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#### Foreword

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#### 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to lead-acid batteries used for starting, lighting and ignition of passenger automobiles and light commercial vehicles with a nominal voltage of 36 V. This standard specifies the position, details of design and dimensions of a system of battery terminals.

Starter batteries with 36 V nominal voltage may have the same dimensions and means for fixation as 6 V or 12 V batteries. This can be either intentional or unintentional. Therefore, the compatibility of batteries with 36 V nominal voltage down to electric power nets with 6 V or 12 V nominal voltage should be prevented. Such design of a 36 V termination and contacting system must prevent the case to be connected to a 6 V or 12 V power net in order to avoid serious damage in the 6 V or 12 V power net. For the same reason the design of the battery terminals must prevent that standard commercial jumper-cables may be contacted to the 36 V battery terminals if the battery is installed in the vehicle or not.

A commercial application of this standard must expressively be agreed upon as the final standard may differ from the present draft.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50342-1		Lead-acid starter batteries – Part 1: General requirements and methods of test
EN 61429		Marking of secondary cells and batteries with the international recycling symbol ISO 7000-1135 and indications regarding directives 93/86/EEC and 91/157/EEC (IEC 61429)
EN ISO 1043	Series	Plastics – Symbols and abbreviated terms (ISO 1043 Series)
IEC 60050-482		International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries
IEC 60417		Graphical symbols for use on equipment

#### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEC 60050-482) are applicable.

#### 4 Design, dimensions and resignations

#### 4.1 General

All measures are indicated in millimetres.

Mechanical tensions must be kept away from the bushings of the battery. A free space at the side and behind each terminal is required for electric/electronic devices. Further on the free space may provide the possibility to support the cables mechanically.

The system of battery terminals must prevent reversed polarity in order to avoid damages in the 36 V power net.



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