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LITHIUM ION CAPACITORS FOR USE IN ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – TEST METHODS FOR ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the electrical characteristics (capacitance, internal resistance, discharge accumulated electric energy, and voltage maintenance rate) test methods of lithium ion capacitors (LIC) for use in electric and electronic equipment.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE The terms printed in italics are those which are defined in this Clause 3.

3.1

upper category temperature

highest ambient temperature that a LIC is designed to operate continuously

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.3, modified]

3.2

rated voltage

U_R

maximum direct current (d.c.) voltage that may be applied continuously for a certain time under the *upper category temperature* (3.1) to a LIC so that it can exhibit specified demand characteristics

Note 1 to entry: This voltage is the setting voltage in LIC design.

Note 2 to entry: The endurance test using the rated voltage is described in Annex A.

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.6, modified]

3.3

rated lower limit voltage

U_L

minimum d.c. voltage such that a LIC can exhibit specified demand characteristics

Note 1 to entry: The rated lower limit voltage is designated by manufacturer.

3.4

charging current

current required to charge a LIC

3.5

discharging current

current required to discharge a LIC

3.6

discharge accumulated electric energy

amount of discharged energy of a LIC accumulated from the *discharge start time* (3.7) to the *time to reach rated lower limit voltage* (3.10)

3.7

discharge start time

T_0

time when discharge of a LIC starts

Note 1 to entry: It is the basis time for the *calculation start time* (3.8) and the *time to reach rated lower limit voltage* (3.10).

3.8

calculation start time

T_1

time at a selected start point used to calculate the *capacitance* (3.12) and the *internal resistance* (3.14) during discharge of a LIC

Note 1 to entry: The calculation start time is expressed as elapsed time since the *discharge start time* (3.7).

3.9

calculation end time

T_2

time at a selected end point used to calculate the *capacitance* (3.12) and the *internal resistance* (3.14) during discharge of a LIC

Note 1 to entry: The calculation end time is expressed as elapsed time since the *discharge start time* (3.7).

3.10

time to reach rated lower limit voltage

T_L

time when the voltage reaches the *rated lower limit voltage* (3.3) during discharge of a LIC

Note 1 to entry: The time to reach rated lower limit voltage is expressed as elapsed time since the *discharge start time* (3.7).

3.11

instant drop voltage at discharge

U_0

voltage at the *discharge start time* (3.7) of a least-squares regression line over the time period from the *calculation start time* (3.8) to the *calculation end time* (3.9) for the voltage drop characteristic of a LIC during discharge

3.12

capacitance

ability of a LIC to store electrical charge

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.14, modified]

3.13

nominal capacitance

C_N

capacitance value designated by manufacturer, usually indicated on a LIC

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.15, modified]

3.14**internal resistance**

resistance component expressed in the equivalent series circuit of capacitance and resistance of a LIC

[SOURCE: IEC 62391-1:2006, 2.2.20, modified]

3.15**nominal internal resistance** R_N

internal resistance value designated by manufacturer, usually indicated on a LIC

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.17, modified]

3.16**constant voltage charging**

method of charging a LIC at specified constant voltage

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.18, modified]

3.17**constant current charging**

method of charging a LIC with specified constant current

3.18**constant current discharging**

method of discharging a LIC with specified constant current

3.19**pre-conditioning**

charge, discharge, and storage of a LIC under specified atmospheric conditions (temperature, humidity, and air pressure) before tests

Note 1 to entry: Generally, pre-conditioning implies that the LIC is stored until its inner temperature attains thermal equilibrium with the surrounding temperature, before its electrical characteristics are measured.

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.19, modified]

3.20**voltage maintenance rate** A

ratio of the voltage at the open-ended terminals to the charging voltage after a specified time period subsequent to the charging of a LIC

[SOURCE: IEC 62576:2009, 3.26, modified]

4 Test methods**4.1 Test requirements****4.1.1 Standard atmospheric conditions for tests**

Unless otherwise specified in the detail specification, all tests shall be made under standard atmospheric conditions for tests as given in IEC 60068-1:2013, 4.3:

- temperature: 15 °C to 35 °C;
- relative humidity: 25% to 75 %;

- air pressure: 86 kPa to 106 kPa.

If any question about determining measurement value arises under the atmospheric conditions or if it is requested, 4.1.2 is applied.

If it is difficult to perform measurements under the standard atmospheric conditions and if no question about determining measurement value arises, tests and measurements may be performed under other conditions than the standard atmospheric conditions.

4.1.2 Standard atmospheric conditions for measurements

Unless otherwise specified in the detail specification, all measurements shall be made under standard atmospheric conditions for measurements as given in IEC 60068-1:2013, 4.2, with the following details:

- temperature: $25\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$;
- relative humidity: 45 % to 55 %;
- air pressure: 86 kPa to 106 kPa.

4.1.3 Pre-conditioning

Unless otherwise specified in the detail specification, the LIC shall be charged with a constant current and constant voltage power supply, the voltage of which is set to the rated voltage, for 30 min then discharged to the lower limit voltage with a proper discharging device.

4.2 Measurement

4.2.1 Capacitance, discharge accumulated electric energy, and internal resistance

4.2.1.1 Test equipment

The test equipment shall be capable of constant current charging, constant voltage charging, and constant current discharging with current specified in 4.2.1.2, and continuous measurement of current and voltage at specified sampling interval. The basic circuit is shown in Figure 1.

a) D.C. power supply

The d.c. power supply shall be capable of charging the LIC at specified constant current and specified constant voltage for specified duration.

b) Constant current load

The constant current load shall be capable of discharging the LIC at specified constant current and its current rise time at discharge start shall be 50 ms or less.

c) D.C. voltage recorder

The d.c. voltage recorder shall be capable of conducting measurements and recording with 1 mV resolution and sampling interval of 100 ms.

d) Changeover switch

The changeover switch shall not cause chattering which may affect the result of voltage-time recording.

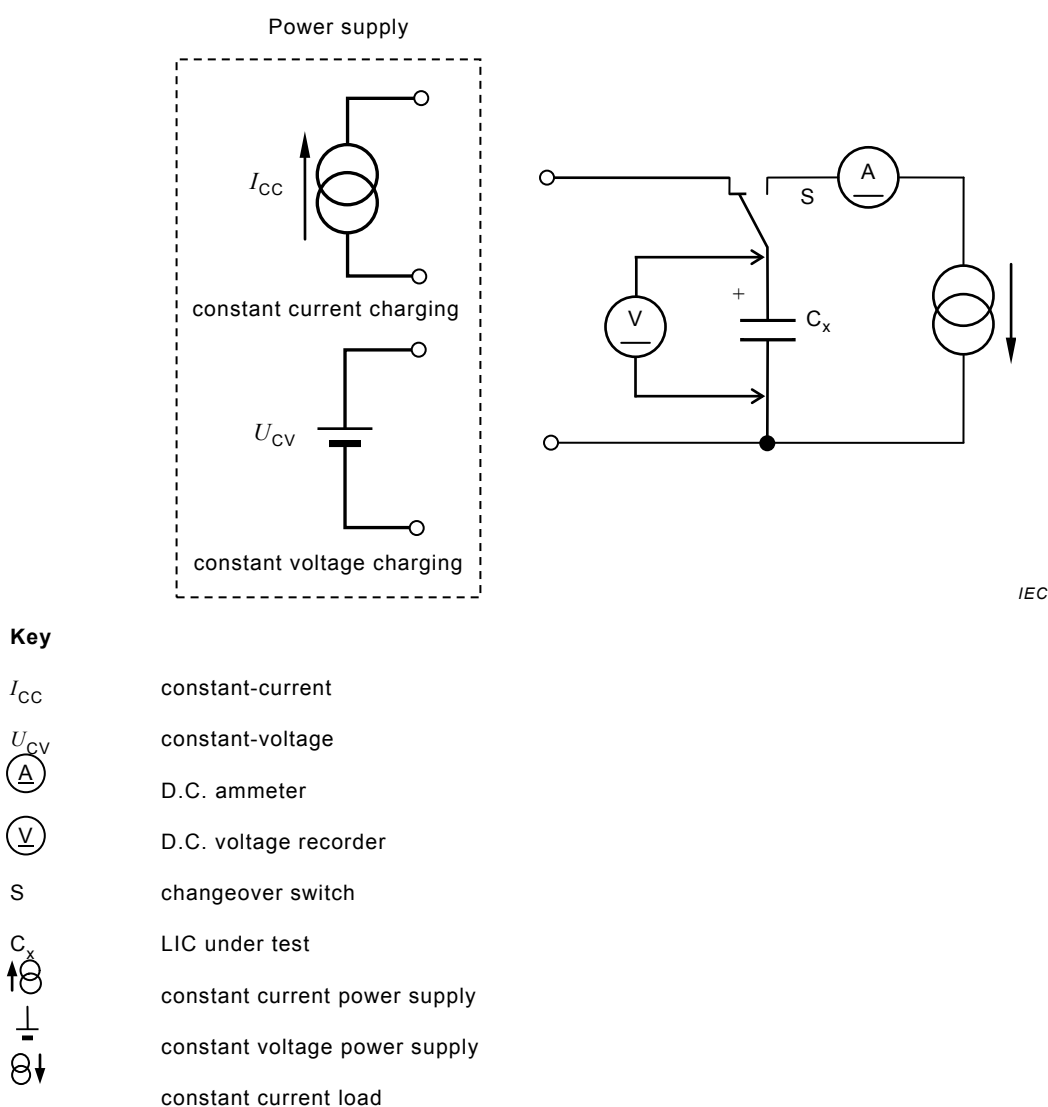


Figure 1 – Basic circuit for measuring capacitance, discharge accumulated electric energy, and internal resistance

4.2.1.2 Measurement procedure and conditions

The measurement procedure and conditions shall be as follows. The voltage profile between the LIC terminals in the measurement shall be as shown in Figure 2.

a) Before setting sample

The LIC shall be left in the standard atmospheric condition as defined in 4.1.1 for 2 h to 6 h.

b) Sample setting

Connect the LIC terminals to the circuit.

c) Constant current charging

Charge the LIC to the rated voltage U_R with d.c. power supply specified in 4.2.1.1 and with specified current I calculated by Formula (1).

$$I = \frac{1}{30R_N} \sqrt{1 + \frac{27}{5C_N R_N + 1} - \frac{26}{10C_N R_N + 1}} \quad (1)$$

where

I is the charging current (A). It is also used to specify the discharging current;

R_N is the nominal internal resistance of the LIC under test (Ω);

C_N is the nominal capacitance of the LIC under test (F).

NOTE The current calculated by Formula (1) is assumed as the current by which the resultant measurement error of the internal resistance is limited within $\pm 3\%$ (see Annex B). When the nominal value of internal resistance is uncertain, the current for the measurement can be set according to the advisable procedures described in Annex C.

d) Constant voltage charging

When voltage between the LIC terminals is reached to the rated voltage U_R , switch to constant voltage charging then apply the rated voltage U_R for 30 min.

e) Constant current discharging

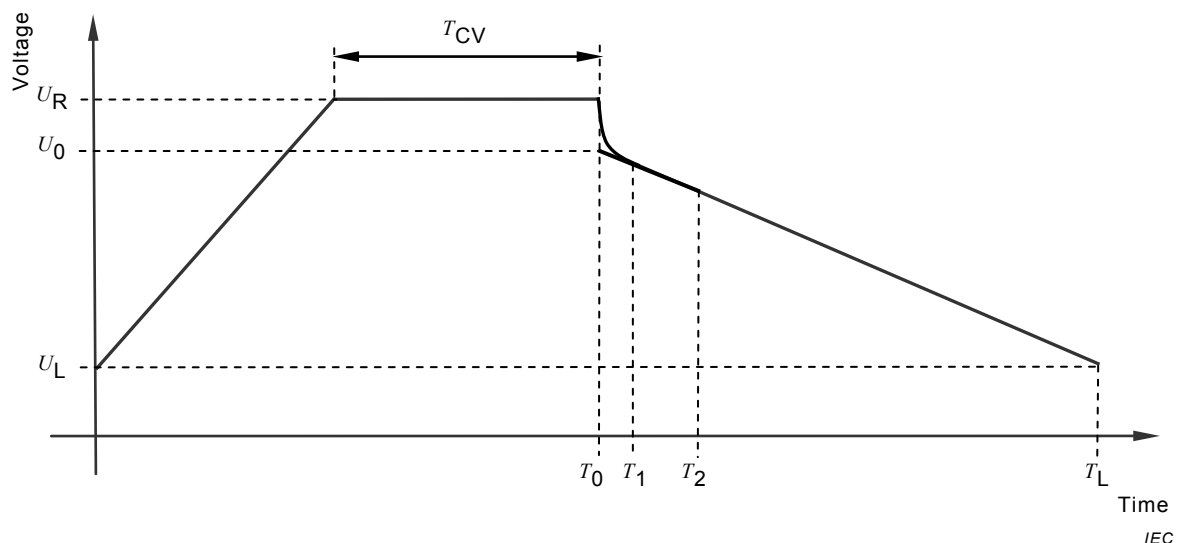
Turn changeover switch from the power supply to the constant current load and discharge with the specified constant current as follows:

- 1) For internal resistance measurement, set the discharge current: I calculated by Formula (1);
- 2) For discharge accumulated electric energy and capacitance measurement, set the discharge current: tenth of I calculated by Formula (1).

f) Test, measurement and recording

Measure and record the voltage-time characteristics between the LIC terminals

- 1) Sampling and recording interval shall be set to 100 ms.
- 2) Sampling and recording shall be conducted continuously from charge start time to the time to reach rated lower limit voltage U_L .



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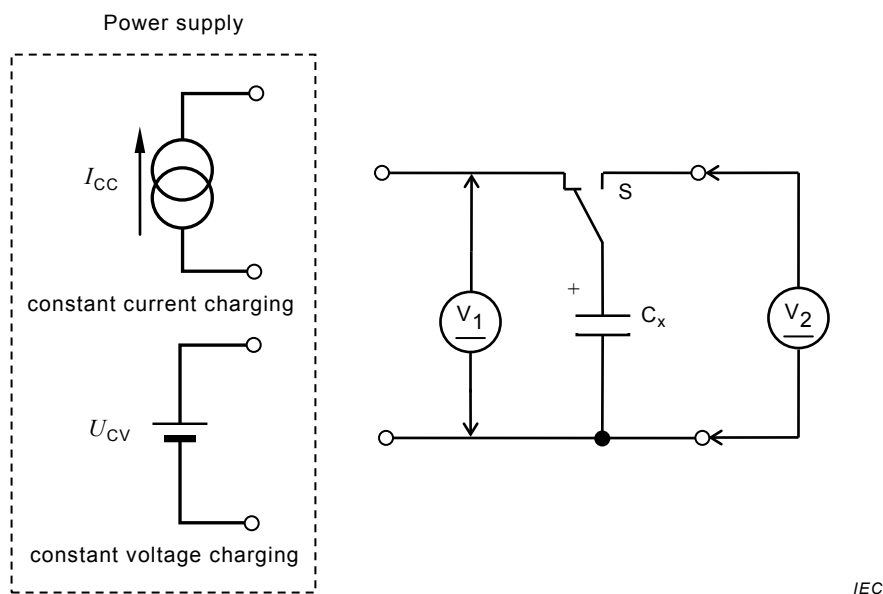
- T_0 discharge start time (s)
- T_1 calculation start time, which is set to $C_N R_N$ (s)
- T_2 calculation end time, which is set to $2 C_N R_N$ (s)
- T_L time to reach rated lower limit voltage (s)
- T_{CV} duration of constant voltage charging (s)
- U_R rated voltage (V)
- U_L rated lower limit voltage (V)
- U_0 instant drop voltage at discharge (V)

Figure 2 – Voltage profile for measuring capacitance, discharge accumulated electric energy, and internal resistance

4.2.2 Measurement for voltage maintenance rate

4.2.2.1 Test equipment

The basic circuit is shown in Figure 3. The d.c. voltmeters V_1 and V_2 shall have a resolution of 5 mV or less for voltage measurement. The input impedance shall be sufficiently high so that measurement errors are negligible.



Key



Figure 3 – Basic circuit for measuring the voltage maintenance rate

4.2.2.2 Measurement procedure and conditions

The measurement procedure and conditions shall be as follows. The voltage profile between the LIC terminals in the measurement shall be as shown in Figure 4.

a) Before setting sample

The LIC shall be left in the standard atmospheric condition as defined in 4.1.1 for 2 h to 6 h.

b) Sample setting

Connect the LIC terminals to the circuit.

c) Constant current charging

Charge the LIC to the rated voltage U_R with d.c. power supply specified in 4.2.1.1 and with specified current I calculated by Formula (1).

d) Constant voltage charging

When voltage between the LIC terminals is reached to the rated voltage U_R , switch to the constant voltage charging then apply the rated voltage U_R for 24 h.

e) Terminal opening

Disconnect the LIC terminals from the circuit.

f) Measurement

Measure voltage between the LIC terminals when T_{OC} is 72 h (see Figure 4).