

## **APPENDIX B**

# **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF NICKEL-CADMIUM POCKET PLATE CELLS**

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Data is summarized in this appendix of the discharge and charge characteristics of a typical vented, intermediate rate, pocket plate nickel-cadmium cell. High rate and low rate cells are also available from manufacturers and can be considered by the system designer. High rate cells will have higher voltages on high rate discharges like starter loads. Low rate cells will have superior energy density and longer life.

Data for hermetically sealed sintered nickel-cadmium cells has not been enclosed because of the higher cost of these cells; however, this data can be supplied by the battery manufacturer upon request.

## **APPENDIX B-1**

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Table B-1-1 Discharge Voltage vs. Discharge Rate and Depth of Discharge, 25<sup>0</sup>C.

Table B-1-2 Charge Efficiency of Pocket Plate Nickel-Cadmium Cells, 25<sup>0</sup>C.

Table B-1-3 Energy Output, Energy Density vs. Discharge Rate  
1, 5, 10, 50, 500 Hours, 7.5-480 Ah Cells, 25<sup>0</sup>C.

Table B-1-4 Charged Stand Loss Rates at 22 and 49<sup>0</sup>C.

**TABLE B-1-1****Discharge Voltage vs. Discharge Rate and Depth of Discharge  
Pocket Plate Nickel-Cadmium Cells, 25<sup>0</sup>C**

Discharge Capacity % of 5-h Rate	Cell Voltage at Specified Rate			
	50-h Rate Volts	10-h Rate Volts	5-h Rate Volts	1-h Rate Volts
0	1.35	1.34	1.32	1.20
20	1.30	1.28	1.25	1.12
40	1.28	1.26	1.23	1.08
60	1.26	1.24	1.21	1.03
80	1.24	1.22	1.20	0.80
100	1.18	1.15	1.00	--

**TABLE B-1-2****Charge Efficiency of Pocket Plate  
Nickel Cadmium Cells, 25<sup>0</sup>C  
(31% KOH Electrolyte)**

Discharge Output % of Rated 5-h Capacity	Recharge Required to Restore Output Capacity % of Rated 5-h Capacity (1)	Overcharge Required %
100	140	40
80	120	40
60	98	38
40	75	35
20	50	30
10	30	20

(1) Recharge time: 20 hours minimum.

**TABLE B-1-3**

**Energy Output, Energy Pocket Plate  
Density vs. Discharge Rate, 25<sup>0</sup>C Nickel Cadmium Cells  
(7.5 - 480 Ah)**

Discharge Rate	Cell Capacity (Nominal) 5-h to 0.9V	Energy Output to 0.9V	Energy Density	
			Unit Weight	Unit Volume
h	Ah	Wh	Wh/lb.	Wh/in <sup>3</sup>
500	7.5	11.2	6.2	0.31
50		11.0	6.1	0.30
10		9.6	5.3	0.26
5		8.9	4.9	0.24
1		6.3	3.5	0.17
500	85	129	14.7	0.64
50		125	14.2	0.63
10		110	12.5	0.55
5		103	11.7	0.52
1		72	8.2	0.36
500	300	450	20.6	1.20
50		440	20.2	1.17
10		385	17.7	1.03
5		360	16.5	0.96
1		250	11.5	0.67
500	480	710	20.8	1.25
50		690	20.2	1.21
10		605	17.7	1.07
5		565	16.5	0.99
1		395	11.5	0.70
Cell Nominal Capacity		Weight Per Cell	Volume Per Cell	
<u>Ah</u>		<u>lb.</u>	<u>in<sup>3</sup></u>	
7.5		1.8	36.5	
85		8.8	199	
300		21.8	375	
480		34.2	568	

Note: Charged and maintained in accord with manufacturer's operating instructions.

**TABLE B-1-4**

**Charged Stand Loss Rates  
Pocket Plate Nickel Cadmium Cells**

<b>Charged Stand Time <u>Months</u></b>	<b>Temperature <u>°C</u></b>	<b>Capacity Retained <u>%</u></b>	<b>Capacity Loss Rate <u>%/day</u></b>
2	22	87	0.22
4	22	82	0.15
6	22	80	0.11
12	22	78	0.06
2	49	62	0.63
4	49	40	0.50
6	49	24	0.42
8	49	10	0.38