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- **KAM Performance testing method**
  
  (1) According to the standard
  
  QC/T 741-2014 《Vehicle super capacitor》
  
  DL/T 1652-2016 《Technical specifications for supercapacitors for electric energy metering equipment》
  
  (2) Test method
capacitance

1. Constant current discharge method
2. Measuring circuit

![Circuit diagram](image)

Figure 1 – Circuit for constant current discharge method

**Measuring method**

a) Setting the direct current voltage of constant current/constant voltage power supply as rated voltage ($U_R$).
b) Setting the constant current value of the constant current discharge device, according to Table 2 specified.
c) Turn the switch S to the d.c. power supply, and unless otherwise specified in the individual standards, apply voltage and charge for 30 min after the constant current/constant voltage power supply has achieved the rated voltage.
d) After charging for 30 min has finished, change over the switch S to the constant current discharge device, and discharge with a constant current.
e) Unless otherwise specified in the individual standards, measure the time $t_1$ and $t_2$ where the voltage between capacitor terminals at the time of discharge reduces from $U_1$ to $U_2$ as shown in Figure 2, and calculate the capacitance value by the following formula:
Figure 2 – Voltage characteristic between capacitor terminals

\[ C = \frac{I \times (t_2 - t_1)}{U_1 - U_2} \]

C is the capacitance (F);
I is the discharge current (A);
U1 is the measurement starting voltage (V);
U2 is the measurement end voltage (V);
t1 is the time from discharge start to reach U1 (s);
t2 is the time from discharge start to reach U2 (s).

Discharge current I and decrease in voltage of discharge voltage U1, U2, according to Table 1

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<th>Classification</th>
<th>SE, HE, HT (Coin type product)</th>
<th>SP, HP, HT, LR</th>
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<tr>
<td>Application</td>
<td>Energy storage</td>
<td>Instantaneous power</td>
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<td>Charging time</td>
<td>30 min</td>
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<td>U1</td>
<td>80% of the charging voltage (0.8 \times U_r)</td>
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<td>U2</td>
<td>50% of the charging voltage (0.5 \times U_r)</td>
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Remarks:
- \(C_R\) is the nominal capacity of the supercapacitor in Farads (F);
- \(U_R\) rated voltage in volts (V);
- \(I\) is the charge and discharge test current in amps (A);
- \(I_1\) is a supercapacitor 1 times charge and discharge current in amps (A)
(4) Equipment:
A. ARBIN super capacitor test system
B. Linear DC stabilized voltage power supply
C. Constant current discharging device
D. Voltage recording device

Internal resistance
A. AC impedance method

Measuring circuit
As shown in the measurement circuit for testing.

Figure 4–Circuit for a.c. resistance method

The internal resistance $R_a$ of a capacitor shall be calculated by the following formula:

$$R_a = \frac{U}{I}$$

where
$R_a$ is the a.c. internal resistance (Ω);
$U$ is the effective value of a.c. voltage (V r.m.s.);
$I$ is the effective value of a.c. current (V r.m.s.).

The frequency of the measuring voltage shall be 1 kHz
The a.c. current shall be from 1 mA to 10 mA.

equipment: Internal resistance tester
Precautions for use

1. Supercapacitors cannot be used in the following states:
   a) temperature above the nominal temperature
   When the temperature of the capacitor exceeds the nominal temperature, it will cause the electrolyte to decompose, and the capacitor will heat up and the capacity will drop.
   Moreover, the internal resistance is increased and the life is shortened.
   b) voltage exceeding the rated voltage
   When the capacitor voltage exceeds the nominal voltage, it will cause the electrolyte to decompose, and the capacitor will heat up and the capacity will drop.
   Moreover, the internal resistance is increased and the life is shortened. Therefore, reducing the voltage used can increase the service life.
   c) loading of reverse voltage or alternating voltage

2. Influence of ambient temperature on supercapacitors

The service life of supercapacitors is affected by the temperature of use. Under normal circumstances, the temperature of the supercapacitor is reduced by 10 °C, and the life of the supercapacitor is shortened by half. Try to use it in a low temperature environment below the maximum operating temperature. If it is used beyond the maximum operating temperature, the characteristics may deteriorate rapidly and be damaged.

The temperature of the supercapacitor should be determined not only by the temperature around the device, but also by the internal temperature. The radiant heat of the heating element (power transistor, resistor, etc.) in the device and the self-heating temperature caused by the ripple current are also confirmed. Also, do not install the heating element near the supercapacitor.

3. Please use the positive and negative signs of the capacitor correctly.
4. Please avoid using super capacitors in the following environments.
   a) Environment where direct splashing water, salt water and oil are present, or in a dew condensation state, filled with gaseous oil or salt.
   b) An environment filled with harmful gases (hydrogen sulfide, sulfurous acid, chlorine, ammonia, bromine, methyl bromide, etc.).
   c) An environment where acidic and alkaline solvents are splashed.
   d) Direct sunlight or dusty environment.
   e) An environment that is subject to excessive vibration and shock.
5. In the welding process to avoid overheating the capacitor (1.6mm printed circuit board, welding should be 260 ° C, the time does not exceed 5s).
6. Please avoid circuit wiring between the lead terminals of the supercapacitor or the solder joints of the connecting plates.
7. When the overvoltage and the operating temperature range exceed the rated conditions, the pressure valve may act and the electrolyte may be ejected. Therefore, please adopt a design method that has taken into account this abnormal condition.
8. In the case of rapid charge and discharge, a voltage drop due to internal impedance (also called IR drop) occurs at the start of charging and at the beginning of discharge. Therefore, use a design method that takes into account the magnitude of the voltage change.
9. Power type large-capacity products (about 10F or more) If the terminal is short-circuited during charging, there will be hundreds of amps of current flowing, which is dangerous. Please do not install or disassemble while charging.
10. Do not put the capacitor in the dissolved solder, only solder the solder on the guide pin of the capacitor. Do not allow the welding rod to contact the capacitor heat shrink tubing.
12. Do not forcibly twist or tilt the capacitor after installation.
13. When the supercapacitors are used in series, there is a voltage balance problem between the cells.

**Saving request**

1. Do not store in a place with a relative humidity greater than 85% or containing toxic gases and in a high temperature, high humidity environment. It should be stored in an environment with a temperature of -30 ° C ~ 50 ° C and a relative humidity of less than 60%.
2. Avoid preserving supercapacitors in the following environments
   a) Environment where direct splashing water, salt water and oil are present, or in a dew condensation state, filled with gaseous oil or salt.
   b) An environment filled with harmful gases (hydrogen sulfide, sulfurous acid, chlorine, ammonia, bromine, methyl bromide, etc.).
   c) An environment where acidic and alkaline solvents are splashed.
   d) Direct sunlight or dusty environment.
   e) An environment that is subject to excessive vibration and shock.
About discarding
Do not discard it at will, and hand over the waste to industrial waste processors in accordance with regulations or local public bodies.

For other supercapacitor problems, please consult the manufacturer or refer to the relevant technical data of the supercapacitor instructions.