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The main changes are as follows:

- explanations and requirements have been revised;
- requirements for battery chargers have been revised and added in [5.1](#), [5.2](#) and [5.3](#);
- requirements for battery safety and performance have been revised in [6.1](#) and [6.2](#);
- the items in test report have been clarified in [Clause 7](#);
- some notes in [4.2](#), [4.5](#), and [5.3](#) have been converted to body text.

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## Introduction

Since the reliability and performance of an electrically-powered wheelchair depends on the operation, performance and reliability of the battery set and the battery charger, it is important to ensure that wheelchair batteries and chargers are suitable for their purpose and that the wheelchair, batteries and charger are compatible. It is also important to ensure that risks arising from the use of wheelchair batteries and their chargers are eliminated or reduced as far as is practicable. Consequently, it is essential that performance requirements and safety requirements for wheelchair batteries and battery chargers be available.

Battery chargers are divided into three types: off-board, carry-on and on-board. Operating, transport and storage situations can differ for these types, so it is appropriate to apply different requirements to them.