

RESS-6-13

REESS SCOPE as a first step

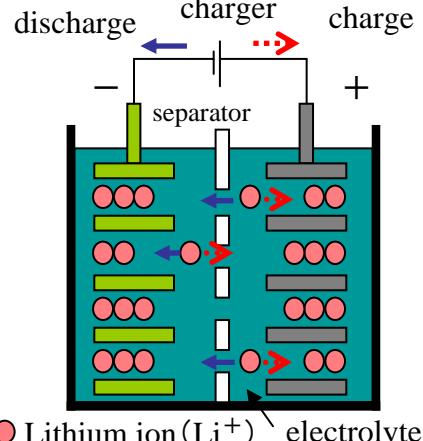
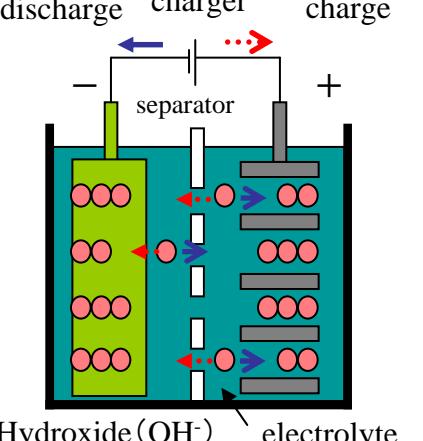
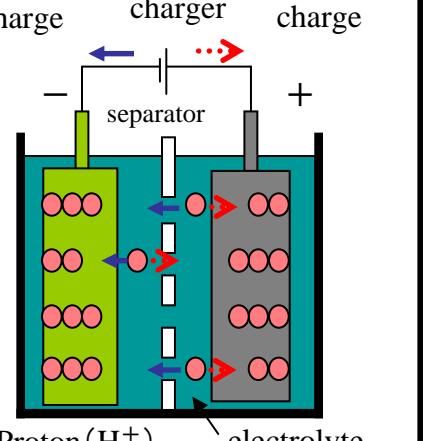
REESS SCOPE to be addressed as a first step

- This sub-group has addressed to develop the new REESS safety requirements for higher BEV/PHEV/HEV production volumes in the near future
- Several types of REESS exist.
 - ◆ Non-water based electrolyte (e.g. Li-ion)
 - ◆ Water based electrolyte (e.g. NiMH, Lead-acid)
 - ◆ Molten salt, Molten metal (e.g. ZEBRA, NaS)
 - ◆ Capacitors, etc.
- At present and foreseeable future, the most of REESS for BEV/PHEV/HEV will use electro-chemical battery with Non-water based electrolyte or Water based electrolyte

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- The major risks considered by the group is Fire/Explosion, while other safety aspect has been covered by existing regulations (ref. RESS-1-4)
- Flammability of the electrolyte is the key element to assess the potential risks of Fire/Explosion
- The potential risks are significantly different between
 - ◆ Flammable, non-water based electrolyte (Li-ion) and
 - ◆ Non-flammable, water based electrolyte (NiMH, Lead-acid)

Difference between Flammable and non-Flammable

	Li-ion	NiMH	Lead-acid
Reaction mechanism	 <p>discharge charger charge</p> <p>Lithium ion (Li^+) electrolyte</p>	 <p>discharge charger charge</p> <p>Hydroxide (OH^-) electrolyte</p>	 <p>discharge charger charge</p> <p>Proton (H^+) electrolyte</p>
carrier	Lithium-ion	Hydroxide-ion	Proton
cathode	Lithium metal oxide	Nickel oxyhydroxide	Lead dioxide
anode	Carbon	Hydrogen storage alloy	Lead
Electrolyte	Organic electrolyte (Flammable)	Aqueous alkaline (non-Flammable)	Dilute sulfuric acid (non-Flammable)
<u>Flash point</u>	20-30°C	None	None
<u>Auto-ignition point</u>	About 450°C(High volatile)	No ignition point	No ignition point
Auto-flammable limit	2.6-14.4 vol%	Non-Flammable	Non-Flammable

Difference between Flammable and non-Flammable Flammability Test of electrolyte



Organic electrolyte for Lithium ion cell

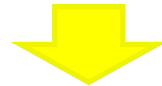


Aqueous alkaline electrolyte for Nickel Metal Hydride cell

Conclusion

- The R100/02 draft has been discussed focusing on the Li-ion which uses flammable electrolyte.
- It is inappropriate to simply apply to the other batteries without assessing the degree of the potential risks and the expected effect of the regulatory requirements.

**The potential risk of non-flammable electrolytes are far below than that of flammable electrolyte, as those has no flash point nor auto-ignition point.*



The appropriate requirements for non-flammable should be developed for REESS as a next step after through examination of the potential risks and the effectiveness.

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