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44.5 g

Panasonic
NCR18650



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18650 NMC

2,800 mAh CAPACITY	5.4 A RATED CONTINUOUS	3.6 V NOMINAL · 2.5 – 4.2 V	10.08 Wh ENERGY · 226.52 WH/KG
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This information is gathered from multiple sources, including manufacturer datasheets, independent third-party testing, and community contributions. Cell specifications vary between production batches and change over time, and no figure here is guaranteed to be correct or current. **Always consult the manufacturer's spec sheet directly.** Use this sheet for reference only — never as the sole basis for a safety-critical decision about charging, discharging, or assembling cells. The cell image is an illustrative render generated from published specifications, not a photograph.

CAPACITY AMONG 18650S #28 of 169 Lowest in databaseHighest More capacity than 84% of 18650 cells in our database. One of the higher-capacity options.	VOLTAGE OPERATING WINDOW 1.7 V usable Cutoff 2.5 VNominal 3.6 VMax 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.
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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	Marginal. Check your motor's peak draw first. You might get voltage sag under load.
Car audio	Not enough discharge for car audio amplifiers. You need at least 15-20A continuous for most setups.
High-drain vaping	Below the 25A Mooch CDR threshold that high-drain vaping needs. Use a higher-drain cell.
Flashlights	Decent runtime. Works well for most flashlights.
Power tools	Not enough discharge or capacity for power tool use.

IDENTITY

Manufacturer	Panasonic
Model	NCR18650
Format	18650
Chemistry	NMC
Wrap colour	Gray
Insulator	White
Terminal	Flat top
Protection	Unprotected

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

Charging	10°C to 45°C
Discharging	-20°C to 60°C

ENERGY & POWER DENSITY

Energy	10.08 Wh
Specific energy	226.52 Wh/kg
Volumetric density	568.98 Wh/L
Power density (mass)	437 W/kg
Power density (volume)	1,097 W/L
Capacity ranking	#28 of 169 18650s

PHYSICAL

Diameter	18.6 mm
Length	65.2 mm
Weight	44.5 g

ELECTRICAL

Rated capacity	2,800 mAh
Nominal voltage	3.6 V
Max charge voltage	4.2 V
Discharge cutoff	2.5 V
Energy	10.08 Wh
Max continuous discharge	5.4 A (datasheet)
Discharge C-rate	1.9C
Standard charge current	1,925 mA
Typical charge time	1.5 h
Standard discharge	580mA

C-RATE CONVERSION · 2,800 MAH

C-RATE	CURRENT	THEORETICAL RUNTIME
0.2C	0.56 A	5h 00m
0.5C	1.4 A	2h 00m
1C	2.8 A	1h 00m
2C	5.6 A	30m

Highlighted row is closest to the rated 5.4 A continuous discharge.

CHARGING

RATE	CURRENT	ESTIMATED TIME TO FULL
0.5C	1,400 mA	~2h 00m
Standard	1,925 mA	~1h 27m
1C	2,800 mA	~1h 00m

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

SERIES PACK CONFIGURATIONS

Voltagess 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	8.4 Ah	91 Wh
7S	25.2 V	29.4 V	21	8.4 Ah	212 Wh
10S	36 V	42 V	30	8.4 Ah	302 Wh
13S	46.8 V	54.6 V	39	8.4 Ah	393 Wh
14S	50.4 V	58.8 V	42	8.4 Ah	423 Wh

EXAMPLE PACKS

7S2P 24V ebike / small pack 14 cells · 25.2 V 5,600 mAh · 141 Wh 11 A max · ≈0.62 kg cells	13S4P 48V ebike standard 52 cells · 46.8 V 11,200 mAh · 524 Wh 22 A max · ≈2.31 kg cells	16S4P DIY powerwall 64 cells · 57.6 V 11,200 mAh · 645 Wh 22 A max · ≈2.85 kg cells	4S6P Power tool replacement 24 cells · 14.4 V 16,800 mAh · 242 Wh 32 A max · ≈1.07 kg cells
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SIMILAR CELLS

Same format and chemistry, within ± 500 mAh.

CELL	MAH	CONTINUOUS	WH	WEIGHT	WH/KG
Panasonic NCR18650 (this cell)	2,800	5.4 A	10.08	44.5 g	227
LG LGABE11865	3,200	9 A	12	49 g	245
LG LGEBE11865	3,200	4.9 A	12	—	—
Samsung ICR18650-32A	3,200	6.4 A	12	50 g	240
Sanyo NCR18650GA	3,300	10 A	11.9	48 g	248
EVE EVE-INR18650/33V	3,200	10 A	11.5	—	—

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

Cell Savors page	cellsaviors.com/cell-database/panasonic-ncr18650
Manufacturer datasheet	https://engineering.tamu.edu/media/4247819/ds-battery-panasoni...
Full cell database	cellsaviors.com/cell-database