Solar cells

Solar cells are not useful for storing energy, it is not a primary or secondary. But they are used to generate electricity. When light is incident on electrons near the boundary between the N-type and P-type silicon, it gives the electrons energy through the photoelectric effect. The electrons are able to flow through an electrical circuit.

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Primary cells

386/301 Energizer watch battery - Zinc-air fuel cell

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<th>Silver Oxide (Zn/Ag₂O)</th>
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This graph shows that as you increase the time you use the battery for, the voltage decreases. After it discharges, the voltage begins to fall rapidly, from ~12V to 8V. As you increase the current, the discharge falls at a faster rate. During discharge, the lead dioxide (positive plate) and lead (negative plate) react with the electrolyte of sulphuric acid to create lead sulphate, water and energy.

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During charging, the cycle is reversed: the lead sulfate and water are electro-chemically converted to lead, lead oxide and sulfuric acid by an external electrical charging source.

Advantages:

- These batteries can be quite cost effective. As they last long, not much money would have to be spent to power the device.

- It is reliable, due to over 140 years of development. It is robust and tolerant to abuse and overcharging, so you would rarely need to purchase a new one. The shelf life is also very long if stored without electrolyte.

- It can deliver very high currents, very useful for high current drain applications, such as submarines.

- It can be left on charge for long periods of time and it would not damage the battery.

- There are wide ranges of sizes and capacities available on the market. They are also distributed around the world, which makes them available to anyone.

- This battery can be recycled a lot, so it will not overuse the world’s resources.