recharge as a percentage of the rated capacity

3.3

final voltage **end-of-discharge voltage**

specified closed circuit voltage at which a discharge of a cell or battery is terminated

3.4

nominal voltage

suitable approximate value of the voltage used to designate or identify a cell, a battery or an electrochemical system

Note 1 to entry: The nominal voltages of secondary lithium cells are shown in Table 1 and 2.

Note 2 to entry: The nominal voltage of a battery of n series connected cells is equal to n times the nominal voltage of a single cell.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-03-31, modified – Addition Notes 1 and 2 to entry.]