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Lithium battery pack pre-charge



Overview

In this overview, we'll explain the steps involved in the pre-charge (chemical charging) after electrolyte injection, degassing process, and aging process of lithium-ion batteries, which are crucial for identifying and eliminating defective products. Do manufactured lithium batteries need to be pre-charged?

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What is pre-charging a lithium battery?

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What is a pre-charge step in a lithium-ion cell manufacturing process?

One way to consider enhancing the cell manufacturing process is adding a pre-charge step, as illustrated in Figure 1. As shown, pre-charge is a step that takes place before formation. Figure 1: Adding a pre-charge step to the lithium-ion cell manufacturing process What is pre-charge?

Why add it into the manufacturing process?

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What happens during the pre-charging process in a lithium battery?

During the pre-charging process, the following reactions will occur inside the lithium battery: the active material is activated, the positive electrode material releases lithium ions, enters the electrolyte, penetrates the

separator, enters the electrolyte, and is finally embedded in the layered gaps of the negative electrode material.

Can a lithium based battery be recharged?

Do not boost lithium-based batteries back to life that have dwelled below 1.5V/cell for a week or longer. Copper shunts may have formed inside the cells that can lead to a partial or total electrical short. When recharging, such a cell might become unstable, causing excessive heat or show other anomalies.

How much charge does a lithium ion cell need?

Not enough charge to start forming the SEI layer or charge the cell, but just enough to “pre-charge” the cell to get it up to 2 to 3 volts, to prevent internal corrosion caused by too low of a cell voltage. Figure 2: One type of lithium ion cell discharge characteristic.

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