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## Litiumceller och litiumbatterier – Säkerhet vid transport

*Safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport*

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## **SAFETY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES DURING TRANSPORT**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 2012, and constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Deletion of the wire mesh screen from the evaluation of test criteria for an explosion;
- b) Extension / modification of the shock test parameters so as to achieve constant energy behaviour for large batteries as well as explanations in a new Annex A;
- c) Modification of the external short-circuit method so as to allow the short-circuit to be applied to large batteries after they have been removed from the temperature chamber;

- d) Change of the cell diameter distinguishing between impact and crush test from 20 mm to 18 mm;
- e) Addition of possible content for a transport certificate.

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.



## INTRODUCTION

Primary lithium cells and batteries were first introduced in military applications in the 1970s. At that time, little commercial interest and no industrial standards existed. Consequently, the United Nations (UN) Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, although usually referring to industrial standards for testing and criteria, introduced a sub-section in the Manual of tests and criteria concerning safety tests relevant to transport of primary lithium cells and batteries. Meanwhile, commercial interest in primary and secondary (rechargeable) lithium cells and batteries has grown and several industrial standards exist. However, the existing IEC standards are manifold, not completely harmonized, and not necessarily relevant to transport. They are not suitable to be used as a source of reference in the UN Model Regulations. Therefore this group safety standard has been prepared to harmonize the tests and requirements relevant to transport.

This International Standard applies to primary and secondary (rechargeable) lithium cells and batteries containing lithium in any chemical form: lithium metal, lithium alloy or lithium-ion. Lithium-metal and lithium alloy primary electrochemical systems use metallic lithium and lithium alloy, respectively, as the negative electrode. Lithium-ion secondary electrochemical systems use intercalation compounds (intercalated lithium exists in an ionic or quasi-atomic form within the lattice of the electrode material) in the positive and in the negative electrodes.

This International Standard also applies to lithium polymer cells and batteries, which are considered either as primary lithium-metal cells and batteries or as secondary lithium-ion cells and batteries, depending on the nature of the material used in the negative electrode.

The history of transporting primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries is worth noting. Since the 1970s, over ten billion primary lithium cells and batteries have been transported, and since the early 1990s, over one billion secondary (rechargeable) lithium cells and batteries utilizing a lithium-ion system have been transported. As the number of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries to be transported is increasing, it is appropriate to also include in this standard the safety testing of packaging used for the transportation of these products.

This International Standard specifically addresses the safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport and also the safety of the packaging used.

The UN Manual of Tests and Criteria [12]<sup>1</sup> distinguishes between lithium metal and lithium alloy cells and batteries on the one hand, and lithium ion and lithium polymer cells and batteries on the other hand. While it defines that lithium metal and lithium alloy cells and batteries can be either primary (non-rechargeable) or rechargeable, it always considers lithium ion cells and batteries as rechargeable. However, test methods in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria are the same for both secondary lithium metal and lithium alloy cells and batteries and lithium ion and lithium polymer cells and batteries. The concept is only needed to distinguish between small and large battery assemblies. Battery assemblies assembled from (primary or secondary) lithium metal and lithium alloy batteries are distinguished by the aggregate lithium content of all anodes (measured in grams), while battery assemblies assembled from lithium ion or lithium polymer batteries are distinguished by their “nominal” energy (measured in Watt-hours).

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

## **SAFETY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES DURING TRANSPORT**

### **1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies test methods and requirements for primary and secondary (rechargeable) lithium cells and batteries to ensure their safety during transport other than for recycling or disposal. Requirements specified in this standard do not apply in those cases where special provisions given in the relevant regulations, listed in 7.3, provide exemptions.

NOTE Different standards may apply for lithium-ion traction battery systems used for electrically propelled road vehicles.

### **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this document.