Complete quality assurance in battery mass production

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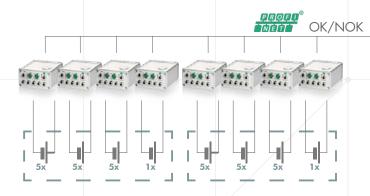
Boost your productivity with cost-efficient solutions for uncompromising zero-defect assembly



Hundreds of round cells per vehicle are required in the manufacture and assembly of lithium-ion battery packs for pure electric vehicles. One battery module consists of 32 cells. Before a complete module is transferred to the downstream process, 100 % quality control is carried out for each cell during a parallel completion process. Key battery parameters are checked to rule out possible causes of failure in advance. Self-heating, capacity losses or accelerated aging processes could have a serious impact on battery lifespan or even cause a fire.

32 round cells are measured in just a few milliseconds per cell with burster series 2511 battery measuring modules. In addition to the open-circuit and module voltage, the four-wire measurement method is used to precisely record the real part of the complex impedance via combined AC/DC internal resistance measurement at 1 kHz and 10 Hz. This enables conclusions about the electrolyte quality and electrode properties. The respective measured values and evaluation results are transmitted to the higher-level control system in real time via a PROFINET interface.

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Measurement and evaluation parameters

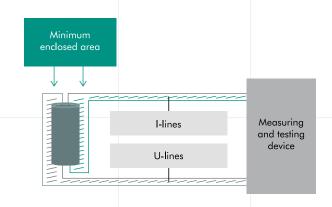
. U_{cell}≈ 3.66 ... 3.67 V DC U_{module}≈ 58.62 ... 58.82 V DC

 R_{AC} (1 kHz)≈ 23.50 ... 24.88 m Ω

 R_{DC} (10 Hz) ≈ 1.75 m Ω

To achieve reproducible and reliable results, care must be taken that only a minimum area is enclosed between the U/I leads, and the measuring leads should be twisted until shortly before the test object. Precise positioning and consistent, stable contact force are of elementary importance in the connection and measurement process.

Thanks to their very small dimensions ($104 \times 54.6 \times 120$ mm per unit), IP54 protection and low weight, the battery measuring modules are installed in the immediate vicinity of robots.



Highlights - performance features - customer benefits

- 100 % monitoring of cell electrolyte and electrode properties via AC/DC resistance measurement at 1 kHz, 10 Hz or only 1 kHz
- High-speed precise measurement and evaluation in just a few milliseconds
- Easy control system integration via fieldbus
- Ideal for single-channel and multi-channel applications in fully automated plants,
 e.g. for incoming goods inspection or BoL
- Extremely compact size, IP54 protection, can be mounted in the control cabinet, on a wall, or in the vicinity of robots

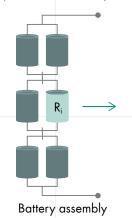
Features

- Internal resistance measurement at 1 kHz, optionally 1 Hz, 10 Hz, 100 Hz as well
- Four-wire measurement method for highest precision
- Measurement range 0 ... 10 m $\Omega/30$ m $\Omega/100$ m $\Omega/300$ m Ω
- Voltage measurement 0 ... ±5 V DC/±60 V DC
- Temperature measurement 0 °C ... +100 °C
- PC software for intuitive parameterization/configuration



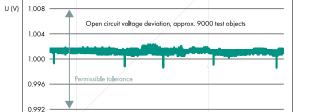
100 % monitoring for known weaknesses at an early stage in the process

High-performance battery modules consist of a large number of individual cells connected in parallel or series.



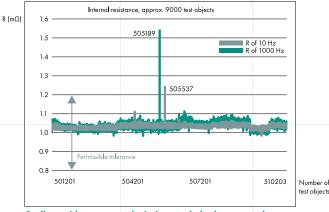
Because different internal resistances cause different charge/discharge behaviors, increased internal resistance in one battery cell has serious effects: accelerated aging, greater self-heating, reduced capacity and a shorter lifespan.

A complex battery assembly is only as strong as the weakest cell!



Open circuit voltage measurement

AC and DC internal resistance measurement



Outliers with enormous deviations, only both measured values provide information about battery quality.

test objects