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#### **ABSTRACT**

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity (AVTA) received a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) from the Korea Automotive Technology Institute (KATECH) for vehicle and battery characterization testing. The KATECH NEV (called the Invita) was equipped with a lithium polymer battery pack from Kokam Engineering. The Invita was to be baseline performance tested by AVTA's testing partner, Electric Transportation Applications (ETA), at ETA's contract testing facilities and test track in Phoenix, Arizona, to AVTA's NEVAmerica testing specifications and procedures.

Before and during initial constant speed range testing, the Invita battery pack experienced cell failures, and the onboard charger failed. A Kokamsupplied off-board charger was used in place of the onboard charger to successfully perform a constant speed range test on the Invita. The Invita traveled a total of 47.9 miles in 1 hour 47 minutes, consuming 91.3 amp-hours and 6.19 kilowatt-hours.

The Kokam Engineering lithium polymer battery was also scheduled for battery pack characterization testing, including the C/3 energy capacity, dynamic stress, and peak power tests. Testing was stopped during the initial C/3 energy capacity test, however, because the battery pack failed to withstand cycling without cell failures. After the third discharge/charge sequence was completed, it was discovered that Cell 6 had failed, with a voltage reading of 0.5 volts. Cell 6 was replaced, and the testing sequence was restarted. After the second discharge/charge sequence was complete, it was discovered that Cell 1 had failed, with its voltage reading 0.2 volts. At this point it was decided to stop all battery pack testing. During the discharge cycles, the battery pack supplied 102.21, 94.34, and 96.05 amp-hours consecutively before Cell 6 failed. After replacing Cell 6, the battery pack supplied 98.34 and 98.11 amp-hours before Cell 1 failed.

The Idaho National Laboratory managed these testing activities for the AVTA, as part of DOE's FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity (AVTA) received a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) from the Korea Automotive Technology Institute (KATECH) for baseline performance testing. The KATECH NEV (called the Invita) was to be tested using the test specifications and procedures developed for AVTA's NEVAmerica testing program. The NEVAmerica testing includes constant speed range, rough road, handling, braking, acceleration, and charger performance tests (http://avt.inl.gov/nev.shtml) specific to pure-electric vehicles classified as NEVs. NEVs are four-wheeled vehicles defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 CFR 571.500). Per FMVSS 500, NEVs have top speeds of between 20 and 25 mph and are defined as *low speed vehicles* (LSVs). While *low speed vehicles* is technically the correct term, *NEV* has become the term used by industry and fleets to refer to passenger vehicles subject to FMVSS 500.

The Invita (Figure 1) was equipped with a Kokam Engineering lithium polymer battery, which was to be characterized as part of the baseline performance testing. Electric Transportation Applications (ETA) was to perform the NEVAmerica baseline performance and battery testing for the AVTA. However, problems with the vehicle resulted in a more limited testing regime, which is discussed in this report, as are the results of the range and battery characterization testing.

The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) manages this as well as other testing activities for the AVTA, as part of DOE's FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program.



Figure 1. KATECH NEV Invita. See Appendix A for additional pictures.

#### 2. VEHICLE TESTING

The Invita arrived at ETA's facility in Phoenix, Arizona, on June 17, 2004, and it was immediately determined that Cell 7 of the 18-cell lithium polymer battery pack was damaged and needed to be replaced. After replacing Cell 7, the vehicle was driven and charged to cycle the battery pack in preparation for being shipped to the test track operated by the ETA contractor, E<sup>x</sup>ponent, to begin the NEVAmerica baseline performance testing. Before testing, it was discovered that the software in the onboard charger was not performing as intended and was terminating the charge sequence when any one of the cells reached a predetermined voltage, thus not allowing the lower voltage cells to equalize. Because the battery state-of-charge (SOC) was in the 80% range at the end of a charge sequence, Kokam advised ETA to begin testing despite the flawed charging algorithm. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Invita was constant speed range tested to determine the official range of the vehicle. (During constant speed range testing, a NEV is driven on a banked track at top speed until it cannot maintain a speed of 18 mph. See <a href="http://avt.inel.gov/pdf/nev/ntp004.pdf">http://avt.inel.gov/pdf/nev/ntp004.pdf</a> for the constant speed range test procedure).

The constant speed range test was to be terminated when any of the cells reached 3.0 volts, as recommended by Kokam. The cells were monitored, with the results shown on a dashboard-mounted display that reported each cell's voltage, the overall battery pack voltage, and SOC. Just over an hour into the constant speed range test, the voltages for Cells 2 and 16 began to fall more rapidly than the other cells, and by 34 miles Cell 2 had reached the 3.0-volt cutoff point. Because this range was considerably lower than what was expected, and the cells did not discharge evenly, the vehicle was taken out of the test program and brought back to ETA for analysis. After charging and discharging the battery pack, it was determined that Cell 2 did not have the amp-hour capacity of the other cells and would not be able to maintain the load requirements of the vehicle during range testing. Cell 16 was found to be consistently undercharged: when the onboard charger would terminate, it was always the lowest in voltage by up to 0.4 volts. Kokam agreed to send an off-board charger to be used to equalize the pack. The new charger successfully charged and equalized all 18 cells, and the vehicle was determined to be ready for constant speed range testing again. During preliminary range testing, however, Cell 2 proved to still lack capacity, so it was replaced.

During the official constant speed range test, the Invita was driven for 1 hour 47 minutes, consuming 91.3 amp-hours and 6.19 kilowatt-hours, while traveling a total of 47.9 miles. Cell 16 was the first cell to reach 3.0 volts, but the others were close behind; the cell's voltages remained fairly close during the entire test. When comparing the range attained at E<sup>x</sup>ponent to the range data provided by Kokam, it appears that the battery pack had either degraded or was not operating at full capacity. Therefore, it was decided to limit the vehicle testing to the above constant speed range test and the few tests already conducted, including acceleration time to 20 mph on a level grade (5 seconds), maximum speed attainable on a level grade (25 mph), and maximum grade attainable from a standing start at GVWR (24%). Appendix B presents these results and the vehicle's specifications that were collected before the testing as curtailed.

#### 3. CHARGER TESTING RESULTS

The following data plots are from the charging cycles performed at ETA to determine the performance of the charger. The onboard charger was tested on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The data show that the charger was not equalizing the pack (Figure 2). At the beginning of the charge, Cell 1 was reported as fully charged, but it was only at 4.18 volts. The charger terminated when Cell 17 reached 4.34 volts.

An external charger from Kokam was tested on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It successfully charged every cell to 4.25 volts, with only one anomaly. Charging began at 8:50 a.m. and shortly after 9 a.m. Cell 1 faulted because of a communications error in the charger. It was not until 10:42 a.m. that the charger was reset so that Cell 1 could begin charging again (Figure 3).

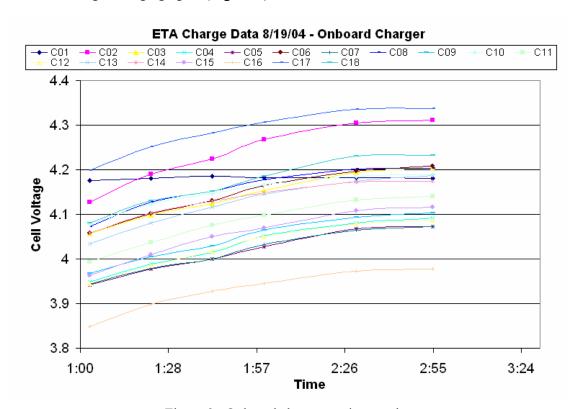


Figure 2. Onboard charger testing results.

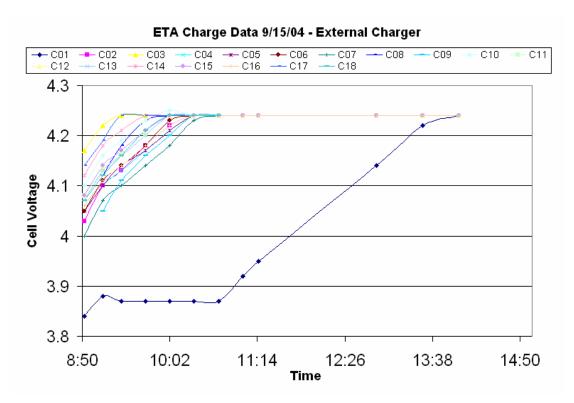


Figure 3. Off-board charger testing results.

#### 4. CONSTANT SPEED RANGE TESTING DETAILS

Figure 4 shows the results for the range test that Kokam performed in Korea before the vehicle was shipped to ETA. The Kokam test shows that the vehicle was driven for 4 hours 10 minutes and achieved a range of 94 miles. During the Kokam test, cell voltages ranged from 4.13 to 3.41 volts, from start to finish.

During AVTA's constant speed range test, the Invita was driven for 1 hour 47 minutes, consuming 91.27 amp-hours and 6.19 kilowatt-hours (Table 1). It traveled a total of 47.9 miles, and the cell voltages ranged from 4.25 to 3.0 volts, from start to finish. Cell 16 was the first cell to reach 3.0 volts, but the others were close behind; the cell's voltages remained fairly close during the entire test. When comparing the range attained by the AVTA to the range data provided by Kokam, it appears that the battery pack had either degraded or was not operating at full capacity when tested by the AVTA.

The following plots and tables of the test results are presented (Table 1 and Figures 5-13 all present the results of the AVTA testing):

- Kokam discharge test data (Figure 4)
- Summary of test results (Table 1)
- Vehicle speed versus time (Figure 5)
- Vehicle distance versus time (Figure 6)
- Battery voltage versus time (Figure 7)
- Battery current versus time (Figure 8)
- Calculated battery energy (amp-hours) versus time (Figure 9)
- Calculated battery energy (kilowatt-hours) versus time (Figure 10)
- Battery temperature versus time (Figure 11)
- Percent SOC versus time (Figure 12)
- Percent SOC versus distance (Figure 13).

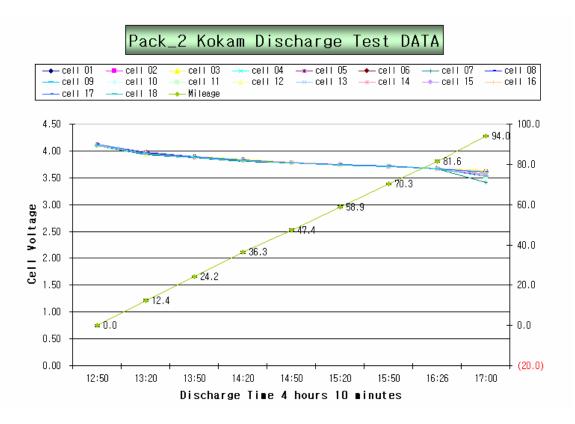


Figure 4. Invita range test results as performed by Kokam.

Table 1. Summary of the AVTA's constant speed range testing results for the KATECK Invita NEV, equipped with a Kokam lithium polymer battery.

- Test Vehicle: KATECK Invita NEV

- Test Date: 10/29/04

- Test Type: Constant Speed Range Test

- Test Type. (	- Test Type. Constant Speed Range Test				
- Elapsed Time (minutes)	- Data Point	- Accumulated Distance (miles)	- Percent State of Charge	- Energy (amp- hours)	- Energy (kilowatt- hours)
- 0.00	- 1	- 0	-100	- 0	-0
- 10.10	- 6059	- 4.18	-90	- 9.13	-0.66
- 20.34	- 12207	- 8.96	-80	- 18.26	-1.31
- 30.58	- 18351	- 13.64	-70	- 27.38	-1.95
- 40.72	- 24433	- 18.62	-60	- 36.51	-2.58
- 51.46	- 30875	- 23.51	-50	- 45.64	-3.19
- 61.90	- 37140	- 28.39	-40	- 54.76	-3.80
- 72.94	- 43765	- 33.27	-30	- 63.89	-4.41
- 83.98	- 50391	- 38.15	-20	- 73.02	-5.01
- 95.15	- 57090	- 42.93	-10	- 82.15	-5.61
- 107.02	- 64214	- 47.91	-0	- 91.27	-6.19

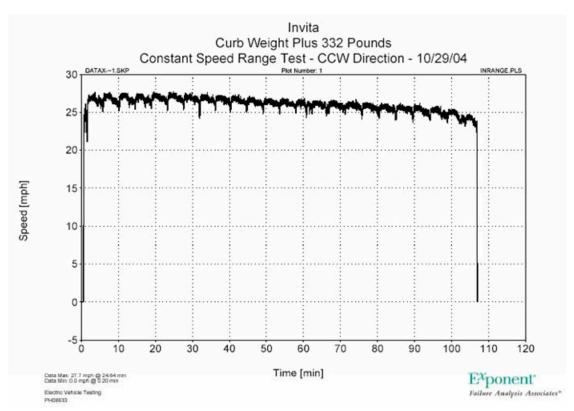


Figure 5. Vehicle speed (miles per hour) versus testing time (minutes).

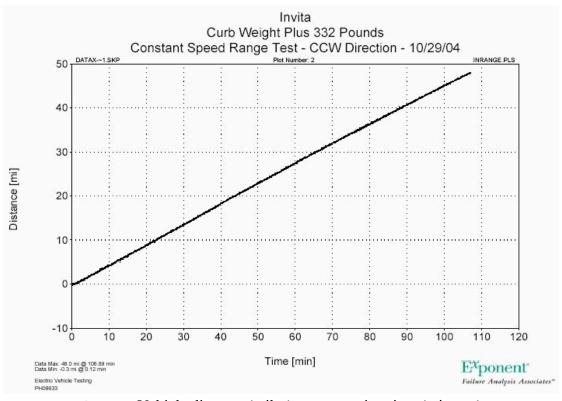


Figure 6. Vehicle distance (miles) versus testing time (minutes).

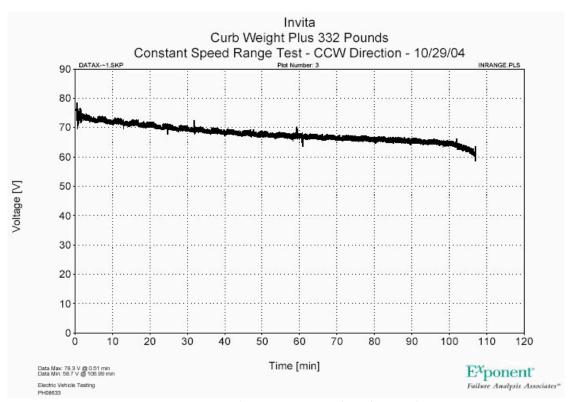


Figure 7. Battery voltage versus testing time (minutes).

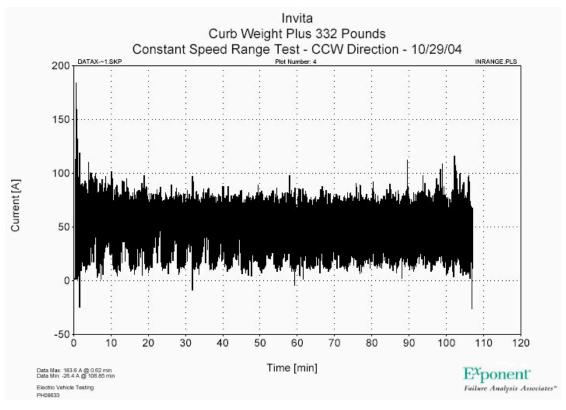


Figure 8. Battery current (amps) versus testing time (minutes).

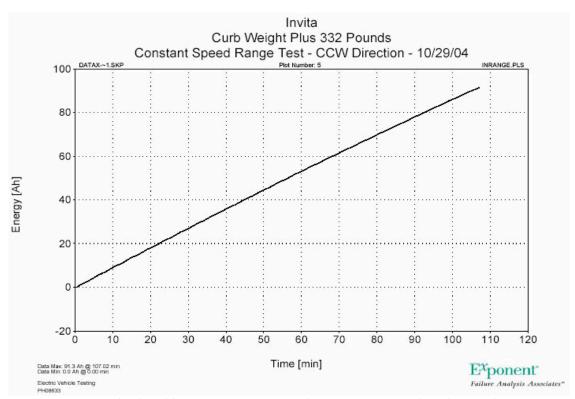


Figure 9. Calculated battery energy (amp-hours) versus testing time (minutes).

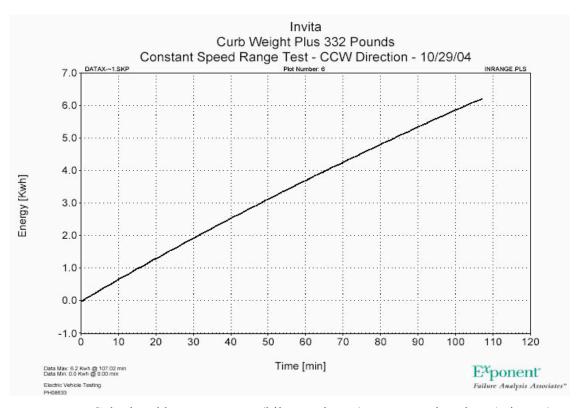


Figure 10. Calculated battery energy (kilowatt-hours) versus testing time (minutes).

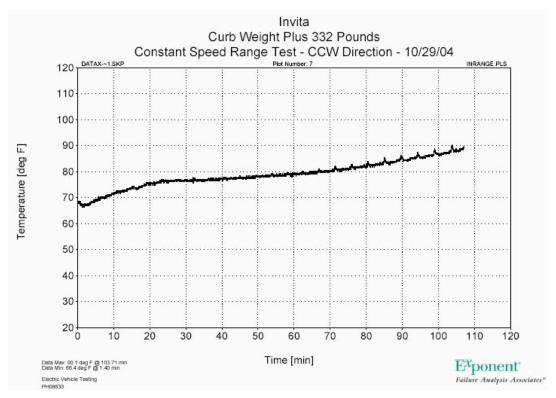


Figure 11. Battery temperature (degrees Fahrenheit) versus testing time (minutes).

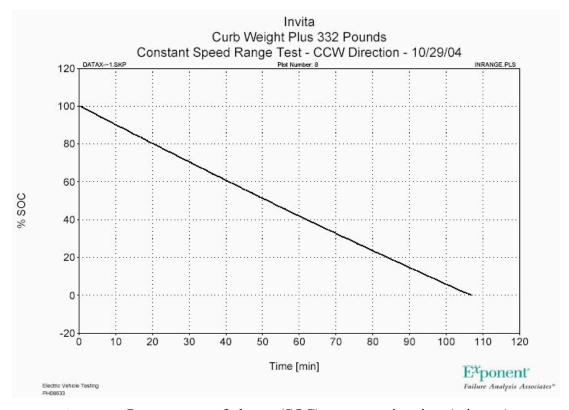


Figure 12. Percent state-of-charge (SOC) versus testing time (minutes).

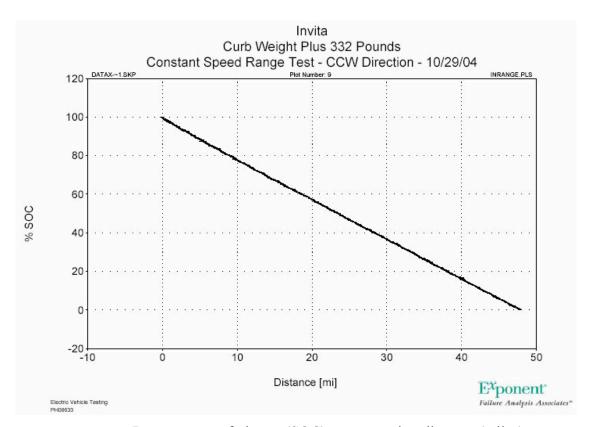


Figure 13. Percent state-of-charge (SOC) versus testing distance (miles).

#### 5. KOKAM LITHIUM POLYMER BATTERY CHARACTERIZATION

Characterization testing of the lithium polymer battery began on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, consisting of three procedures: the C/3 energy capacity test, the dynamic stress test, and the peak power test. The C/3 energy capacity test was to determine the energy capacity of the pack by discharging it at 33 amps (C/3) from full charge (4.25 volts) to empty, or 2.7 volts per cell, repeating the process until the energy taken out was repeatable within 2%. Because the battery pack needed to be balanced and equalized by the Kokam charger, a computer-driven battery cycler (ABC 150) was programmed to charge the pack until it reached 73.8 volts, then the Kokam off-board charger was connected to the cells to fully charge them to 4.25 volts. Because the Kokam charger could only charge 13 cells at a time, cells 1–7 and 10–15 were charged first, then the remaining five cells were charged. After all the cells were fully charged, the battery cycler discharged the pack at 33.33 amps until the pack voltage dropped to 48.6 volts, at which point the battery cycler began charging the pack again for the next iteration. Once the energy removed was within 2% of the last two iterations, the test would be deemed complete.

The dynamic stress test was to follow the C/3 test. This test discharges the battery pack at varying power levels while monitoring the pack voltage, current, and temperature to determine how the pack responds to the changing load. The charging sequence of the test is identical to that of the C/3 energy capacity test, but only one cycle was called for by the test plan.

The peak power test was to discharge the pack at 425 amps for 30-second pulses and then reduce the discharge rate to 111 amps until 10% of the energy had been removed. The batter cycler was then to continue this process until either 100% of the pack's energy had been removed or the pack's voltage dropped below 48.6 volts. The charging sequence of the test is identical to that of the dynamic stress test.

The testing was stopped during the C/3 energy capacity test because the battery pack could not withstand cycling without cell failures. After the third discharge/charge sequence was completed on the battery cycler, it was discovered that Cell 6 had failed. Its voltage read 0.5 volts after the charge. The cell was replaced, and the testing sequence was started over. After the second discharge/charge sequence was complete, it was discovered that Cell 1 had failed, with its voltage reading 0.2 volts. At that point it was decided to stop all pack testing.

During the discharge cycles, the battery pack supplied 102.21, 94.34, and 96.05 amp-hours consecutively before Cell 6 failed. After replacing Cell 6, the battery pack supplied 98.34 and 98.11 amphours before Cell 1 failed. The battery testing was terminated after this failure.

Figure 14 describes the test setup and Table 2 the test plan for the Kokam lithium polymer battery pack testing.

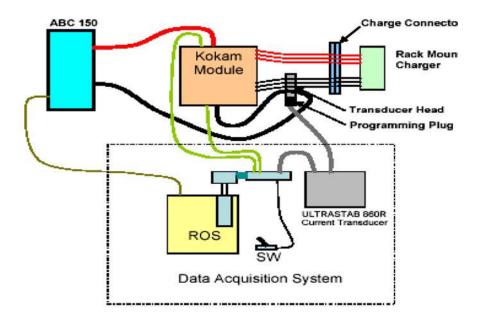


Figure 14. Kokam lithium polymer battery testing setup.

Table 2. Kokam lithium polymer battery test plan.

#### Kokam Lithium Polymer Battery Test Plan

#### **Description and Setup**

The Dell computer has Aerovironment Remote Operation System (ROS) software and a National Instruments 6031E DAC Board. The board connects to an external SC2056 board and then to a SC2043-SG rack that contains several 5B modules. The 5B modules have cabling attached that will connect to the ULTRASTAB 860R Transducer. It also has a cable to measure the module voltage. A switch connected to one of the 5B modules will be used to signal the ROS during the charge process. All wiring is preconnected, simplifying setup. The following setup must be performed in Phoenix at ETA:

- Connect the DB9 connector coming from the SC2043-SG rack to the analog output connector on the back of the UFTRASTAB 860R.
- Connect the black DB25 connector to the back of the ULRTASTAB 860R "Transducer Head" connector and to the small black DB 25 programming plug. The programming plug then plugs into the transducer head.
- Connect the 6031E DAC board in the Dell computer to the SC2056 board using the supplied National Instruments cable.
- Connect the voltage sense leads to the Kokam modules positive and negative terminals.
- Place the thermocouple on a centrally located cell within the module.
- Connect the ABC150 serial communications cable to the Dell DB9 Com 1 connector.
- Run the negative current-carrying conductors from the ABC150 and all the negative conductors from the rack charger through the 2-inch hole in the transducer head.
- Connect the ABC150 to the positive and negative terminal on the Kokam module.

The charge switch is used to signal the ABC150 when rack chargers are connected and when charging is complete.

- Charg e Switch	- Action
- 1 Open	- Before starting a script, ensure that the charge switch is in the Open position Ensure that the rack mount chargers are disconnected.
	- The charge procedures are set up to initially wait for the operator to close to charge switch before the ABC150 starts the 20-A charge procedure. This give the operator time to verify the signal levels on the ROS before proceeding.
	- Before proceeding, look at the temperature readout from the ModuleT variable. If the module has heated up above 25°C during charging, and it is cooutside, allow the module to cool to below 25°C. If the reading is below 25°C start the module immediately. If the outside ambient temperature is about the same as the module temperature and both are above 25°C (the module is not going to cool), start the module immediately. The target starting temperature this point is 23°C, +/- 2°C. The ModuleT readout is in degrees centigrade. However, we do not want to stop testing if the module remains below 21°C before the discharge step.
	- Do not start the module if any of the signals appear out of tolerance.
- 2	- Close the charge sense switch.
Close	- ABC150 charges to ABCChargeLevel.
	- ABC150 prompts the operator to connect the rack chargers.
- 3	- Connected the rack chargers.
Open	- Open the charge sense switch.
	- Start the chargers.
	- Fully charge the cells.
	<ul><li>Switch the rack chargers to the remaining cells.</li><li>Fully charge the remaining cells.</li></ul>
	- Purity charge the remaining cens Disconnect the rack charger.
- 4 Close	- Before proceeding (closing the switch), look at the temperature readout from the ModuleT variable. If the module has heated to above 25°C during chargin and it is cool outside (less than 23°C), allow the module to cool below 25°C. If the reading is below 25°C, start the module immediately. If the outside ambie temperature is about the same as the module temperature and both are above 25°C (the module is not going to cool), start the module immediately. The target starting temperature at this point is 23°C +/- 2°C. The ModuleT readout is in degrees centigrade. However, we do not want to stop testing if the module remains below 21°C before the discharge step.
	- Do not allow the module to set for more than 4 hours without reconnecting the rack chargers and stopping the module off prior to closing the switch for the discharge steps.
	discharge steps.

- ABC 150 will begin discharge profile.

#### Table 2. (continued).

- C/3 Test. ABC150 returns to the charge profile (2 Close above). The switch is already in the closed position, so the ABC150 starts charging immediately at 20A to ABCChargeLevel. It cycles until the capacity for three consecutive cycles falls within 2% of each other.
  - Peak Power Test. Test is complete.
- Dynamic Stress Test. Test is complete.
- Recharge the module as soon as practical after each test.

The following is the variable list and the order to be output to the output file: Set the decimal places to 4 for all variables.

- ModuleC
   ABCVoltage
   ABCAhOut
   ModuleT
   Control
- ABCCurrent

Note: Before running the DST, test the PowerLevel -1 in the Script file needs to be set to an appropriate value in kilowatts. See the sample piece of script from the DST.ser file below.

# Appendix A Vehicle Photographs

#### Appendix A Vehicle Photographs



Figure A-1. Right quarter vehicle view.



Figure A-2. Front vehicle view.



Figure A-3. Rear vehicle view.



Figure A-4. Cell voltage display for cells 1-9.



Figure A-5. Cell voltage display for cells 10–18.



Figure A-6. Vehicle plate information.



Figure A-7. Vehicle interior dashboard.



Figure A-8. Exterior of Kokam battery.

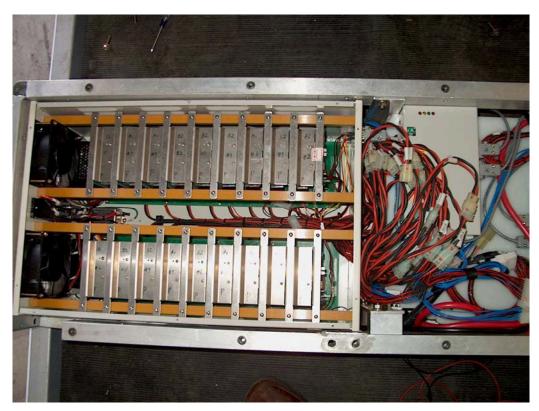


Figure A-9. Interior of Kokam battery.

## Appendix B NEV America Technical Specifications

#### Appendix B

#### **NEV America Technical Specifications**

#### **PERFORMANCE** Time required to accelerate from 0–20 on a level grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_5 sec Time required to accelerate from 0–20 on a 3% grade(s) Time required to accelerate from 0–20 on a 6% grade(s) Range at a constant speed of 20 mph (miles) BATTERY CHARACTERISTICS (referenced to 25°C) Manufacturer Kokam Engineering Co., Ltd Type ......Li Polymer Battery Description..... Vehicle requires ventilation per NEC 625 and UL-2202 Yes No No Batteries labeled by UL recognized authority as not requiring ventilation \( \subseteq \text{Yes} \) No No Vehicle labeled as not requiring ventilation Yes No. Arrangement (series or parallel) Series Battery module voltage (VDC).......34.0 V@ SOC 50% [working range: 24.3 V - 37.8 V] Probable life of an average battery to manufacturer's DOD of: Time required to recharge the batteries from a DOD of:

#### **CHARGER CHARACTERISTICS**

Manufacturer	NURI TECHNOLOGY
Model	NBCS-1000
UL file number	
Description	Individual type

Location		
Charger efficiency at rated load (%)		86 % [at 220 VAC]
Charger input voltages (VAC)		185 ~ 245 VAC
Charger input power factor at rated load (%)		
Charger input total harmonic distortion at rated le	oad (%)	
Maximum charger current output at rated power	(A)	270 A [15 A*18]
MOTOR CHARACTERISTICS		
Manufacturer		
Model		
Description		
Type (AC, DC, brushless, etc.)		
Rated efficiency	% @	kW
Operating range (RPM)		
Maximum intermittent power	13.1 kW for	minutes
Maximum continuous Power		
Cooling medium and method		Self, Air Cooled
CONTROLLER CHARACTERISTICS		
Manufacturer		Curtis
Model		
Description		
Type and phase		
Input voltage range		
Maximum output (A)		
Type of power electronics (IGBT, mosfet, etc.)		
Rated efficiency		
Method used to limit maximum battery discharge	2	
TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS		
Manufacturer		DAI IL Industry
Type		
Model		
Description		
Gear ratio(s)		
CHASSIS CHARACTERISTICS (preconver	sion if applicable)	
Make, year, and model		2003
Gross vehicle weight rating (kg)		
Gross axle weight rating (kg)	457 front	458 rear
Curb weight (kg)		598 kg
Weight distribution	50 % front	50% rear
Payload capacity (kg)	50 /0 110111	317 kg
Ground clearance from lowest point on chassis at	t GVWR (cm)	15
Drive wheels (F/R)		
Number of seating positions		

#### CHASSIS CHARACTERISTICS (as supplied for testing)

Make, year, and model		2003
Gross axle weight rating (kg)	front	rear
Weight distribution	% front	% rear
Payload capacity (kg)		
	n chassis at GVWR (cm)	
_		
	er and cargo areas	
	or unit outgo urous	
	47.4 inches front	
	Whites from	
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Body width		33.1 menes
BRAKES		
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Manufacturer		HanKook
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SUSPENSION		
Type front		McPherson Strut
Type rear		4 Link Rigid Axle
Modifications made during conversion	, if any	
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#### **STEERING**

Type	Rack and Pinion
Description	
Manufacturer	Delphi Korea
Power source, if used	
Average power, if used (W)	
AIR CONDITIONING	
Description	Not Used
Compressor type	
Maximum cooling output (BTU/hr)	
Motor type	
Maximum power required (kW)	
HEATING	
Description	Not Used
Type	
Maximum heating output (BTU/hr)	
Maximum power required (kW)	
Certifiable under CARB ZEV requirements Yes No No	

#### REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

- Each supplier shall acknowledge *in writing* that (1) the supplier is solely responsible for determining whether each vehicle offered for sale is safe, and (2) the supplier is not relying on Electric Transportation Applications or the U.S. Government as having, by this specification and its requirements, established minimally sufficient safety standards.
- Suppliers should describe safety measures and safety-related design features included in their vehicle
  design and explain the purpose and anticipated effect on vehicle reliability and performance of any
  such safety measure or design feature.
- Suppliers shall supply Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all batteries the vehicle is equipped with, including auxiliary batteries.
- Suppliers shall provide information on their selected battery manufacturer's recycling plan, including how it has been implemented. This plan should also identify post purchase costs associated with recycling that will be passed on to the vehicle purchaser.
- Suppliers should specify interior passenger and cargo dimensions/volumes and should describe weatherizing provisions for passenger and cargo spaces.
- Suppliers should describe the operation of the regenerative braking system and its interface with braking and antilock brake systems.
- Suppliers should specify the voltage limits which limit the maximum battery discharge and describe how these limits are implemented.
- Suppliers should describe in detail the battery pack (including specific energy, specific power and
  discharge capacity to 80% DOD at the one-hour and three-hour rates), battery pack voltage, number
  of battery modules, and summarize previous battery performance tests. Summary results of actual
  performance tests or computer simulations of the proposed battery should also be provided.

- Suppliers should describe projected charge cycles at a specified level of discharge, how battery life is maximized, how end of life of each battery module and of the full battery pack is determined, and how battery temperature gradients are minimized.
- Suppliers shall indicate the depth of discharge below which the batteries should not be discharged. This should include the specific parameters the controller/inverter uses to prevent over discharge.
- Suppliers should describe how batteries are installed in the vehicle (including details of module connection), the method of installation and removal of the batteries (and the battery box, if required) for maintenance and repair, the time required for battery removal, and any special training, tools, or equipment required for battery removal.
- Suppliers shall provide verification of conformance to the requirements of Section 6.5 of UEV America Vehicle Technical Specification, Revision 2, January 1, 2003.
- Suppliers shall describe how battery boxes will be vented, to allow any battery gases to escape safely
  to atmosphere during and following normal or abnormal charging and operation of the vehicle.
   Suppliers shall provide a verification of conformance to SAE J1718 APR97 on Battery Gas
  Evolution.
- If a supplier provides a vehicle with parallel battery packs, the supplier should provide detailed information on the equipment and charging algorithms required to prevent the parallel strings from becoming unbalanced.
- Maintenance requirements for the propulsion batteries should be described and any associated cost(s) to the consumer/end user should be clearly defined.
- Suppliers should verify that the method(s) of charging and the charging algorithm(s) do not impact the battery warranties available to the end-user from either the vehicle supplier or the battery manufacturer, if the battery manufacturer warrants the battery.
- Suppliers should provide details on grounding and isolation methods.
- Suppliers should describe the type, size, and location of the point of the vehicle charging port.
- Suppliers should describe the following options, if available:
  - Passenger compartment heater
  - Air conditioning system
  - Occupant compartment preheating and precooling system
  - Cold weather range extension
- Vehicles shall be accompanied by nonproprietary manuals for parts, service, operation and maintenance, interconnection wiring diagrams, and schematics (with pricing for optional manuals).

	М	Method of Achieving Compliance		
49 CFR 571	OEM Certified	Vehicle Test	Analysis Only	Not Certified
102 - Transmission shift lever sequence, starter interlock & transmission braking effect				
104 - Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems				
105 - Hydraulic Brake Systems				
106 - Brake Hoses				
108 - Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment				
109 - New Pneumatic Tires				
110 - Tire Selection and Rims				
111 - Rearview Mirrors				
116 - Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids				
124 - Accelerator Control Systems				
125 - Warning Devices				
205 - Glazing Materials				
209 - Seat Belt Assemblies				
210 - Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages				
301 - Fuel System Integrity				

