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Sony US18650S

Sony · released 1996

18650 NCA

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1,300 mAh	3.5 A	3.6 V	4.68 Wh
CAPACITY	RATED CONTINUOUS	NOMINAL · 2.5 – 4.2 V	ENERGY · 108.84 WH/KG

REFERENCE ONLY — NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

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.

CAPACITY AMONG 18650S — #269 of 279

Lowest in database — Highest

A mid-range 18650 cell. Solid for builds that don't need extreme capacity or discharge.

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	Too low capacity for practical powerwall use. You'd need too many cells.
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	Lower capacity means shorter runtime. Better cells are available for flashlight use.
Power tools	Not enough discharge or capacity for power tool use.

IDENTITY

Manufacturer	**Sony**
Model	**US18650S**
Format	**18650**
Chemistry	**NCA**
Year released	**1996**
Wrap colour	**Blue**
Insulator	**Beige**
Terminal	**Flat top**
Protection	**Unprotected**

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

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

ENERGY & POWER DENSITY

Energy	**4.68 Wh**
Specific energy	**108.84 Wh/kg**
Volumetric density	**270.36 Wh/L**
Power density (mass)	**293 W/kg**
Power density (volume)	**728 W/L**
Capacity ranking	**#269 of 279 18650s**

PHYSICAL

Diameter	**18.4 mm**
Length	**65.1 mm**
Weight	**43 g**

ELECTRICAL

Rated capacity	**1,300 mAh**
Nominal voltage	**3.6 V**
Max charge voltage	**4.2 V**
Discharge cutoff	**2.5 V**
Energy	**4.68 Wh**
Internal resistance	**13 mΩ**
Max continuous discharge	**3.5 A (datasheet)**
Discharge C-rate	**2.7C**
Standard charge current	**650 mA**
Typical charge time	**2 h**
Standard discharge	**650mA**
Cycle life	**500 cycles**

C-RATE CONVERSION · 1,300 MAH

C-RATE	CURRENT	THEORETICAL RUNTIME
0.2C	0.26 A	5h 00m
0.5C	0.65 A	2h 00m
1C	1.3 A	1h 00m
2C	2.6 A	30m

Highlighted row is closest to the rated 3.5 A continuous discharge.

CHARGING

RATE	CURRENT	ESTIMATED TIME TO FULL
0.5C	650 mA	~2h 00m
1C	1,300 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	3.9 Ah	42 Wh
7S	25.2 V	29.4 V	21	3.9 Ah	98 Wh
10S	36 V	42 V	30	3.9 Ah	140 Wh
13S	46.8 V	54.6 V	39	3.9 Ah	183 Wh
14S	50.4 V	58.8 V	42	3.9 Ah	197 Wh

EXAMPLE PACKS

7S2P
24V ebike / small pack

14 cells · 25.2 V

2,600 mAh · 66 Wh

7 A max · ≈0.6 kg cells

13S4P
48V ebike standard

52 cells · 46.8 V

5,200 mAh · 243 Wh

14 A max · ≈2.24 kg cells

16S4P
DIY powerwall

64 cells · 57.6 V

5,200 mAh · 300 Wh

14 A max · ≈2.75 kg cells

4S6P
Power tool replacement

24 cells · 14.4 V

7,800 mAh · 112 Wh

21 A max · ≈1.03 kg cells

SIMILAR CELLS

Same format and chemistry, within ±500 mAh.

CELL	MAH	CONTINUOUS	WH	WEIGHT	WH/KG
Sony US18650S (this cell)	**1,300**	**3.5 A**	**4.68**	**43 g**	**109**
Sony US18650VT3	1,500	20 A	5.4	45.1 g	120
Toshiba LGR18650S	1,350	—	4.9	45 g	108

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 Saviors page	cellsaviors.com/cell-database/sony-us18650s
Manufacturer datasheet	https://www.megacellmonitor.com/pdf/vendor_specs/SPEC_SONY_US1...
Full cell database	cellsaviors.com/cell-database