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IEC 62933-5-2 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 120: Electrical Energy Storage (EES) systems. It is an International Standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2020. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) New BESS categories: This document created new BESS energy categories “E-LI” (integrated within one enclosure), and “E-LS”(separated by two or more enclosures), because the safety measures are different for systems with one enclosure and systems with multiple enclosures.
b) Location risk: This document added information about differences in risk depending on location.
c) Reused or repurposed battery: Regarding ensuring the safety of BESS using reused or repurposed batteries, a reference to the new standard IEC 629933-5-3 was added.
d) Protection from fire hazards: Based on an analysis of BESS fires occurring around the world, the number of fire propagation measures have been significantly increased.
e) System validation and test: Test methods and criteria have been clarified. In addition, the validation of measures against gas generation and fire spread has been significantly revised.

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INTRODUCTION

All the electrical energy storage systems (EESS) follow the general safety requirements as described in IEC ~~TS~~ 62933-5-1, which is based on a system approach. This document follows the same structure as IEC ~~TS~~ 62933-5-1 and provides additional requirements for ~~battery energy storage systems (BESS)~~ electrochemical-based EESS. The additional requirements are provided for the following reasons:

a) ~~BESS~~ Electrochemical-based EESS can be integrated into a significant range of electrical grids.

b) The level of safety requirements awareness can vary between utilities, system integrators, operators and end-users.

c) Although the safety of individual subsystems is generally covered by international standards at ISO and IEC levels, the safety matters that arise due the combination of electrochemical accumulation subsystems and any electrical subsystems are not always considered. ~~BESS~~ Electrochemical-based EESS are complex at the systems level due to the variety of potential battery options and configurations, including the combination of subsystems (e.g. control systems for electrochemical accumulation subsystems, electrochemical accumulation subsystems, power conversion subsystems and auxiliary subsystems). Compliance with standards and related material produced specifically for the safety of subsystems cannot be sufficient to reach an acceptable level of safety for the overall system.

d) ~~BESS~~ Electrochemical-based EESS can have additional safety hazards, due, for example, to the presence of chemicals, the emission of toxic gases, chemicals spilt around the electrochemical accumulation subsystems and to events critical for safety from electrochemical accumulation subsystems that cause safety issues for the entire ~~BESS~~ electrochemical-based EESS. They can cause loss of power at any part of the systems and buildings that can result in additional threats to safety. From a systems perspective, these individual hazards can have a system wide impact.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62933 primarily describes safety aspects for people and, where appropriate, safety matters related to the surroundings and living beings for grid-connected energy storage systems where an electrochemical storage subsystem is used.

This document is applicable to the entire life cycle of BESS (from design to end of service life management).

This document provides further safety provisions that arise due to the use of an electrochemical storage subsystem (e.g. battery system) in ~~energy storage~~ EES systems that are beyond the general safety considerations described in IEC ~~TS~~ 62933-5-1.

This document specifies the safety requirements of an "electrochemical" energy storage system as a "system" to reduce the risk of harm or damage caused by the hazards of an electrochemical energy storage system due to interactions between the subsystems as presently understood.

2 Normative references

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