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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document constitutes the official Engineering Reference Manual for the Battery Short-Circuit Protection Test Report, pertaining to our Tier-1 Liquid Cooled Energy Storage System (ESS) platform. The primary objective of this report is to validate the robustness and reliability of the system's internal protection mechanisms against extreme fault currents. This testing regime is a cornerstone of our commitment to operational safety, asset longevity, and regulatory compliance for utility-scale and C&I deployments. The results detailed herein confirm that the system's multi-layered protection architecture successfully isolates faults within milliseconds, preventing thermal runaway and ensuring the integrity of the DC busbar and connected infrastructure. This document serves as a definitive technical reference for engineers, project developers, and safety officers.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE & SAFETY (SHORT-CIRCUIT CONTEXT)

The short-circuit protection strategy is integrated into the core of our system architecture, which is designed around a high-voltage DC busbar. The protection scheme is hierarchical, encompassing cell-level fuses, module-level contactors, and a high-speed, redundant Battery Management System (BMS). The primary focus of this test report is on the performance of the fast-acting DC circuit breakers and the BMS's ability to command an immediate shutdown upon detection of over-current conditions. Our architecture ensures that a short-circuit event in any single branch is contained without compromising the operational status of the rest of the energy storage array. Furthermore, the liquid cooling system plays a passive safety role by rapidly dissipating any residual heat generated during a fault, thereby stabilizing the thermal environment and mitigating the risk of cascading failures.

KEY FEATURES (SHORT-CIRCUIT PROTECTION)

- Feature 1: Ultra-Fast Disconnect: High-speed DC circuit breakers and pyro-fuses achieve interruption within 2-5 milliseconds of fault detection, effectively limiting peak let-through current and energy (I^2t).
- Feature 2: Redundant BMS Architecture: A dual-redundant BMS with independent current sensing and trip paths ensures fault detection and isolation even in the event of a primary sensor failure. Fault logs are time-stamped to microsecond precision.
- Feature 3: Comprehensive Fault Simulation: The test report includes detailed analysis of worst-case scenario tests, including dead-shorts at the battery terminals and busbar faults, to validate the protection coordination.
- Feature 4: Thermal Runaway Suppression: The integration of cell-level thermal fuses with the module’ s flame-retardant enclosures ensures that a short-circuit does not propagate into a thermal event, confirming compliance with strict safety standards.

COMPLIANCE & STANDARDS

The test procedures and performance criteria are rigorously aligned with international safety and performance standards, ensuring global bankability

and regulatory approval.

- UL 9540A: Test method for evaluating thermal runaway fire propagation in battery energy storage systems. Our system successfully passed large-scale fire tests with no propagation to adjacent modules.
- IEC 62619: Safety requirements for secondary lithium cells and batteries, covering short-circuit and overcharge protection. All test metrics exceed the standard's baseline requirements.
- UL 1973: Standards for batteries for use in stationary applications, evaluating the protective circuitry against abnormal charging and short-circuits.
- IEC 60730-1: Automatic electrical controls standard, applied to the BMS’s protective functions to ensure safe operation in fault conditions.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (SHORT-CIRCUIT TEST DATA)

The following specifications are derived from the comprehensive short-circuit protection test report, providing verifiable performance data for engineering analysis.

- System Voltage (Nominal): 1500 V DC
- Peak Short-Circuit Current Capacity (Tested): 40 kA (peak) / 25 kA (RMS)
- Protection Device Interruption Time: < 5 ms (typical), < 10 ms (maximum)

- Maximum Let-Through Energy (I^2t): 2.5 x 10^6 A^2s

- BMS Overcurrent Detection Threshold: Programmable, typically set at 1.25 x Nominal Current

- Hardware Isolation Method: Dual-stage (Contactor + Pyro-fuse)

- Post-Fault Diagnostic: Automatic isolation of affected string with report generation for remote monitoring

Parameter	**Specification (Test Result)**
Nominal System Voltage	1500 V DC
Tested Peak Short-Circuit Current	40 kA (Peak) / 25 kA (RMS)
Fault Interruption Time	< 5 ms
Protection Device Type	High-Speed DC Breaker + Pyro-Fuse
BMS Overcurrent Setpoint	1.25 x Nominal Current (Configurable)
Relevant Safety Certifications	UL 9540A, IEC 62619, UL 1973

INDUSTRIAL DEPLOYMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

The successful validation of the short-circuit protection mechanism allows for reliable deployment in the most demanding industrial environments, including chemical plants, data centers, and large-scale micro-grids. For engineering firms and EPC contractors, this report provides the necessary assurance for

system protection coordination studies. We recommend integrating the ESS with an upstream fast-acting AC breaker for total system protection. Furthermore, the protective settings can be customized via the EMS to align with specific site fault current levels.