

© Copyright SEK Svensk Elstandard. Reproduction in any form without permission is prohibited.

## REDLINE VERSION

---

### **Laddningsbara batterier – Litium-jonceller för elfordon – Del 3: Säkerhetsfordringar**

*Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electrical road vehicles –  
Part 3: Safety requirements*

En så kallad "Redline version" (RLV) innehåller både den fastställda IEC-standardens och en ändringsmarkerad standard. Alla tillägg och borttagningar sedan den tidigare utgåvan är markerade med färg. Med en RLV sparar du mycket tid när du ska identifiera och bedöma aktuella ändringar i standarden. SEK Svensk Elstandard kan bara ge ut en RLV i de fall den finns tillgänglig från IEC.



IEC 62660-3

Edition 2.0 2022-03  
REDLINE VERSION

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD



---

## Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles – Part 3: Safety requirements

INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTROTECHNICAL  
COMMISSION

ICS 29.220.20; 43.120

ISBN 978-2-8322-1086-1

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.**

## CONTENTS

FOREWORD .....	4
<del>INTRODUCTION .....</del>	<del>7</del>
1 Scope .....	7
2 Normative references .....	7
3 Terms and definitions .....	8
4 Test conditions .....	10
4.1 General .....	10
4.2 Measuring instruments .....	10
4.2.1 Range of measuring devices .....	11
4.2.2 Voltage measurement .....	11
4.2.3 Current measurement .....	11
4.2.4 Temperature measurements .....	11
4.2.5 Other measurements .....	12
4.3 Tolerance .....	12
4.4 <del>Test temperature</del> Thermal stabilization .....	13
5 Electrical measurement .....	13
5.1 General charge conditions .....	13
5.2 Capacity .....	13
5.3 SOC adjustment .....	13
6 Safety tests .....	13
6.1 General .....	13
6.2 Mechanical tests .....	14
<del>6.2.1 Vibration .....</del>	<del>14</del>
6.2.1 Mechanical shock .....	14
6.2.2 Crush .....	14
6.3 Thermal test .....	15
6.3.1 High temperature endurance .....	15
6.3.2 Temperature cycling .....	16
6.4 Electrical tests .....	16
6.4.1 External short-circuit .....	16
6.4.2 Overcharge .....	16
6.4.3 Forced discharge .....	17
6.4.4 Internal short-circuit test .....	17
Annex A (informative) Operating region of cells for safe use .....	20
A.1 General .....	20
A.2 Charging conditions for safe use .....	20
A.2.1 General .....	20
A.2.2 Consideration on charging voltage .....	20
A.2.3 Consideration on temperature .....	21
A.3 Example of operating region .....	22
Annex B (informative) Explanation for the internal short-circuit test .....	23
B.1 General concept .....	23
B.2 Internal short-circuit caused by the particle contamination .....	23
Annex C (normative) Alternative internal short-circuit test (6.4.4.2.2) .....	25
C.1 General .....	25

C.2	Test preparation and test set-up .....	25
C.2.1	Preparation of cell before the test .....	25
C.2.2	Test setup .....	27
C.2.3	Preliminary test .....	28
C.3	Test procedure.....	29
C.4	Acceptance criteria .....	29
Bibliography	.....	30
Figure 1	– Example of temperature measurement of cell.....	12
Figure 2	– Example of crush test.....	15
Figure A.1	– An example of operating region for charging of typical lithium-ion cells .....	22
Figure A.2	– An example of operating region for discharging of typical lithium-ion cells .....	22
Figure C.1	– Example of case thinning.....	25
Figure C.2	– Example of thinning tool .....	26
Figure C.3	– Example of removing hard case.....	26
Figure C.4	– Example of hard case removal method during cell manufacturing .....	26
Figure C.5	– Example of fixation of cell.....	27
Figure C.6	– Test setup image for voltage measurement.....	27
Figure C.7	– Example of abrupt voltage drop .....	28
Table B.1	– Examples of the internal short-circuit of cell .....	24

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**SECONDARY LITHIUM-ION CELLS FOR THE PROPULSION  
OF ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES –****Part 3: Safety requirements****FOREWORD**

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as “IEC Publication(s)”). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

**This redline version of the official IEC Standard allows the user to identify the changes made to the previous edition IEC 62660-3:2016. A vertical bar appears in the margin wherever a change has been made. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text.**

IEC 62660-3 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 21: Secondary cells and batteries. It is an International Standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first 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) The new method for the internal short-circuit test has been added in 6.4.4.2.2 and Annex C, as an alternative option to the test in 6.4.4.2.1.
- b) The vibration test has been deleted.
- c) The test conditions of overcharge (6.4.2.2) have been partially revised.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
21/1133/FDIS	21/1137/RVD

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

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

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at [www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications](http://www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications).

A list of all parts in the IEC 62660 series, published under the general title *Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under [webstore.iec.ch](http://webstore.iec.ch) in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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

**IMPORTANT – The "colour inside" logo on the cover page of this document indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.**

## 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 of 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.~~

# SECONDARY LITHIUM-ION CELLS FOR THE PROPULSION OF ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES –

## Part 3: Safety requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62660 specifies test procedures and acceptance criteria for safety performance of secondary lithium-ion cells and cell blocks used for 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 document determines the basic safety performance of cells used in a battery pack and system under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse or incident, during the normal operation of the EV. The safety requirements of the cell in this document 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 document.

NOTE 1 The safety performance requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems are defined in ~~ISO 12405-3~~ **ISO 6469-1**. The specifications and safety requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems of electrically propelled mopeds and motorcycles are defined in ISO 18243. IEC 62619 covers the safety requirements for the lithium-ion cells and batteries for industrial applications, including, for example, forklift trucks, golf carts, and automated guided vehicles.

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

NOTE 2 Lithium cells, modules, battery packs, and battery systems are regulated by International Air Transport Association (IATA) and International Maritime Organization (IMO) for air and sea transport, and, regionally, by other authorities, mainly for land transport. Refer to IEC 62281 for additional information.

### 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 60050-482, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary—Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries~~

~~IEC 61434, Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes—Guide to the designation of current in alkaline secondary cell and battery standards~~

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

<sup>1</sup> **Second edition** under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: IEC FDIS 62619:20152021.



IEC 62660-2:~~2010~~2018, *Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles – Part 2: Reliability and abuse testing*

ISO/TR 8713, *Electrically propelled road vehicles – Vocabulary*

© Copyright SEK Svensk Elstandard. Reproduction in any form without permission is prohibited.

## Laddningsbara batterier – Litium-jonceller för elfordon – Del 3: Säkerhetsfordringar

*Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electrical road vehicles –  
Part 3: Safety requirements*

Som svensk standard gäller europastandarden EN IEC 62660-3:2022. Den svenska standarden innehåller den officiella engelska språkversionen av EN IEC 62660-3:2022.

### Nationellt förord

Europastandarden EN IEC 62660-3:2022

består av:

- **europastandardens ikraftsättningsdokument**, utarbetat inom CENELEC
- **IEC 62660-3, Second edition, 2022 - Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electrical road vehicles - Part 3: Safety requirements**

utarbetad inom International Electrotechnical Commission, IEC.

Tidigare fastställd svensk standard SS-EN 62660-3, utgåva 1, 2016, gäller ej fr o m 2025-04-05.

### *Standarder underlättar utvecklingen och höjer elsäkerheten*

Det finns många fördelar med att ha gemensamma tekniska regler för bl a mätning, säkerhet och provning och för utförande, skötsel och dokumentation av elprodukter och elanläggningar.

Genom att utforma sådana standarder blir säkerhetsfordringar tydliga och utvecklingskostnaderna rimliga samtidigt som marknadens acceptans för produkten eller tjänsten ökar.

Många standarder inom elområdet beskriver tekniska lösningar och metoder som åstadkommer den elsäkerhet som föreskrivs av svenska myndigheter och av EU.

### *SEK är Sveriges röst i standardiseringsarbetet inom elområdet*

SEK Svensk Elstandard svarar för standardiseringen inom elområdet i Sverige och samordnar svensk medverkan i internationell och europeisk standardisering. SEK är en ideell organisation med frivilligt deltagande från svenska myndigheter, företag och organisationer som vill medverka till och påverka utformningen av tekniska regler inom elektrotekniken.

SEK samordnar svenska intressenters medverkan i SEKs tekniska kommittéer och stödjer svenska experters medverkan i internationella och europeiska projekt.

### *Stora delar av arbetet sker internationellt*

Utformningen av standarder sker i allt väsentligt i internationellt och europeiskt samarbete. SEK är svensk nationalkommitté av International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) och Comité Européen de Normalisation Electrotechnique (CENELEC).

Standardiseringsarbetet inom SEK är organiserat i referensgrupper bestående av ett antal tekniska kommittéer som speglar hur arbetet inom IEC och CENELEC är organiserat.

Arbetet i de tekniska kommittéerna är öppet för alla svenska organisationer, företag, institutioner, myndigheter och statliga verk. Den årliga avgiften för deltagandet och intäkter från försäljning finansierar SEKs standardiseringsverksamhet och medlemsavgift till IEC och CENELEC.

### *Var med och påverka!*

Den som deltar i SEKs tekniska kommittéarbete har möjlighet att påverka framtida standarder och får tidig tillgång till information och dokumentation om utvecklingen inom sitt teknikområde. Arbetet och kontakterna med kollegor, kunder och konkurrenter kan gynnsamt påverka enskilda företags affärsutveckling och bidrar till deltagarnas egen kompetensutveckling.

Du som vill dra nytta av dessa möjligheter är välkommen att kontakta SEKs kansli för mer information.

### **SEK Svensk Elstandard**

Box 1284  
164 29 Kista  
Tel 08-444 14 00  
[www.elstandard.se](http://www.elstandard.se)

English Version

**Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road  
vehicles - Part 3: Safety requirements  
(IEC 62660-3:2022)**

Éléments d'accumulateurs lithium-ion pour la propulsion  
des véhicules routiers électriques - Partie 3: Exigences de  
sécurité  
(IEC 62660-3:2022)

Lithium-Ionen-Sekundärzellen für den Antrieb von  
Elektrostraßenfahrzeugen - Teil 3:  
Sicherheitsanforderungen  
(IEC 62660-3:2022)

This European Standard was approved by CENELEC on 2022-04-05. CENELEC members are bound to comply with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations which stipulate the conditions for giving this European Standard the status of a national standard without any alteration.

Up-to-date lists and bibliographical references concerning such national standards may be obtained on application to the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre or to any CENELEC member.

This European Standard exists in three official versions (English, French, German). A version in any other language made by translation under the responsibility of a CENELEC member into its own language and notified to the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre has the same status as the official versions.

CENELEC members are the national electrotechnical committees of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.



European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization  
Comité Européen de Normalisation Electrotechnique  
Europäisches Komitee für Elektrotechnische Normung

**CEN-CENELEC Management Centre: Rue de la Science 23, B-1040 Brussels**

## European foreword

The text of document 21/1133/FDIS, future edition 2 of IEC 62660-3, prepared by IEC/TC 21 "Secondary cells and batteries" was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and approved by CENELEC as EN IEC 62660-3:2022.

The following dates are fixed:

- latest date by which the document has to be implemented at national level by publication of an identical national standard or by endorsement (dop) 2023-01-05
- latest date by which the national standards conflicting with the document have to be withdrawn (dow) 2025-04-05

This document supersedes EN 62660-3:2016 and all of its amendments and corrigenda (if any).

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CENELEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

Any feedback and questions on this document should be directed to the users' national committee. A complete listing of these bodies can be found on the CENELEC website.

## Endorsement notice

The text of the International Standard IEC 62660-3:2022 was approved by CENELEC as a European Standard without any modification.

In the official version, for Bibliography, the following notes have to be added for the standards indicated:

IEC 61434	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 61434
IEC 62133-2	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 62133-2
IEC 62660-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN IEC 62660-1
ISO 18243	NOTE	Harmonized as EN ISO 18243

## Annex ZA (normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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.

NOTE 1 Where an International Publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: [www.cenelec.eu](http://www.cenelec.eu).

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 62619	— <sup>1</sup>	Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for secondary lithium cells and batteries, for use in industrial applications	EN IEC 62619	— <sup>2</sup>
IEC 62660-2	2018	Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles - Part 2: Reliability and abuse testing	EN IEC 62660-2	2019
ISO/TR 8713	-	Electrically propelled road vehicles - Vocabulary	-	-

---

<sup>1</sup> Second edition under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: IEC FDIS 62619:2021.

<sup>2</sup> Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: FprEN IEC 62619:2021.

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE



---

**Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles –  
Part 3: Safety requirements**

**Éléments d'accumulateurs lithium-ion pour la propulsion des véhicules routiers  
électriques –  
Partie 3: Exigences de sécurité**

INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTROTECHNICAL  
COMMISSION

COMMISSION  
ELECTROTECHNIQUE  
INTERNATIONALE

---

ICS 29.220.20; 43.120

ISBN 978-2-8322-1083-3

<p><b>Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.</b></p> <p><b>Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.</b></p>
--

## CONTENTS

FOREWORD .....	4
1 Scope .....	6
2 Normative references .....	6
3 Terms and definitions .....	6
4 Test conditions .....	9
4.1 General .....	9
4.2 Measuring instruments .....	9
4.2.1 Range of measuring devices .....	9
4.2.2 Voltage measurement .....	9
4.2.3 Current measurement .....	9
4.2.4 Temperature measurements .....	9
4.2.5 Other measurements .....	10
4.3 Tolerance .....	10
4.4 Thermal stabilization .....	10
5 Electrical measurement .....	10
5.1 General charge conditions .....	10
5.2 Capacity .....	11
5.3 SOC adjustment .....	11
6 Safety tests .....	11
6.1 General .....	11
6.2 Mechanical tests .....	12
6.2.1 Mechanical shock .....	12
6.2.2 Crush .....	12
6.3 Thermal test .....	13
6.3.1 High temperature endurance .....	13
6.3.2 Temperature cycling .....	13
6.4 Electrical tests .....	14
6.4.1 External short-circuit .....	14
6.4.2 Overcharge .....	14
6.4.3 Forced discharge .....	14
6.4.4 Internal short-circuit test .....	15
Annex A (informative) Operating region of cells for safe use .....	17
A.1 General .....	17
A.2 Charging conditions for safe use .....	17
A.2.1 General .....	17
A.2.2 Consideration on charging voltage .....	17
A.2.3 Consideration on temperature .....	18
A.3 Example of operating region .....	19
Annex B (informative) Explanation for the internal short-circuit test .....	20
B.1 General concept .....	20
B.2 Internal short-circuit caused by the particle contamination .....	20
Annex C (normative) Alternative internal short-circuit test (6.4.4.2.2) .....	22
C.1 General .....	22
C.2 Test preparation and test set-up .....	22
C.2.1 Preparation of cell before the test .....	22



C.2.2	Test setup .....	24
C.2.3	Preliminary test .....	25
C.3	Test procedure.....	26
C.4	Acceptance criteria .....	26
Bibliography	.....	27
Figure 1	– Example of temperature measurement of cell.....	10
Figure 2	– Example of crush test.....	13
Figure A.1	– An example of operating region for charging of typical lithium-ion cells .....	19
Figure A.2	– An example of operating region for discharging of typical lithium-ion cells .....	19
Figure C.1	– Example of case thinning .....	22
Figure C.2	– Example of thinning tool .....	23
Figure C.3	– Example of removing hard case .....	23
Figure C.4	– Example of hard case removal method during cell manufacturing .....	23
Figure C.5	– Example of fixation of cell .....	24
Figure C.6	– Test setup image for voltage measurement.....	24
Figure C.7	– Example of abrupt voltage drop .....	25
Table B.1	– Examples of the internal short-circuit of cell .....	20

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**SECONDARY LITHIUM-ION CELLS FOR THE PROPULSION  
OF ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES –****Part 3: Safety requirements****FOREWORD**

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as “IEC Publication(s)”). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

IEC 62660-3 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 21: Secondary cells and batteries. It is an International Standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first 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) The new method for the internal short-circuit test has been added in 6.4.4.2.2 and Annex C, as an alternative option to the test in 6.4.4.2.1.
- b) The vibration test has been deleted.
- c) The test conditions of overcharge (6.4.2.2) have been partially revised.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
21/1133/FDIS	21/1137/RVD

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

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

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at [www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications](http://www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications).

A list of all parts in the IEC 62660 series, published under the general title *Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under [webstore.iec.ch](http://webstore.iec.ch) in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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

**IMPORTANT – The "colour inside" logo on the cover page of this document indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.**

# SECONDARY LITHIUM-ION CELLS FOR THE PROPULSION OF ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES –

## Part 3: Safety requirements

### 1 Scope

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

This document determines the basic safety performance of cells used in a battery pack and system under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse or incident, during the normal operation of the EV. The safety requirements of the cell in this document 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 document.

NOTE 1 The safety performance requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems are defined in ISO 6469-1. The specifications and safety requirements for lithium-ion battery packs and systems of electrically propelled mopeds and motorcycles are defined in ISO 18243. IEC 62619 covers the safety requirements for the lithium-ion cells and batteries for industrial applications, including, for example, forklift trucks, golf carts, and automated guided vehicles.

NOTE 2 Lithium cells, modules, battery packs, and battery systems are regulated by International Air Transport Association (IATA) and International Maritime Organization (IMO) for air and sea transport, and, regionally, by other authorities, mainly for land transport. Refer to IEC 62281 for additional information.

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

IEC 62660-2:2018, *Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles – Part 2: Reliability and abuse testing*

ISO/TR 8713, *Electrically propelled road vehicles – Vocabulary*

---

<sup>1</sup> Second edition under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: IEC FDIS 62619:2021.