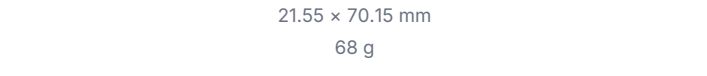

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Molicel M50A

Molicel · released 2019

21700 | NMC | MOOCH-TESTED · 15 A

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5,000 mAh	15 A	3.6 V	18 Wh
CAPACITY	MOOCH CONTINUOUS	NOMINAL · 2.5 – 4.2 V	ENERGY · 264.71 WH/KG

REFERENCE ONLY — NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

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CAPACITY AMONG 21700S — #19 of 72

Lowest in database — Highest

More capacity than 75% of 21700 cells in our database, but lower discharge than average.

VOLTAGE OPERATING WINDOW — 1.7 V usable

Cutoff 2.5 V — Nominal 3.6 V — Max 4.2 V

Below nominal the cell sags fast under load; above it, the last of the capacity fills slowly on the constant-voltage taper.

APPLICATION SUITABILITY

Rule-of-thumb ratings from this cell's capacity and continuous discharge. Check your own load before committing.

Powerwalls	High capacity means more stored energy per cell. Fewer cells needed for a given kWh target.
Ebike packs	Good balance of capacity for range and discharge for hills. Works well in most ebike packs.
Car audio	Might work for smaller setups. Check your amp's peak current draw.
High-drain vaping	Usable in regulated mods at moderate wattage. Not recommended for mechanical mods.
Flashlights	High capacity means long runtime. Great for everyday carry and extended use.
Power tools	Sufficient discharge and capacity for most power tool packs.

IDENTITY

Manufacturer	**Molicel**
Model	**M50A**
Format	**21700**
Chemistry	**NMC**
Year released	**2019**
Wrap colour	**Blue**
Terminal	**Flat top**
Protection	**Unprotected**

ENERGY & POWER DENSITY

Energy	**18 Wh**
Specific energy	**264.71 Wh/kg**
Volumetric density	**703.49 Wh/L**
Power density (mass)	**794 W/kg**
Power density (volume)	**2,110 W/L**
Capacity ranking	**#19 of 72 21700s**

PHYSICAL

Diameter	**21.55 mm**
Length	**70.15 mm**
Weight	**68 g**

ELECTRICAL

Rated capacity	**5,000 mAh**
Nominal voltage	**3.6 V**
Max charge voltage	**4.2 V**
Discharge cutoff	**2.5 V**
Energy	**18 Wh**
Max continuous discharge	**15 A (mooch)**
Discharge C-rate	**3C**
Standard charge current	**2,500 mA**
Typical charge time	**2 h**

C-RATE CONVERSION · 5,000 MAH

C-RATE	CURRENT	THEORETICAL RUNTIME
0.2C	1 A	5h 00m
0.5C	2.5 A	2h 00m
1C	5 A	1h 00m
2C	10 A	30m
3C	**15 A**	**20m**

Highlighted row is closest to the rated 15 A continuous discharge.

CHARGING

RATE	CURRENT	ESTIMATED TIME TO FULL
0.5C	2,500 mA	~2h 00m
1C	5,000 mA	~1h 00m

Constant-current phase only. Real charge time runs longer because of the constant-voltage taper at the end.

SERIES PACK CONFIGURATIONS

Voltages calculated from this cell's own nominal and maximum charge voltage. The 3P columns show one common parallel count as a worked example — scale the parallel group to the capacity you need.

SERIES	NOMINAL	FULLY CHARGED	CELLS AT 3P	CAPACITY	ENERGY
3S	10.8 V	12.6 V	9	15 Ah	162 Wh
7S	25.2 V	29.4 V	21	15 Ah	378 Wh
10S	36 V	42 V	30	15 Ah	540 Wh
13S	46.8 V	54.6 V	39	15 Ah	702 Wh
14S	50.4 V	58.8 V	42	15 Ah	756 Wh

EXAMPLE PACKS

7S2P
24V ebike / small pack

14 cells · 25.2 V
10,000 mAh · 252 Wh
30 A max · ≈0.95 kg cells

13S4P
48V ebike standard

52 cells · 46.8 V
20,000 mAh · 936 Wh
60 A max · ≈3.54 kg cells

16S4P
DIY powerwall

64 cells · 57.6 V
20,000 mAh · 1,152 Wh
60 A max · ≈4.35 kg cells

4S6P
Power tool replacement

24 cells · 14.4 V
30,000 mAh · 432 Wh
90 A max · ≈1.63 kg cells

SIMILAR CELLS

Same format and chemistry, within ±500 mAh.

CELL	MAH	CONTINUOUS	WH	WEIGHT	WH/KG
Molicel M50A (this cell)	**5,000**	**15 A**	**18**	**68 g**	**265**
Linkdata 55P	5,500	40 A	19.8	—	—
Samsung INR21700-55E	5,490	10 A	19.8	74 g	267
BAK 53E	5,300	10 A	19.1	69 g	277
Samsung INR21700-53G	5,300	10 A	19.1	72 g	265
LG M50T	5,014	14 A	18.1	70 g	258

HANDLING & SAFETY

- Never charge above 4.2V or discharge below 2.5V.
- Store cells at around 3.6-3.8V (roughly 40-60% charge) for long-term storage.

- Don't mix cells with different capacities, chemistries, or states of charge in a pack.
- Inspect wraps before use. A torn wrap can cause a short circuit.
- Always use a BMS or balance charger appropriate for your pack configuration.
- Keep cells away from metal objects, keys, and coins. A short across the terminals can cause fire.

SOURCES & FURTHER READING

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Independent test (Mooch)	https://www.e-cigarette-forum.com/threads/bench-test-results-m...
Full cell database	cellsaviors.com/cell-database