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a) added a test for internal DC resistance;

b) added a subclause for pulse power calculation;

c) added a test for constant power measurement;

d) added a subclause on the determination of durability parameters.

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1 Scope

This document specifies marking, designation, dimensions, tests and requirements for vented nickel-cadmium prismatic secondary single cells and battery systems made of them for use in industrial applications. 1

NOTE In this context, "prismatic" refers to cells having rectangular sides and base.

When there exists an IEC standard specifying test conditions and requirements for cells used in special applications and which is in conflict with this document, the former takes precedence.

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 60050-482:2004, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

IEC 60050-482:2004/AMD2:2020, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

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

IEC 60417, Graphical symbols for use on equipment, available at http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-482:2004 and the following apply.

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3.1.1
vented cell
secondary cell having a cover provided with an opening through which products of electrolysis and evaporation are allowed to escape freely from the cell to the atmosphere

Note 1 to entry: The opening ~~may~~ can be fitted with a venting system.

Note 2 to entry: The vented cell is the smallest unit manufactured in series, and the primary vehicle for electrical characterization.

3.1.2
monobloc battery
battery with multiple separate but electrically connected cell compartments each of which is designed to house an assembly of electrodes, electrolyte, terminals or interconnections and possible separators