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Lithium Thionyl Chloride Battery  
3.6V,  
NSN 6135-14-469-5737**



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**PREFACE**

**Standards for Defence**

**Specification for**

**3.6V Lithium Thionyl Chloride Battery**

**NSN 6135-14-469-5737**

- a.** This supplement shall be read in conjunction with Def Stan 61-21.
- b.** This supplement provides a definitive specification for the electrical, physical, performance and nomenclature requirements for a 3.6V Lithium Thionyl Chloride battery.
- c.** This supplement has been agreed by the authorities concerned with its use and is intended to be used whenever relevant in all future designs, contracts, orders etc. and whenever practicable by amendment to those already in existence. If any difficulty arises which prevents application of this Defence Standard and its associated supplements, the UK Defence Standardization (DStan) shall be informed so that a remedy may be sought.
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**TEXT**

**Standards for Defence**

**3.6V Lithium Thionyl Chloride Battery**

**NSN 6135-14-469-5737**

**SECTION 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**0 INTRODUCTION**

It is Ministry of Defence (MOD) policy to purchase batteries against performance specifications whenever possible. Defence Standard 61-21 and its series of supplements has been generated to address the current requirements for batteries. This supplement is applicable when invoked directly by a MOD invitation to tender, contract, or when referred to by other MOD battery specifications.

**1 SCOPE**

This supplement provides a definitive specification for the electrical, physical, performance and nomenclature requirements for a 3.6V Lithium Thionyl Chloride battery, NSN 6135-14-469-5737. This supplement does not invoke Product Conformity Certification.

**2 WARNING**

The Ministry of Defence (MOD), like its contractors, is subject to both United Kingdom and European laws regarding Health and Safety at Work, without exemption. All Defence Standards either directly or indirectly invoke the use of processes and procedures that could be injurious to health if adequate precautions are not taken. Defence Standards or their use in no way absolves users from complying with statutory and legal requirements relating to Health and Safety at Work.

**SECTION 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**3 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

**3.1** For the purposes of this supplement all related documents are listed in Defence Standard 61-21.

**3.2** Reference in this standard to any related document means in any invitation to tender or contract the edition and all amendments current at the date of such tender or contract unless a specific edition is indicated.

**3.3** In consideration of **3.2** above, users shall be fully aware of the issue and amendment status of all related documents, particularly when forming part of an invitation to tender or contract. Responsibility for the correct application of standards rests with users.

**3.4** DStan can advise regarding where related documents are obtained from. Requests for such information can be made to the DStan Helpdesk. How to contact the helpdesk is shown on the outside rear cover of Def Stans.

**4 DEFINITIONS**

Def Stan 61-21 definitions shall apply.

**5 ABBREVIATIONS**

Def Stan 61-21 abbreviations shall apply.

**SECTION 2 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**6 ELECTROCHEMICAL SYSTEM**

The electrochemical system shall be defined by BS EN 60086-1: system designation E.

**7 NOMINAL AND OFF-LOAD VOLTAGE**

The nominal and off-load voltage shall be defined by BS EN 60086-1: system designation E.

### SECTION 3 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### 8 BATTERY SYSTEM

The battery comprises a single hermetically sealed ½ R6 size cell in a PVC plastic sleeve.

The cell may incorporate a pressure relief mechanism that will relieve excessive internal pressure at a value and rate which will preclude explosion or self ignition. Operation of the pressure relief mechanism, for whatever reason, will lead to expulsion of quantities of Thionyl Chloride and Sulphur Dioxide.

The battery shall be designed such that it shall not leak, vent or explode under normal operation or storage.

#### 9 BATTERY LIMITATIONS

It is essential that the battery be operated only within its design and performance parameters and that it is **NEVER EXPOSED TO TEMPERATURES EXCEEDING 75° C, DISCHARGED BELOW 1 VOLT, CRUSHED, PIERCED OR DEFORMED IN ANY WAY.**

#### 10 DIMENSIONS

The dimensions of the batteries will be in accordance with figure 1 of this supplement.

#### 11 MASS

The nominal mass of the battery shall not exceed 9.5g.

#### 12 MARKING

The battery shall be indelibly marked with the manufacturers name or initials and part number, date of manufacture, a polarity indication, chemistry (Lithium) and the Nato Stock Number.

**SECTION 4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS****13 DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

Prior to undertaking a discharge test, the batteries shall be pre-conditioned at the test temperature for a minimum of 16 hours.

The batteries shall meet the duration requirements given in Table 1 when subjected to the following constant current load to an end point of 2.2V:-

In the temperature range  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+45^{\circ}\text{C}$  discharge at  $27.5 \pm 0.5\text{mA}$ .

The voltage throughout the discharge shall be recorded. The battery voltage delay time to reach 2.2 Volts shall be measured and recorded.

<b>Table 1 Discharge Duration Requirements</b>					
Pre-Discharge Test	Supplement Clause Reference	Minimum Discharge Duration (Hours)			
		Discharge Temperature			
		$+45^{\circ}\text{C}$	$+20^{\circ}\text{C}$	$0^{\circ}\text{C}$	$-10^{\circ}\text{C}$
4 weeks Temperate Storage		15.0	15.0	12.0	7.0
1 Years Temperate Storage		15.0	15.0	12.0	7.0
2 Years Temperate Storage		15	15	-	-

**14 STORAGE REQUIREMENTS****14.1 Examination During Storage**

At the start, and on completion of each storage test, the off-load voltage test (clause 7) shall be carried out, and the batteries examined. Any battery showing signs of leakage, corrosion or distortion shall be deemed to have failed.

**14.2 Temperate Storage**

Batteries shall be stored in an ambient temperature of  $20 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a relative humidity between 45% and 75% for the specified duration.

## SECTION 4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

## 15 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Batteries allocated to the environmental tests, not sequential, shall be subjected to the tests shown in Table 2. During the mechanical tests, the batteries may be mounted by any suitable method. Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be carried out at an ambient temperature of  $20 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Any battery showing signs of leakage or distortion shall be deemed to have failed. On completion of the environmental tests the batteries shall meet the immediate discharge requirements of Table 1.

<b>Table 2 Environmental Test Requirements</b>			
Test	Title	Spec.	Additional Information
15.1	Rapid Decompression	D. Stan 00-35 (Part 3)/3 Chapter 3-09 Test CL9	Two unpackaged batteries shall be subjected to the rapid decompression test.  Severity D (875–115mbar in 1 minute) shall apply.
15.2	Vibration	D. Stan 00-35 (Part 3)/3 Chapter 2-01 Test M1	Two unpackaged batteries shall be subjected to the vibration test using severity 5.4.5(a) which simulates vibration levels in the main fuselage of Rotary Wing Aircraft.  The vibration shall be applied for a total of 6 hours split equally between the longitudinal axis and the transverse axis.
15.3	Shock	BS EN 60068-2-27	Two unpackaged batteries shall be subjected to the shock test.  Peak acceleration: $100 g_n$ .  Pulse shape: half-sine. Duration: 11 ms.  Three shocks shall be applied in each direction of the longitudinal axis and in each direction of the transverse axis (i.e. a total of 12 shocks).
15.4	Free Fall	BS EN 60068-2-32	Two unpackaged batteries shall be tested and may be dropped in any attitude so as not to fall on either of their terminals.  One fall only shall be made. The height of the fall shall be 1 metre.
15.5	Rapid Temp. Change	BS EN 60068-2-1 (Cold)	Two unpackaged batteries shall be tested. A single cold - hot cycle is to be applied using two test chambers. The general requirements of test procedure Aa shall apply. The low temperature shall be $-40 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and the high temperature shall be $70 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . The duration of exposure at each temperature shall be 3 hours. The duration of the changeover time shall be not less than 2 minutes or more than 3 minutes.

## SECTION 4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 16 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The batteries shall be allocated to the following safety tests. There shall be no leakage of material, nor any potential hazard to personnel or equipment under any of the abuse conditions specified.

The Authority may allow read-across from a test report demonstrating compliance to the test regime specified in UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (ST/SG/AC.10/11) as revised or amended.

#### 16.1 External Short Circuit

The test regime specified in UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (ST/SG/AC.10/11) as revised or amended shall apply. However, additional tests shall be carried out on undischarged, fully discharged and half discharged batteries. Pre-conditioning will be carried out at  $27.5 \pm 0.5\text{mA}$  in accordance with clause **13**.

#### 16.2 Forced discharge

The test regime specified in UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (ST/SG/AC.10/11) as revised or amended shall apply. Pre-conditioning will be carried out at  $27.5 \pm 0.5\text{mA}$  in accordance with clause **13**.

## SECTION 5 PRODUCT CONFORMITY CERTIFICATION

### 17 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Product Conformity Certification requirements defined in Section 2 of Def Stan 61-21 are not applicable to this supplement. However, the batteries shall meet the hazard classification and transportation requirements of clause **18**.

### 18 HAZARD CLASSIFICATION AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

For transportation considerations, lithium cells and batteries are designated as UN 3090 and may be either classified as Class 9 Dangerous Goods or are exempt, in either case compliance with various constructional and safety test requirements are mandatory within a range of transport regulations.

Within the Declaration of Conformity, the manufacturer shall state:

1. The UN hazard Classification (i.e. either Class 9 Dangerous Goods or Exempt from Class 9)
2. Compliance with the range of UK National and Multi-National mode specific transport regulations stipulated in Def Stan 61-21.
3. The maximum lithium content of an individual cell (expressed in grams).
4. Reference to a test report demonstrating compliance to UK National and Multi-National mode specific transport regulations stipulated in Def Stan 61-21. The report shall also indicate the date of assessment.
5. Reference to the manufacturing data package (build standard) for materials, piece parts and processes used in the battery construction.
6. A statement on the hermeticity of the cell and indication of any safety devices (such as vents, fuses, diodes and positive temperature coefficient resistors etc) built into the product.

**SECTION 6 MARKING REQUIREMENTS**

**19 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Product shall be marked in accordance with clause 12 of this supplement.

Alternative methods of identifying the DOM may be submitted to the Authority for their consideration.

## **SECTION 7 PACKAGING AND LABELLING REQUIREMENTS**

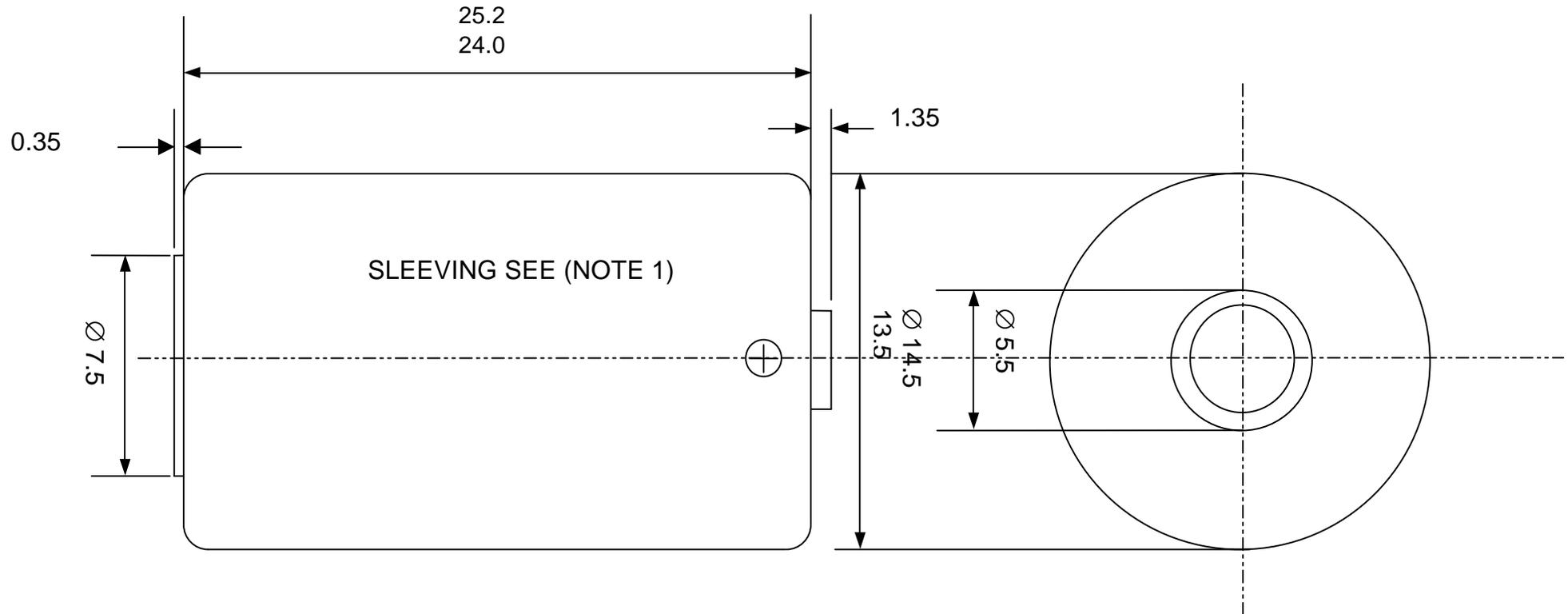
### **20 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the packaging and labelling requirements stated in the contract, all packaging and labelling shall comply with the requirements of the civil dangerous goods transport regulations governing land, sea and air modes of transport. Except where specified in the contract or excluded within the regulations this shall include packaging requirements for mixed passenger and cargo aircraft.

All levels of packaging shall also include:

1. The product NATO Stock Number.
2. The date of manufacture.

Figure 1. Outline Drawing of Battery NSN 6135-14-469-5737



**NOTE:** 1. Sleeving bearing (a) Manufacturer's part number.  
 (b) Manufacturer's Name. (c) Positive terminal polarity

**All dimensions are in mm. NOT TO SCALE**

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