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18.24 × 65.1 mm
46.5 g

Sanyo
NCR18650BF



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18650 NMC

3,200 mAh CAPACITY	4.9 A RATED CONTINUOUS	3.6 V NOMINAL · 2.5 – 4.2 V	11.52 Wh ENERGY · 247.74 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 #7 of 169 Lowest in database Highest More capacity than 96% of 18650 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.
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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	Not enough discharge for ebike use. Voltage sag would be a problem 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	High capacity means long runtime. Great for everyday carry and extended use.
Power tools	Not enough discharge or capacity for power tool use.

IDENTITY

Manufacturer	Sanyo
Model	NCR18650BF
Format	18650
Chemistry	NMC
Year released	2014
Wrap colour	Red
Insulator	Brown
Terminal	Flat top
Protection	Unprotected

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

Charging	0°C to 45°C
Discharging	-20°C to 60°C

ENERGY & POWER DENSITY

Energy	11.52 Wh
Specific energy	247.74 Wh/kg
Volumetric density	677.22 Wh/L
Power density (mass)	379 W/kg
Power density (volume)	1,037 W/L
Capacity ranking	#7 of 169 18650s

C-RATE CONVERSION · 3,200 MAH

C-RATE	CURRENT	THEORETICAL RUNTIME
0.2C	0.64 A	5h 00m
0.5C	1.6 A	2h 00m
1C	3.2 A	1h 00m

Highlighted row is closest to the rated 4.9 A continuous discharge.

PHYSICAL

Diameter	18.24 mm
Length	65.1 mm
Weight	46.5 g

ELECTRICAL

Rated capacity	3,200 mAh
Nominal voltage	3.6 V
Max charge voltage	4.2 V
Discharge cutoff	2.5 V
Energy	11.52 Wh
Max continuous discharge	4.9 A (datasheet)
Discharge C-rate	1.5C
Standard charge current	1,625 mA
Typical charge time	2 h
Standard discharge	1625mA

CHARGING

RATE	CURRENT	ESTIMATED TIME TO FULL
0.5C	1,600 mA	~2h 00m
1C	3,200 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	9.6 Ah	104 Wh
7S	25.2 V	29.4 V	21	9.6 Ah	242 Wh
10S	36 V	42 V	30	9.6 Ah	346 Wh
13S	46.8 V	54.6 V	39	9.6 Ah	449 Wh
14S	50.4 V	58.8 V	42	9.6 Ah	484 Wh

EXAMPLE PACKS

7S2P 24V ebike / small pack 14 cells · 25.2 V 6,400 mAh · 161 Wh 10 A max · ≈0.65 kg cells	13S4P 48V ebike standard 52 cells · 46.8 V 12,800 mAh · 599 Wh 20 A max · ≈2.42 kg cells	16S4P DIY powerwall 64 cells · 57.6 V 12,800 mAh · 737 Wh 20 A max · ≈2.98 kg cells	4S6P Power tool replacement 24 cells · 14.4 V 19,200 mAh · 276 Wh 29 A max · ≈1.12 kg cells
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SIMILAR CELLS

Same format and chemistry, within ± 500 mAh.

CELL	MAH	CONTINUOUS	WH	WEIGHT	WH/KG
Sanyo NCR18650BF (this cell)	3,200	4.9 A	11.52	46.5 g	248
LG LGEBMJ11865	3,500	10 A	12.7	—	—
LG LGDBMJ11865	3,500	10 A	12.7	49 g	259
LG LGABF1L1865	3,350	4.9 A	12.2	49 g	248
LG LGGBF1L1865	3,350	4.9 A	12.2	—	—
Panasonic NCR18650B	3,350	4 A	12.1	47.5 g	254

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/sanyo-ncr18650bf
Manufacturer datasheet	https://www.master-instruments.com.au/files/data_sheets/NCR186...
Full cell database	cellsaviors.com/cell-database