Lithium-ion battery system for ABB UPS solutions - SDI CE 9540
Reliable, lightweight and compact UPS energy storage for critical applications
Lithium-ion: the choice for critical power backup

When you want power protection for a data center, production line or any other type of critical process, lithium-ion battery solutions provide peace of mind and the performance you need. Housed in a tough enclosure, lithium-ion battery technology provides reliable, lightweight and compact energy storage for uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems.

Why lithium-ion?
Valve-regulated lead acid (VRLA) batteries – sometimes known as sealed lead–acid batteries – have many advantages and have traditionally been the battery of choice for backup power in UPS systems. However, battery technology has progressed rapidly in recent years. Today, lithium-ion battery technology is an attractive option – especially where high energy density and low weight are important. Advantages such as longer lifespan, smaller size and weight, shorter recharging times and falling prices – only add to the appeal of lithium-ion battery solutions.

For best performance and lifetime, it is essential to keep VRLA battery rooms at a reasonably constant temperature (20–25 °C). Keeping things cool can be problematic and costly, especially in hot countries. With lithium-ion batteries, this problem virtually disappears, as lithium-ion batteries are much more tolerant to changes in environmental temperature and can operate over a broader temperature range.

Lithium-ion batteries are easy to handle too – they are safe and do not contain mercury, lead, cadmium, or other hazardous materials. In most cases, traditional batteries would need to be replaced multiple times before a lithium-ion battery is replaced once. When it comes to operating expenses, lithium-ion batteries offer a lower total cost of ownership.
Features and benefits

Outstanding performance
For most owners of critical applications, power availability is the number one priority. The power flowing to their application simply must not fail.

A lithium-ion battery system has higher reliability than a VRLA solution. Not only are the individual cells themselves inherently more safe and stable, but each battery module has an electronic controller that continuously checks every cell for any sign of change in performance.

Single cell temperature, current, voltage and charge status are all monitored. Monitoring also takes place at the cabinet level to provide a clear overview of current battery status and to predict future runtime and performance.

Lithium-ion batteries can be charged much more quickly than conventional batteries, so after use they can be charged back up to full strength in a shorter time. This means full availability in less time.

Lithium-ion batteries also provide higher power density and efficiency, especially under heavy discharge rates. This means that no battery oversizing is needed.

Low total cost of ownership
ABB’s lithium-ion battery system demonstrates its commitment to delivering the best performance for the lowest total cost of ownership:
• Lithium-ion batteries are much more compact than traditional batteries. This increased power density means that much less real estate is needed for the battery installation. Considering the cost of space in cities, in data centers or on crowded production floors, the smaller lithium-ion battery system footprint will bring significant financial benefits.
• Longer battery life. With a lifetime at least double that of VRLA equivalents, lithium-ion battery capacity costs less to buy in the long run, even with the attractive price of traditional batteries. The labor costs associated with battery removal and replacement are also dramatically reduced.
• The smaller room needed and less heat generated per ampere hour (Ah) of battery capacity results in less need for cooling, leading to lower costs and a reduced carbon footprint.
• Low weight (60–80 percent less than VRLA) means reduced civil engineering overhead and easier physical installation.

Example: 190 kW power / 10 min. autonomy
Overview of ABB lithium-ion battery system

Lithium-ion battery solutions are accommodated in a standard 19” cabinet. All connectors are front-facing for ease of installation, maintenance and replacement. A single cabinet configuration of 34.6 kWh comprises a switchgear, a switched-mode power supply (SMPS) and 17 battery modules. Each module contains eight series-connected 67 Ah, 3.8 V cells and a dedicated battery management system (BMS) with cell balancing functionality. The switchgear collects all information about each battery cell, calculating the state of charge (SoC) and state of health (SoH). It also contains a molded-case circuit breaker and a shunt resistor. The SMPS supplies the power for the BMS and communicates with the UPS and other connected cabinets. Battery cabinets may be connected in parallel to achieve the power needed.

The battery of the future

Lithium-ion battery system employs the very latest in battery technology and directly addresses the two top concerns of critical power users: availability and total cost of ownership. The system is a perfect fit for a wide range of ABB’s UPS solutions. Working together, an ABB UPS and lithium-ion battery system provides users with the peace of mind that their applications are protected by the very best in power protection technology and they can be assured a constant flow of clean power.

Lithium-ion battery solutions for standby applications like:
- Data centers (e.g. co-location, control rooms)
- Healthcare (e.g. hospitals and medical centers)
- Building infrastructures (e.g. financial institutions, education centers)
- Transportation (e.g. railway and airport infrastructure)
- Manufacturing (e.g. food & beverage industry)

Lithium-ion battery benefits:
- Low TCO
- Long lifespan
- High reliability
- Lightweight
- Reduced footprint and volume
- Wide operating temperature range
- Short charging time
- High safety level
- Scalable
Lithium ion battery system for ABB UPS solutions

Product description

Key features and benefits

- Up to 50% reduced footprint and volume
- Lower rental fees and more room for UPS' power expansion
- Up to 80% reduced weight
- Reduced civil engineer overhead - more room for UPS's power expansion
- Up to 3 times higher in power efficiency
- Buy what you need - less battery modules for same power discharge
- Battery management system
- Higher safety protection. Reduced maintenance costs and risks for unexpected outages
- 15 years designlife
- 10 years performance warrante - lower total cost of ownership

Technical specification

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