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### **Part 25: Batteries and chargers for powered wheelchairs – Requirements and test methods (ISO 7176-25:2013, IDT)**

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## Foreword

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ISO 7176-25 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 173, *Assistive products for persons with disability*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Wheelchairs*.

ISO 7176 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Wheelchairs*:

- *Part 1: Determination of static stability*
- *Part 2: Determination of dynamic stability of electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 3: Determination of effectiveness of brakes*
- *Part 4: Energy consumption of electric wheelchairs and scooters for determination of theoretical distance range*
- *Part 5: Determination of dimensions, mass and manoeuvring space*
- *Part 6: Determination of maximum speed, acceleration and deceleration of electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 7: Measurement of seating and wheel dimensions*
- *Part 8: Requirements and test methods for static, impact and fatigue strengths*
- *Part 9: Climatic tests for electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 10: Determination of obstacle-climbing ability of electrically powered wheelchairs*
- *Part 11: Test dummies*
- *Part 13: Determination of coefficient of friction of test surfaces*
- *Part 14: Power and control systems for electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters — Requirements and test methods*
- *Part 15: Requirements for information disclosure, documentation and labelling*
- *Part 16: Resistance to ignition of upholstered parts*
- *Part 19: Wheeled mobility devices for use as seats in motor vehicles*
- *Part 21: Requirements and test methods for electromagnetic compatibility of electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters, and battery chargers*
- *Part 22: Set-up procedures*

- *Part 23: Requirements and test methods for attendant-operated stair-climbing devices*
- *Part 24: Requirements and test methods for user-operated stair-climbing devices*
- *Part 25: Batteries and chargers for powered wheelchairs*
- *Part 26: Vocabulary*
- *Part 28: Requirements and test methods for stair-climbing devices*

## Introduction

Since the reliability and performance of an electrically powered wheelchair depend on the operation, performance and reliability of the battery set and the battery charger, it is important to ensure that wheelchair batteries and chargers are suitable for the purpose and that the wheelchair, batteries and charger are compatible. It is also important to ensure that risks arising from the use of wheelchair batteries and their chargers are eliminated or reduced as far as is practicable. Consequently, it is essential that performance requirements and safety requirements for wheelchair batteries and battery chargers are available.

Battery chargers are divided into three types: off-board, carry-on and on-board. Operating, transport and storage situations can differ for these types, so it is appropriate to apply different requirements to them.



# Wheelchairs —

## Part 25: Batteries and chargers for powered wheelchairs

**WARNING** — This part of ISO 7176 calls for the use of procedures that might be injurious to health if adequate precautions are not taken. It refers only to technical suitability and does not absolve those carrying out or commissioning the tests from legal obligations relating to health and safety. Prior to carrying out tests that could cause batteries or chargers to exhibit dangerous behaviour, it is recommended that the likely outcome is assessed and appropriate arrangements made to minimise risk.

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods for batteries and battery chargers intended for use with electrically powered wheelchairs. It is applicable to lead acid batteries and chargers intended for use with them. Requirements for chargers are applicable to those with a rated input voltage not greater than 250 V a.c. and a nominal output voltage not greater than 36 V.

NOTE 1 Requirements for other battery chemistries (nickel and lithium based batteries) and suitable chargers are under consideration.

NOTE 2 Requirements regarding safety are applicable to all battery chargers intended for use with electrically powered wheelchairs.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 7176-8, *Wheelchairs — Part 8: Requirements and test methods for static, impact and fatigue strengths*

ISO 7176-21, *Wheelchairs — Part 21: Requirements and test methods for electromagnetic compatibility of electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters, and battery chargers*

IEC 60254-1, *Lead-acid traction batteries — Part 1: General requirements and methods of tests*

IEC 60254-2, *Lead-acid traction batteries — Part 2: Dimensions of cells and terminals and marking of polarity on cells*

IEC 60335-2-29, *Household and similar electrical appliances — Safety — Part 2-29: Particular requirements for battery chargers*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61076-2-103, *Connectors for electronic equipment — Part 2-103: Circular connectors — Detail specification for a range of multipole connectors (type 'XLR')*

SAE J1495, *Test Procedure for Battery Flame Retardant Venting Systems*

IATA *Special Provision A67*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7176-26 and the following apply.

**3.1 battery**  
one or more cells fitted with devices necessary for use, for example case, terminals, marking and protective devices

[SOURCE: IEC 482-01-04]

**3.2 lead acid battery**  
**lead dioxide lead battery**  
secondary battery with an aqueous electrolyte based on dilute sulphuric acid, a positive electrode of lead dioxide and a negative electrode of lead

Note 1 to entry: Lead dioxide lead batteries are often called accumulators (deprecated).

[SOURCE: IEC 482-05-01]

**3.3 nominal voltage**  
suitable approximate value of the voltage used to designate or identify a cell, a battery or an electrochemical system

[SOURCE: IEC 482-03-31]

Note 1 to entry: For lead acid batteries the nominal voltage is usually two volts multiplied by the number of cells.

**3.4 rated d.c. output current**  
output current assigned to the battery charger by its manufacturer

**3.5 rated d.c. output voltage**  
output voltage assigned to the battery charger by its manufacturer

**3.6 rated input voltage**  
supply mains voltage assigned to the battery charger by its manufacturer

**3.7 safety hazard**  
potential source of physical injury or damage to the health of the user, other persons or animals, or damage to the surroundings, arising directly from the battery charger or battery

Note 1 to entry: Adapted from IEC 60601-1.

**3.8  $C_5$**   
rated capacity of the battery for a discharge time of 5 h, expressed in ampere hours

Note 1 to entry:  $C_5$  is equivalent to  $C_N$  as defined in IEC 60254-1.

Note 2 to entry: IEC 60254-1 states that the nominal capacity,  $C_N$ , is a reference value declared by the manufacturer, which is valid for a cell/battery temperature of 30 °C, a discharge time of 5 h, and a cut-off voltage  $U_f$  of 1,70 V per cell.

Note 3 to entry: The nominal capacity,  $C_N$ , can differ from the actual capacity of the battery.

### 3.9

#### $I_5$

the electric current ( $C_5 / 5$ ), expressed in amperes

Note 1 to entry: The numerical value of  $C_5$  divided by a numerical value of time in hours yields a numerical value of current.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Mean current meter**, capable of measuring the arithmetic mean current supplied by a battery charger to an accuracy of 2 % of the measurement, which does not introduce a voltage drop (added to the voltage at the output connector of the battery charger) that exceeds 0,2 % of the nominal battery voltage.

NOTE 1 The measuring device may be an integral part of an electronic load as specified in [4.4](#).

NOTE 2 It is important to match the averaging time of the meter to any cyclic variations in the charging current.

**4.2 Root-mean-square (r.m.s.) current meter**, capable of measuring the r.m.s. current supplied by a battery charger to an accuracy of 2 % of the measurement, which does not introduce a voltage drop that exceeds 0,2 % of the nominal battery voltage.

NOTE The measuring device may be an integral part of an electronic load as specified in [4.4](#).

**4.3 Voltmeter**, capable of measuring the voltage supplied by a battery charger, to an accuracy of 0,1 % of the measurement.

NOTE The measuring device may be an integral part of an electronic load as specified in [4.4](#).

**4.4 Electronic load**, for simulating a battery to the extent necessary to provide the test loads for battery chargers included in the scope of this standard.

EXAMPLE [Figure 1](#) shows an outline schematic for an electronic load that can be used in constant-voltage mode or constant-current mode, with terminals for connection to the output terminals of the battery charger.

In the constant-voltage mode (switch in CV position), the circuit will keep the voltage between the load terminals substantially constant while sinking the current supplied by the battery charger.

In the constant-voltage mode the voltage at the load terminals will be given by

$$V_{REF\_U} \times \frac{R1 + R2}{R2}$$

In the constant-current mode (switch in CC position), the circuit will sink a substantially constant current with the load terminal voltage being the output voltage of the battery charger.

In constant-current mode the load current will be given by

$$\frac{V_{REF\_I}}{R_{SHUNT}}$$