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Battery Systems in Light Electric Vehicles (>60 V)



2/3-Wheeler & Recreational



Energy Storage

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What are Light Electric Vehicles (LEVs)?



LEVs are compact, battery-powered rides revolutionizing urban travel through clean, efficient, and agile mobility.



Battery voltage, current, and power ranges by LEV type

Battery capacity 2,000 Wh

4,000 Wh

6,000 Wh

8,000 Wh

10,000 Wh

12,000+ Wh





(400 W-4 kW)



Electric motorcycle (3-25 kW)



Electric three-wheeler (2-8 kW)



Electric utility vehicle (5-20 kW)



High-end motorcycle (20-200 kW)

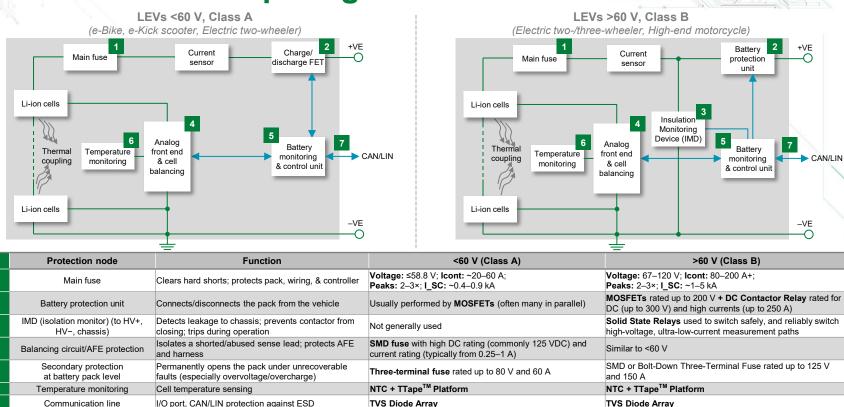
Class A Battery voltage: <60 V

Class B Battery voltage: >60 V

- Electric bike: 36–52 V → 48 V standard; 10–25 A → higher torque; used for city travel, by university students, etc.
- e-Kick scooter: 36–60 V → 48 V growing; 10–30 A; popular for urban commuting; moving to more power
- Electric two-wheeler: 48–72 V → 60 V+ popular; 20–50 A; used for city travel
- Electric three-wheeler: 48–96 V → 72 V+ rising; 30–100 A; cargo + passenger transit
- Electric utility vehicle: 72–120 V+ → 100 V+ common; 50–150 A; industrial and logistics
- High-end motorcycle: 72–120 V+ → 100 V+ high-end; 50–300 A; consumer and sports



Battery Management System (BMS) architecture: comparing between different LEVs



Battery protection & control solutions for LEVs <60 V

Electric bike, e-kick scooter, pedelec, and low-power electric two-wheeler such as moped and scooter



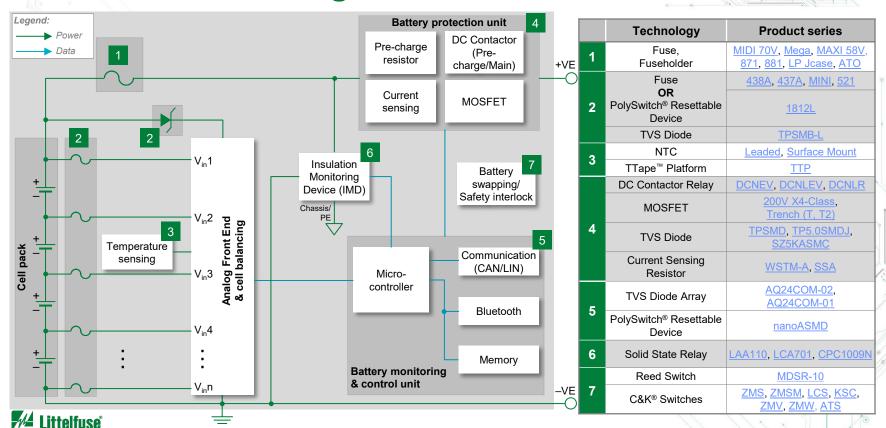
Battery protection & control solutions for LEVs >60 V

High-power electric two-/three-wheelers, electric utility vehicles, high-end motorcycles, etc.





Functional block diagram of BMS used in LEVs >60 V



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Benefits of recommended Littelfuse products

	Technology	Function in application	Product series	Benefits	Features
1	Fuse, Fuseholder	Clears hard shorts; protects pack, wiring, and controller	MIDI 70V, Mega, MAXI 58V, 871, 881, LP Jcase, ATO	Provides safety protection in low- and medium-voltage environments; full-range fuses	Bolt down, bladed, and SMD form factors; high breaking capacity; meets ISO 8820 standard or new AEC-Q specification
2	Fuse OR	Protect the balancing circuit/the AFE	438A, 437A, MINI, 521	Ensures excellent temperature stability and performance reliability; ceramic substrate ensures compatibility with high-temperature environment	Meets new AEC-Q specification; fast response to fault current; surface mount device
	PolySwitch [®] Resettable Device		<u>1812L</u>	Compact design saves board space; resettable protection	Low profile; fast response to fault currents; low resistance
	TVS Diode	Cell monitor IC sense line input overvoltage protection	TPSMB-L	Excellent clamping capability; meets automotive industry standards; fast response time; low reverse leakage current (I _R)	AEC-Q101 qualified; meets IEC standards for ESD protection and ISO standards for in-vehicle transient surges
3	NTC	Monitors analog temperature to facilitate functional control of batteries	<u>Leaded, Surface</u> <u>Mount</u>	Allows for high-precision temperature measurement in harsher environments	UL recognized with ring lug mounting; SMD NTCs in hermetically sealed MELF package suitable for operation up to 220 °C
	TTape [™] Platform	Manages battery lifetime and helps identify hazardous temperature levels	TTP	Simple integration with existing BMS architectures + enables enhanced BMS control systems	Trip temperature of 58±3 °C, up to 50 sensing points on one string; enables BMS wakeup and single GPIO port usage
4	DC Contactor Relay	Connects and disconnects battery from main circuitry	DCNEV, DCNLEV, DCNLR	Allows a low-voltage signal to switch the contacts for a high-voltage signal	Wide range of capabilities: can switch up to thousands of amps and thousands of volts
	MOSFET	Battery protection (hybrid/solid-state)	200V X4-Class, Trench (T, T2)	Protects contactor from arcing, smoother pre-charge, lower EMI, programmable protection, enables rapid fault clearance	Low R _{DS(on)} , bidirectional current flow, strong SOA, gate-driver control, silent switching
	TVS Diode	Protects against voltage spikes and transients	TPSMD, TP5.0SMDJ, SZ5KASMC	Optimize board space; prevents nuisance trips/resets	Excellent clamping capability, high surge capability, low Zener impedance, and fast response time; SMD low profile surface mount package
	Current Sensing Resistor	Measures pack charge/discharge current	WSTM-A, SSA	High sensing accuracy; low thermal offset drift; low thermal sensitivity drift	Isolated from HV network; no additional power loss due to shunt resistor



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	PolySwitch [®] Resettable Device	Resettable overcurrent protection	nanoASMD	Reduce weight of wire harnesses; low the use of smaller wire sizes; solid state composition of PPTC devices helps provide reliability	Surface mount; rated up to 60 V; meets automotive industry standards
6	Solid State Relay	Monitors isolation	<u>LAA110, LCA701,</u> <u>CPC1009N</u>	Allows robust operation in a small four-pin package	1500 V I/O isolation; low drive requirements; no arching
7	Reed Switch	Provides the control signal for the battery pack	MDSR-10	Ensures contamination resistance and a compact design	Switches up to 200 VDC or 0.5 A at up to 10 W; $10^{12}~\Omega$ insulation resistance
	C&K [®] Switches	Enables battery detection switching	ZMS, ZMSM, LCS, KSC, ZMV, ZMW	Confers long electrical and mechanical life; ideal when space is limited	IP65/IP67; SPST NO/SPST NC/SPDT; compact size
		Anti-tamper protection	ATS	Withstand harsh environments; long life; small footprint	IP54 sealed; vertical detect and a normally closed function



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