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accumulateurs à électrolyte non acide -
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rechargeables ouverts au nickel-cadmium
(CEI 60623:2001)

Akkumulatoren und Batterien
mit alkalischem oder anderem
nicht-säurehaltigen Elektrolyten -
Geschlossene prismatische
wiederaufladbare Nickel-Cadmium-
Einzelzellen
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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60050-486	- ¹⁾	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary Chapter 486: Secondary cells and batteries	-	-
IEC 60051	Series	Direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories	EN 60051	Series
IEC 60410	- ¹⁾	Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes	-	-
IEC 60417	Series	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	EN 60417	Series
IEC 60485	- ¹⁾	Digital electronic d.c. voltmeters and d.c. electronic analogue-to-digital converters	-	-
IEC 61438	- ¹⁾	Possible safety and health hazards in the use of alkaline secondary cells and batteries - Guide to equipment manufacturers and users	-	-

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**SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES CONTAINING ALKALINE
OR OTHER NON-ACID ELECTROLYTES –****VENTED NICKEL-CADMIUM PRISMATIC RECHARGEABLE
SINGLE CELLS**

FOREWORD

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21A/327/FDIS	21A/329/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2006-01. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

Traditionally the manufacturers and users of alkaline secondary cells and batteries have expressed the current used to charge and discharge these cells and batteries as a multiple of the capacity. For example, a current of 20 A used to charge a cell with a rated capacity (C Ah) of 100 Ah would be expressed as $C/5$ A or $0,2 C$ A. This method of current designation has been used in earlier standards relating to alkaline secondary cells and batteries.

Comments have been made, however, that this method of current designation is dimensionally incorrect, in that a multiple of the capacity (ampere-hours) will be in ampere-hours and not, as required for current, in amperes. As a result of these comments, the method described in IEC 61434 has been used in this standard.

In brief, the method states that the reference test current (I_t) is expressed as:

$$I_t \text{ A} = \frac{C_n \text{ Ah}}{1 \text{ h}}$$

where

C_n is the rated capacity declared by the manufacturer in ampere-hours (Ah), and

n is the time base in hours (h) for which the rated capacity is declared.

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