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Tool battery usage design







Overview

What is a power tool battery cycle?

This cycle resembles the typical use scenario of a power tool battery pack, e.g., used by a professional craftsman working with a power tool at a construction site over several hours. It consists of intensive use (A), cool-down phase I (B), charging (C), and cool-down phase II (D).

What are battery packs and Chargers for cordless power tools?

Our integrated circuits and reference designs help you create battery packs and chargers for cordless power tools with highly reliable battery management solutions (BMS) for monitoring, protecting, balancing and gauging. Modern battery packs for cordless power tools often require: Accurate voltage and current sensing.

What is the use/charge cycle of a power tool?

Use/charge cycle: While using the power tool, the battery pack is quickly discharged and heats up ((A): Use phase). After being totally discharged, it is placed in the charging unit.

What type of cell is used in a power tool battery pack?

For commercially available round cells such as 18650 or 21700 format cells, which are used in most power tool battery packs, cell manufacturers provide the maximum currents as well as the temperature ranges for charging and discharging to prevent short- and long-term damage to the cells [7].

What are the limitations of a battery management system?

Depending on the architecture, there are also limitations with regard to the performance of the systems, especially in terms of computing power and the number and type of sensors. The battery management system works closely with the battery cooling system or they are combined into one system.



How is a cooling system based on a power tool cell pack?

The geometry of the cooling system is inspired by the design of a power tool cell pack; however, it is reduced and simplified to increase computational efficiency. Heat transfer in the cells and the cooling material is computed by Comsol heat transfer in solid materials.



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