

Re: We need this for Rechargeable batteries

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Bitstring <4182b28c.3286656@news-server.satx.rr.com>, from the wonderful person Mike Fox <mikenospamfox@satx.rroutspam.com> said

- >Anyone who has used rechargeables knows they eventually die.
- >They start out with umpteen thousand mAh [milli-Amphere hours], and
- >they get weaker and weaker as the months go by until one day the GPS
- >quits in the middle of a long hike when you're really counting on it.
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- >I wish someone would sell a battery capacity meter. You'd stick a
- >battery in it, and it would put a typical electrical load on the
- >battery and run it flat at which time the metter would beep and show
- >the battery's current capacity in mAh.
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- >Lots of applications: Know when it's time to replace a battery.
- >Match batteries of similar capacity. Identify defective bateries when
- >you buy them. Etc.
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- >Anybody know if such a device exists?

I don't think it uses that technique (it certainly doesn't fully discharge the cells to find out), but my Ansmann Energy-16 charger has a facility for indicating 'this battery is cr&p' .. which it duly did with two of my antique NiCad cells (and yes, they were).

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