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INTRODUCTION

The electric road vehicles (EV) including hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are beginning to diffuse in the global market with backing from global concerns on CO₂ reduction and energy, recent advances in technology and cost reduction. This has led to a rapidly increasing demand for high-power and high-energy density traction batteries represented by lithium-ion batteries.

For securing a basic level of quality of lithium-ion batteries for automotive applications, relevant international standards, i.e. IEC 62660-1, IEC 62660-2, ISO 12405-1 and ISO 12405-2, have been published. These standards specify the performance, reliability and abuse testing of lithium-ion battery cells, packs and systems for EV applications. Further, in the light of increasing concerns on the safety of lithium-ion batteries and demand for a referenceable international standard, safety requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems are defined in ISO 12405-3. Regulations, such as UN ECE R100, are also being revised that include acceptance criteria for rechargeable energy storage systems for EVs.

It is essential to specify the safety criteria at cell level in this standard, in order to secure the basic safety level of cells which differ in performance and design, and are applied to a variety of types of packs and systems. For automobile applications, it is important to note the design diversity of automobile battery packs and systems, and specific requirements for cells and batteries corresponding to each of such designs. Based on these facts, the purpose of this standard is to provide a basic level of safety test methodology and criteria with general versatility, which serves a function in common primary testing of lithium-ion cells to be used in a variety of battery systems. Specific requirements for the safety of cells differ depending on the system designs of battery packs or vehicles, and should be evaluated by the users. Final pass-fail criteria of cells are to be based on the agreement between the cell manufacturers and the customers.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62660 specifies test procedures and the acceptance criteria for safety performance of secondary lithium-ion cells and cell blocks used for the propulsion of electric vehicles (EV) including battery electric vehicles (BEV) and hybrid electric vehicles (HEV).

NOTE 1 Cell blocks can be used as an alternative to cells according to the agreement between the manufacturer and the customer.

NOTE 2 Concerning the cell for plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV), the manufacturer can select either the test condition of the BEV application or the HEV application.

This International Standard intends to determine the basic safety performance of cells used in a battery pack and system under intended use, and reasonable foreseeable misuse or incident, during the normal operation of the EV. The safety requirements of the cell in this standard are based on the premise that the cells are properly used in a battery pack and system within the limits for voltage, current and temperature as specified by the cell manufacturer (cell operating region).

The evaluation of the safety of cells during transport and storage is not covered by this standard.

NOTE 3 The safety performance requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems are defined in ISO 12405-3. The specifications and safety requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems of electrically propelled mopeds and motorcycles are defined in ISO 1243 (under development). IEC 62619 (under development) covers the safety requirements for the lithium-ion cells and batteries for industrial applications including forklift trucks, golf carts, and automated guided vehicles.

NOTE 4 Information on the cell operating region is provided in Annex A.

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IEC 62619:— 1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for secondary lithium cells and batteries, for use in industrial applications*

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