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PRIMARY BATTERIES –

Part 5: Safety of batteries with aqueous electrolyte

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2016. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) revised information for safety dealing with keeping batteries out of the reach of children;
- b) removal of the method to determine the insulation resistance;
- c) changes to the test matrix;

- d) revision of the over-discharge test;
- e) revised definition and note for "button cell" or "button battery" in 3.2;
- f) revised method for evaluation of an explosion, moved from 3.6 to 6.2.1.

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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INTRODUCTION

The concept of safety is closely related to safeguarding the integrity of people and property. This part of IEC 60086 specifies tests and requirements for primary batteries with aqueous electrolyte and has been prepared in accordance with ISO/IEC guidelines, taking into account all relevant national and international standards which apply. Also included in this document is guidance for appliance designers with respect to battery compartments and information regarding packaging, handling, warehousing and transportation.

Safety is a balance between freedom from risks of harm and other demands to be met by the product. There can be no absolute safety. Even at the highest level of safety, the product can only be relatively safe. In this respect, decision-making is based on risk evaluation and safety judgement.

As safety will pose different problems, it is impossible to provide a set of precise provisions and recommendations that will apply in every case. However, this document, when followed on a judicious "use when applicable" basis, will provide reasonably consistent standards for safety.

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PRIMARY BATTERIES –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60086 specifies tests and requirements for primary batteries with aqueous electrolyte to ensure their safe operation under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse.

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 60086-1:2015, *Primary batteries – Part 1: General*

IEC 60086-2:2015, *Primary batteries – Part 2: Physical and electrical specifications*

~~IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*~~

~~IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*~~

~~IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment type specimens*~~

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~~NOTE – Certain definitions taken from IEC 60050-482, IEC 60086-1, and IEC Guide 51 are repeated below for convenience.~~

3.1

battery

one or more cells electrically connected by permanent means, fitted in a case, with terminals, markings and protective devices etc., as necessary for use

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-01-04 [1], modified – The definition has been revised.]

3.2

button cell

button battery

small round cell or battery where the overall height is less than the diameter, containing aqueous electrolyte

Note 1 to entry: ~~In English, the term "button (cell or battery)" is only used for non-lithium batteries while the term "coin (cell or battery)" is used for lithium batteries only. In languages other than English, the terms "coin" and "button" are often used interchangeably, regardless of the electrochemical system.~~ See coin (cell or battery), lithium button (cell or battery) in IEC 60086-1 and IEC 60086-2.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-02-40, modified – The second term "coin cell" has been deleted, the definition has been revised and the note has been replaced with a new note.]

3.3

cell

basic functional unit, consisting of an assembly of electrodes, electrolyte, container, terminals and usually separators, that is a source of electric energy obtained by direct conversion of chemical energy

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-01-01, modified – The note has been deleted.]

3.4

component cell

cell contained in a battery

3.5

cylindrical battery

cylindrical cell

round cell or battery with a cylindrical shape in which the overall height is equal to or greater than the diameter

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-02-39, modified – In the definition, "cell ~~with a cylindrical shape~~" has been replaced by "round cell or battery".]

3.6

~~explosion (battery explosion)~~

~~the cell or battery opens and solid components are forcibly expelled~~

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3.7

fire

~~flames are emitted from the test cell or battery~~

3.6

intended use

use in accordance with information provided with a product or system, or, in the absence of such information, by generally understood patterns of usage

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.6 [2]]

3.9

leakage

~~unplanned escape of electrolyte from a cell or battery~~

~~[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-02-32]~~

3.7

nominal voltage

~~V_n U_n~~

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

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-03-31, modified – ~~(addition of "(of a primary battery)" and symbol V_n)~~ The domain and symbol have been added.]

3.8

primary cell

primary battery

cell or battery that is not designed to be electrically recharged

3.9

prismatic cell

prismatic battery

cell or battery having the shape of a parallelepiped whose faces are rectangular

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-02-38, modified ~~(deletion of "qualifies a")~~ – "cell" and "battery" have been added to the term and "qualifies a" has been deleted.]

3.10

protective device

device such as fuse, diode or other electric or electronic current limiter designed to interrupt the current flow in an electrical circuit

3.11

reasonably foreseeable misuse

use of a product or system in a way not intended by the supplier, but which can result from readily predictable human behaviour

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:1999/2014, 3.14, modified ~~("process or service" replaced by "or system" and "may" replaced by "can" and deletion of the Note)~~ 3.7, modified – The notes have been deleted.]

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3.12

round cell

round battery

cell or battery with circular cross section

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3.13

safety

freedom from risk which is not tolerable

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 3.14]

3.14

undischarged

state of ~~charge of~~ a primary cell or battery ~~corresponding to~~ at 0 % depth of discharge

~~**3.18**~~

~~**venting**~~

~~release of excessive internal pressure from a cell or battery in a manner intended by design to preclude explosion~~

4 Requirements for safety

4.1 Design

4.1.1 General

Batteries shall be so designed that they do not present a safety hazard under conditions of normal (intended) use.

4.1.2 Venting

All batteries shall incorporate a pressure relief feature or shall be so constructed that they will relieve excessive internal pressure at a value and rate which will preclude explosion. If encapsulation is necessary to support cells within an outer case, the type of encapsulant and the method of encapsulation shall not cause the battery to overheat during normal operation nor inhibit the operation of the pressure relief feature.

The battery case material and/or its final assembly shall be so designed that, in the event of one or more cells venting, the battery case does not present a hazard in its own right.

~~4.1.3 Insulation resistance~~

~~The insulation resistance between externally exposed metal surfaces of the battery excluding electrical contact surfaces and either terminal shall be not less than 5 MΩ at 500 $\text{V}_{-0\text{V}}^{+100\text{V}}$ applied for a minimum of 60 seconds.~~

4.2 Quality plan

The manufacturer shall prepare and implement a quality plan defining the procedures for the inspection of materials, components, cells and batteries during the course of manufacture, to be applied to the total process of producing a specific type of battery. Manufacturers should understand their process capabilities and should institute the necessary process controls as they relate to product safety.

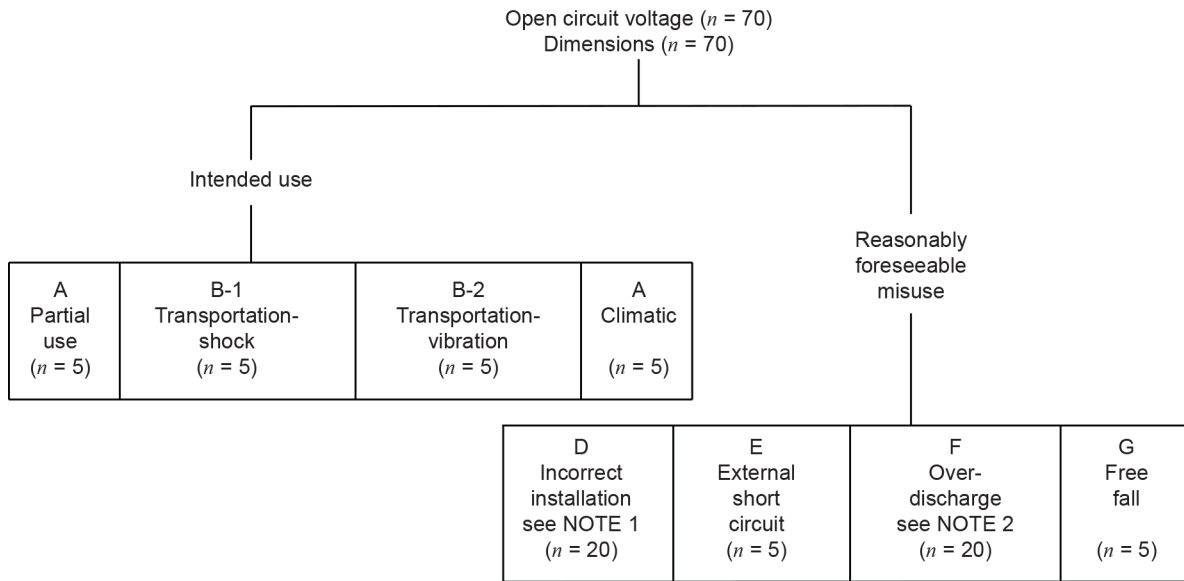
5 Sampling

5.1 General

Samples should be drawn from production lots in accordance with accepted statistical methods and shall meet the requirements specified for dimensions and open circuit voltage set forth in IEC 60086-2. Samples failing to meet these requirements shall be discarded and new samples selected.

5.2 Sampling for type ~~approval~~ testing

The number of samples drawn for type ~~approval~~ testing is given in Figure 1.



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NOTE 1 Four batteries connected in series with one of the four batteries reversed (5 sets).

NOTE 2 Four batteries connected in series, one of which is discharged (5 sets).

Figure 1 – Sampling for ~~type approval~~ tests and number of batteries required

5.3 Validity of testing

Cells or batteries with aqueous electrolyte shall be subjected to the tests, as required in this document. Testing remains valid until a design change or requirement revision has been made. Retesting is required when:

- a) a battery specification changes by more than 0,1 g or 20 % mass, whichever is greater, for the cathode, anode or electrolyte; [IEC 60086-5:2021](https://standards.iteh.ai/document/iec-60086-5-2021)
- b) a battery specification change would lead to a failure of any of the tests; [0c2/iec-60086-5-2021](https://standards.iteh.ai/document/iec-60086-5-2021)
- c) there is an addition of new tests or requirements; or
- d) there is a requirement change that would lead to a failure of any of the tests.

6 Testing and requirements

6.1 General

6.1.1 Applicable safety tests

Applicable safety tests are shown in Table 1. The tests described in Table 2 and Table 6 are intended to simulate conditions which the battery is likely to encounter during intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse.