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European foreword

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EN 50342, *Lead-acid starter batteries*, is currently composed of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General requirements and methods of test* [the present document];
- *Part 2: Dimensions of batteries and marking of terminals*;
- *Part 3: Terminal system for batteries with 36 V nominal voltage*;
- *Part 4: Dimensions of batteries for heavy vehicles*;
- *Part 5: Properties of battery housings and handles*;
- *Part 6: Batteries for Micro-Cycle Applications* [currently at Formal Vote stage];
- *Part 7: General requirements and methods of tests for motorcycle batteries* [currently at Formal Vote stage].

EN 50342-1:2015 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50342-1:2006:

- a) The following topics have been reworked/changed in the new version:
 - 1) simplified structure;
 - 2) correction of errors;
 - 3) updated to actual state of art of lead acid batteries;
 - 4) definition of new requirement levels and a new system for identification.
- b) The following test procedures and requirements have been updated:
 - 1) charging procedure (reworked);
 - 2) cold cranking procedure (reworked);

- 3) charge retention (reworked);
- 4) deep discharge (new);
- 5) cycling (reworked);
- 6) water consumption;
- 7) vibration test procedures (reworked and new requirement level V4 added for heavy trucks).

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1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to lead-acid batteries with a nominal voltage of 12 V, used primarily as a power source for the starting of internal combustion engines, lighting and also for auxiliary equipment of internal combustion engine vehicles. These batteries are commonly called “starter batteries”. Batteries with a nominal voltage of 6 V are also included within the scope of this standard. All referenced voltages need to be divided by two for 6 V batteries.

This European Standard is applicable to batteries for the following purposes:

- batteries for passenger cars,
- batteries for commercial and industrial vehicles.

This European Standard is not applicable to batteries for other purposes, for example the starting of railcar internal combustion engines or for motorcycles.

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.

EN 50342–2, *Lead-acid starter batteries — Part 2: Dimensions of batteries and marking of terminals*

EN 50342–4, *Lead-acid starter batteries — Part 4: Dimensions of batteries for heavy vehicles*

EN 50342-5, *Lead-acid starter batteries — Part 5: Properties of battery housings and handles*

EN 50342–6, *Lead-acid starter batteries — Part 6: Batteries for Micro-Cycle Applications*

EN 61429, *Marking of secondary cells and batteries with the international recycling symbol ISO 7000-1135 and indications regarding directives 93/86/EEC and 91/157/EEC (IEC 61429)*

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

3 General

3.1 Introduction

The object of this standard is to specify:

- general requirements;
- certain essential functional characteristics, the relevant test methods and results required, for several classes and types of starter batteries.

For general definitions of terms see IEC 60050-482, Part 482 of the International Electro-technical Vocabulary (IEV).