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- a) information on applicability of this document has been added in Clause 1;
- b) the definitions of some terms in Clause 3 have been improved;
- c) the description of test procedures in Clause 4 has been clarified;
- d) information on endurance cycling test has been added (Annex E).

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The electric double-layer capacitor (capacitor) is used as an energy storage system for vehicles. Capacitor-installed electric vehicles are commercialized with an eye to improving fuel economy by recovering regenerative energy, and by peak power assistance during acceleration, etc. Although standards for capacitors already exists (IEC 62391 series), those for electric vehicles involve patterns of use, usage environment, and values of current that are quite different from those assumed in the existing standards. Standard evaluation and test methods will be useful for both auto manufacturers and capacitor suppliers to speed up the development and lower the costs of such capacitors. With these points in mind, this document aims to provide basic and minimum specifications in terms of the methods for testing electrical characteristics, and to create an environment that supports the expanding market of electric vehicles and large capacity capacitors. Additional practical test items to be standardized should be reconsidered after technology and market stabilization of capacitors for electric vehicles. Regarding endurance, which is important in practical use, just a basic concept is set forth in the informative annexes.

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# ELECTRIC DOUBLE-LAYER CAPACITORS FOR USE IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES – TEST METHODS FOR ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

## 1 Scope

This document describes the methods for testing electrical characteristics of electric double-layer capacitor cells (hereinafter referred to as "capacitor") used for peak power assistance in hybrid electric vehicles.

All the tests in this document are type tests.

This document can also be applicable to the capacitor used in idling reduction systems (start and-stop systems) for the vehicles.

This document can also be applicable to the capacitor modules consisting of more than one cell.

NOTE Annex E provides information on endurance cycling test.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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### 3.1

#### **ambient temperature**

temperature of the air, in the immediate vicinity of a capacitor

### 3.2

#### **applied voltage**

voltage (V) applied between the terminals of a capacitor

### 3.3

#### **calculation end voltage**

voltage (V) at a selected end point for calculating the characteristics including capacitance under a state of voltage decrease during discharge

### 3.4

#### **calculation start voltage**

voltage (V) at a selected start point for calculating the characteristics including capacitance under a state of voltage decrease during discharge