

# The requirements for energy storage batteries to enter the box are



## Overview

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The first edition of UL 1487, the Standard for Battery Containment Enclosures, was published on February, by UL Standards & Engagement as a binational standard for the United States and Canada. Each large battery installation must be in a room that is only for batteries or a box on deck. Installed electrical equipment must meet the hazardous location requirements in subpart 111. It emphasizes the key technical frameworks that shape project design, permitting, and operation, including safety. The system's output may be able to be placed into an electrically safe work condition (ESWC), however there is essentially no way to place an operating battery or cell into an ESWC. Someone must still work on or maintain the battery system. UL 1487 is a result of collaboration that started in 2023 amongst interested parties, including NFPA 855 is the leading fire-safety standard for stationary energy-storage systems. It is increasingly being adopted in model fire codes and by authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), making early compliance important for approvals, insurance, and market access. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract.

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### [U.S. Codes and Standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems](#)

This document offers a curated overview of the relevant codes and standards (C+S) governing the safe deployment of utility-scale battery energy storage systems in the United States.

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Document thermal runaway progression within the unit, Document if flaming occurs outside the unit, Measure heat and gas generation rates, Measure surface temperatures and heat fluxes in target ...



[46 CFR Part 111 Subpart 111.15 -](#)

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[New UL Standard Published: UL 1487, Battery Containment Enclosures](#)

Learn about the first edition of UL 1487, the Standard for Battery Containment Enclosures, a binational standard for the United States and Canada published by UL Standards and Engagement.



[NFPA 70E Battery and Battery Room Requirements, NFPA](#)

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1.1 The test methodology in this standard determines the capability of a battery technology to undergo thermal runaway and then evaluates the fire and explosion hazard characteristics of those battery ...



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