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Part 1. On board energy storage

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- Part 3 : *Protection of users against electrical hazards*.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies all requirements specific to electrically propelled vehicles in order that they remain safe both for the users of the vehicle and for the environment of the vehicle (pedestrian, protection of nature against pollution etc.). This standard does not apply to maintenance operations and specific requirements for vehicles connected to an external power supply. This Part deals with specific requirements related to the on board electrochemical storage of energy.

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- EN 60529 : 1991 *Degree of protection provided by enclosures, (IP codes)* (IEC 529 : 1989).
- HD 366 : 1977 *Classification of electrical and electronic equipment with regard to protection against electric shocks* (IEC 536 : 1976).
- prEN 1987-3 : 1996 *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Specific prescriptions for safety Part 3: Protection of users against electrical hazards.*
- IEC 417K *Graphic symbols for use on equipment. Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets — Tenth supplement.*
- ISO 3864 : 1984 *Safety colours and safety signs.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 cell

A cell is an electrochemical energy storage device, of which the nominal voltage is the electrochemical couple nominal voltage, made of positive and negative electrodes, and an electrolyte.

3.2 battery module

A battery module is a single unit containing one cell or a set of cells electrically connected and mechanically assembled.

3.3 battery pack

A battery pack is a single mechanical assembly comprising battery modules, retaining frames or trays. The battery pack can include other components, for example topping-up and temperature control.

3.4 battery (traction battery)

A battery is the collection of all battery packs which are electrically connected, for the supply of energy to the power circuit.

3.5 exposed conductive part

In accordance with International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV), an exposed conductive part is a conductive part which can readily be touched, and which is not electrically energized in normal use, but which can become energized under fault conditions (insulation failure).

For this standard, 'readily be touched' means 'can be touched with a test finger IPXXB as defined in EN 60529 : 1991'.

NOTE. This concept is relative to a specific electrical circuit. A live part in one circuit can be an exposed conductive part to another, e.g. a car body can be a live part of the auxiliary network but an exposed conductive part to the power circuit

3.6 live part

A live part is any conductor or conductive part intended to be electrically energized in normal use.

3.7 electrical chassis

An electrical chassis is a set made of conductive parts electrically linked together, and all other conductive parts electrically linked to them, whose potential is taken as reference.

3.8 direct contact

Direct contact is contact of persons or livestock with live parts.

3.9 power circuit

The power circuit comprises all the power equipment such as traction battery, converter (inverter, chopper, etc.), traction motor and cables and connectors, used for the propulsion of the electric vehicle and other equipment (d.c./d.c. converter, step-up, etc.) galvanically connected with this power equipment.

3.10 drive system

The drive system includes all electric traction motors and the power control units for these motors; not the on board electric power source, e.g. the traction battery, not the auxiliary electronic devices, and not converters, e.g. d.c./d.c. converter, on board charger (unless it is common with the inverter motor controller).

3.11 connection terminal

A connection terminal is a live part of a battery module outside the enclosure of the battery module, intended to transmit electrical energy.

4 Marking

4.1 Battery pack

Nearby the battery pack shall appear the symbol given in figure 1.

This warning shall be unalterable and very visible if someone tries to access the battery.

4.2 Battery type

The chemical type of battery shall be clearly and visibly indicated for the benefit of emergency and rescue people.