

What happens if a battery protection circuit fails?

The failure of a battery protection circuit can have far-reaching consequences, impacting both the performance of the battery and, more critically, the safety of the device or vehicle that relies on it. One of the primary functions of a battery protection circuit is to prevent overcharging and overdischarging.

Why do you need a battery protection system?

As batteries can store a huge amount of energy, so sudden discharge or fault can result in catastrophic failures. By handling and maintaining the battery's functional factors, and protective mechanisms, avert these unsafe operations and prevent dangers such as overcharging, overheating, and short circuits.

What is a battery protection unit (BPU)?

A battery protection unit (BPU) prevents possible damages to the battery cells and the failure of the battery. Over-charge: is when the battery is charged over the allowed maximum capacity. High & low temperature: is when the internal temperature of the battery cells exceeds their safe operational temperature ranges.

What does a battery protection circuit do?

The battery protection circuit disconnects the battery from the load when a critical condition is observed, such as short circuit, undercharge, overcharge or overheating. Additionally, the battery protection circuit manages current rushing into and out of the battery, such as during pre-charge or hotswap turn on.

How a battery protection device should be sized?

A protection device must be sized properly so that the energy flowing from the batteries during the failure will not cause damage to the batteries or other components along the short circuit path. The protection must clear the fault in less than 100 milliseconds. The impedance of the line is mainly resistance and inductance.

Why do battery protection boards fail?

Although battery protection boards are crucial, some problems can poorly impact their functions. Such problems are typically attributed to design flaws, component failures, and environmental factors. One of the most frequent causes of battery protection circuit failures is improper design.

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