

# Valve Regulated Lead Acid Battery Discharge Test

What is the IEC/EN Guide to Valve Regulated Lead-acid batteries?

This guide to IEC/EN standards aims to increase the awareness, understanding and use of valve regulated lead-acid batteries for stationary applications and to provide the 'user' with guidance in the preparation of a Purchasing Specification.

What happens when a lead acid battery is discharged?

The process is the same for all types of lead-acid batteries: flooded, gel and AGM. The actions that take place during discharge are the reverse of those that occur during charge. The discharged material on both plates is lead sulfate ( $\text{PbSO}_4$ ). When a charging voltage is applied, charge flow occurs.

How does a battery discharge test work?

The discharge current will be maintained within  $\pm 1\%$  until the battery voltage measured at the battery terminals equals an average of the required low voltage limit. (For example, 60 cells  $\times$  1.75V = 105VDC battery terminal voltage) A battery capacity test system will be used to conduct the discharge test.

Why are VRLA batteries protected against deep discharge?

o Our VRLA batteries are protected against deep discharge because they are "acid-starved." This means that the battery uses the power in the acid before it uses the power in the plates. Therefore, the plates are never subjected to destructive ultra-deep discharges. never runs out of water.

Why are VRLA batteries acid-starved?

Our VRLA batteries are designed to be "acid-starved." This means that the power (sulfate) in the acid is used before the power in the plates. This design protects the plates from ultra-deep discharges. Ultra-deep discharging is what causes life-shortening plate shedding and accelerated positive grid corrosion which can destroy a battery.

How do you test a lead-antimony battery?

In the case of a lead-antimony battery, measure and record the specific gravity of 10% of the cells and float charging current. For chemistries other than lead-antimony and where float current is not used to monitor the state of charge, measure and record the specific gravity 10% or more of the battery cells.

It really is a battery capacity or discharge test; it is not testing the load. So let's take a look at capacity and discharge testing. This technical note only addresses Vented Lead-Acid (VLA) and Valve-Regulated Lead-Acid (VRLA) batteries. Discharge testing is a complex issue and there are various types and methodologies, too much to be covered in one technical note, so, this is ...

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During discharge, the  $PbO_2$  (lead dioxide) of the positive plate becomes  $PbSO_4$  (lead sulphate); and the Pb (spongy lead) of the negative plate becomes  $PbSO_4$  (lead sulphate). This causes ...

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