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It is highlighted that this technical report does not contain any requirement but only collection of data or descriptions and guidelines about how to organize and perform the work in support of EN 16603-20.

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Introduction

Energy storage is required aboard almost all spacecraft. Batteries are the most common energy storage device. Batteries provide electrical power when power from solar arrays is temporarily unavailable or insufficient due to eclipses, payload peak loads, before solar panels are deployed or in case of emergencies or special manoeuvres. Batteries are tested in order to assess their performance and their suitability to meet mission requirements. This issue of the document does not include the battery management subsystem testing.

In order for a new cell or battery system to be accepted for a spacecraft mission, it is essential not only to have hardware which is qualified for a good beginning of life performance but also to have hardware whose performance changes with cycle life are well understood and predictable by appropriate models. For this reason the availability of comprehensive test data is very important.

The present handbook aims at providing practical and helpful guidelines for Li-ion cell and battery testing (testing conditions, required information, reporting) during the development and qualification of space equipment and systems. This document has been derived from requirements from ECSS-E-ST-20C and its purpose is to support the use of ECSS-E-ST-20C.

This Handbook gathers battery testing experience, know-how and lessons-learnt from the European Space Community.

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Scope

This Handbook establishes support the testing of Li-ion battery and associated generation of test related documentation.

This handbook sets out to:

- summarize most relevant characterisation tests
- provide guidelines for Li-ion battery testing
- provide guidelines for documentation associated with Li-ion cell or battery testing
- give an overview of appropriate test methods
- provide best practices

2 References

EN Reference	Reference in text	Title
EN 16601-00-01	ECSS-S-ST-00-01	ECSS System - Glossary of terms
EN 16603-10-02	ECSS-E-ST-10-03	Space engineering - Testing
EN 16603-10-04	ECSS-E-ST-10-04	Space engineering - Space environment
EN 16603-20	ECSS-E-ST-20	Space engineering - Electrical and electronic
EN 16602-20-08	ECSS-Q-ST-20-08	Space product assurance - Storage, handling and transportation of space hardware
EN 16602-70-02	ECSS-Q-ST-70-02	Space product assurance - Thermal vacuum outgassing test for the screening of space materials
-	IEC 62281 2013-08	Safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport
-	ST/SG/AC.10/11/rev5	United Nations Transport of Dangerous Goods UN manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3
-	JSC-20793 Rev.B April 2006	Crewed Space Vehicle Battery Safety Requirements

Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms from other documents

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions from ECSS-S-ST-00-01 apply, in particular for the following terms:

acceptance	lot	quality control
applicable document	model	reliability
assembly	nonconformance	requirement
bakeout	outgassing	review
calibration	procedure	safety
catastrophic	process	specification
environment	product assurance	standard
failure	project	supplier
handbook	qualification	traceability
hazard	quality	validation
inspection	quality assurance	verification

3.2 Terms specific to the present document

3.2.1 accelerated test

test designed to shorten cycle life test to estimate the average cell or battery lifetime at normal operating conditions

NOTE Temperature, SoC, cycle profile are sources of test acceleration.

3.2.2 activation

introduction of electrolyte in an assembled cell at the manufacturing facility during production

NOTE This is used to define the start of the cell shelf-life. The formation process is also part of the activation.

3.2.3 aging

permanent change in characteristics and performance due to repeated use or the passage of time

NOTE Permanent changes include loss of capacity and energy, increase in resistance.

3.2.4 battery

one or more cells (or modules) electrically connected to provide the required operating voltage, current and energy storage levels

3.2.5 battery management subsystem

electronics circuitry preventing cell or battery operation outside of specified voltage, current and temperature ranges, and managing cell-to-cell unbalance

NOTE It also includes cell or module of cells bypass circuits when deemed necessary by FMECA outcomes.

3.2.6 calendar loss

permanent degradation of electrical performance due to time after activation

NOTE Reversible effects such as self-discharge are not included in the calendar loss.

3.2.7 capacity

amount of charge available expressed in ampere-hours (Ah)

NOTE 1 Cell or battery (Ah) = $\int I_a dt$. It is the integral of the discharge current, between start of discharge and cut-off voltage or other specified voltage or specified duration.

NOTE 2 The capacity of a cell or battery is determined by a number of factors, including the cut-off voltage, discharge rate, temperature, method of charge (i.e. current, end-of-charge voltage) and the age and life history of the cell or battery.

3.2.8 capacity retention

fraction of the rated capacity available from a cell or battery under specified conditions of discharge after it has been stored for a certain time period at a specified temperature and state of charge in open circuit

3.2.9 cell can

cell packaging

3.2.10 cell building block or brick

sub-assembly unit, which consists of identical electrically connected cells

NOTE Building blocks (or bricks) are connected together to form a module or battery.

3.2.11 cell electromotive force

difference of potentials which exists between the two electrodes of opposite polarity in an electrochemical cell under open circuit steady state conditions