



Components

Printed Thin Film Battery



- Research and development provider for printed primary battery systems
- Design and development of battery systems as well as of applications (fully printed and hybrid)

General description

Today electronic applications have become ubiquitous and can be found in all areas of our daily life. This requires matching energy sources with high flexibility in regard to thickness, geometrical shape, voltage, capacity and weight. Applying the appropriate functional materials to flexible substrates using mass printing technologies will open new opportunities to integrate batteries into ductile products.

The printed battery is based on a zinc manganese system that is free of mercury, widely used and is regarded as environmentally friendly. Even the plastic substrate can be substitute by compostable paper. The electrolyte is harmless. This battery will not burn or explode if damaged.

Parameter		Value			Unit
Nominal voltage	1.5	3.0	4.5	6.0	V
Nominal capacity	2	1	0.67	0.5	mAh/cm ²
Energy content	3	3	3	3	mWh/cm ²
Weight (standard cell					
approx. 4 cm ² / 1.5 V)	< 1	< 2	< 3	< 4	g
Thickness	< 0.8	< 0.8	< 0.8	< 0.8	mm

Characteristics primary Zn-MnO₂ battery



Typical Discharge Characteristics





By using high efficient printing technologies and well adapted materials / inks, the production yield is > 90 percent when industrially manufactured. The batteries are fully charged after manufacturing and can be used instantaneously. Serial connections of batteries can be realized during print manufacturing, thus integer multiples of the nominal voltage of 1.5 V are demonstrated up to 15 V.

The printed batteries are especially suited for thin and flexible products in which they can be easily integrated. Appropriate products might be intelligent chip and sensor cards, medical patches and plasters for transdermal medication and vital signs monitoring or lab-on-chip analysis systems. Furthermore, the combination with other flexible electronic modules, e.g. flexible low-end displays, will open further and new fields of application. Demonstrators for different applications have been realized.

Features/Benefits

- Low thickness
- High flexibility
- Low price
- High layout variability
- Environmentally friendly, can be designed as compostable
- Non-flammable, explosion proof
- Shelf lifetime > 3 yrs

Suggested Applications

- Smart systems
- Smart cards
- Semi-active RFID label
- Medicine ("smart patches")

More about Printed Functionalities



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