

MARKING OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE



CLASSIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT					
Flammable material	Conditions	Hazardous classification	Equipment group acc. to IEC 60079-0	Equipment protection level "EPL" acc. to IEC 60079-0	Equipment category acc. To 94/9/EC
Methane carbon dust (mines)	Operation where there is a risk of explosion	I	Ma	M1	
	Disconnection where there is a risk of explosion	I	Mb or Ma	M2 or M1	
Gases and vapors	Presents continuously or for long periods or frequently (1000 hour/year)	Zone 0	II	Ga	1G
	Occasional in normal operation of equipment (10 hour/year 1000)	Zone 1	II	Gb or Ga	2G or 1G
	Occasional in abnormal operation of equipment (10 hour/year)	Zone 2	II	Gc or Gb or Ga	3G or 2G or 1G
Dusts	Presents in form of cloud continuously or for long periods or frequently	Zone 20	III	Da	1D
	Occasionally forms a cloud in normal condition	Zone 21	III	Db or Da	2D or 1D
	Occasional forms a cloud in abnormal condition	Zone 22	III	Dc or Db or Da	3D or 2D or 3D

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CLASSIFICATION OF GASES AND VAPORS			Ignition temperature of environment	Temperature class	Maximum surface temperature of equipment	permissible temperature class of equipment
II A	II B	II C				
ammonia, methane, ethane, propane	town gas, acrylonitrile	hydrogen	Ti 450 °C	T1	450 °C	T1 to T6
ethyl alcohol, cyclohexane, n-butane	ethylene, ethylene oxide	acetylene	300 °C Ti 450 °C	T2	300 °C	T2 to T6
gasoline, n-hexane	ethylene glycol, hydrogen sulphide		200 °C Ti 300 °C	T3	200 °C	T3 to T6
acetaldehyde	ethyl-ether		135 °C Ti 200 °C	T4	135 °C	T4 to T6
			100 °C Ti 135 °C	T5	100 °C	T5 to T6
		sulphide of carbon	85 °C Ti 100 °C	T6	85 °C	T6

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INGRESS PROTECTION (IP)

Code BS EN 60529 (IEC 60529)

First digit	Second digit
0- No special protection	0- No special protection
1- Objects > 50 mm diameter (e.g. part of hand)	1- Vertically dripping water
2- Objects > 12.5 mm diameter (e.g. finger)	2- Vertically dripping water when enclosure tilted by 15°
3- Objects > 2.5 mm diameter (e.g. tool)	3- Sprayed water up to 60° from the vertical
4- Objects > 1 mm diameter (e.g. wire)	4- Sprayed water from all directions
5- Dust protected	5- water jet
6- Dust tight	6- Powerful water jet
	7- Temporary submersion to a depth of 1m
	8- Extended submersion to a depth > 1m

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Gas CE 0163 Ex II 2G Ex d IIB+H2 T4 GB LOM 15 ATEX 3011 u IP 66

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Dust CE 0163 Ex II 2D Ex tb IIIC T 100 °C Db LOM 15 ATEX 2014

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PROTECTION CONCEPT

Application	Flammable material	Principle	Type of protection	Symbol	a: very high level of protection	b: high level of protection	c: enhanced level of protection	Standard
any applications	Gases, Vapors, Dusts		general requirements		-	-	-	IEC EN 60079-0
Control station, Motors, Fuses, switchgear	Gases, Vapors	propagation of an explosion inside to the outside is excluded	flameproof enclosure		-	Ex d/ Ex db	-	IEC EN 60079-1
Junction box, lighting, motors	Gases, Vapors	avoidance of arcs, sparks and excessive temperature	increased safety		-	Ex e/ Ex eb	-	IEC EN 60079-7
Junction box, lighting, motors, switchgear, plugs	Dusts	explosive dust atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source	protection by enclosure		Ex ta	Ex tb	Ex tc	IEC EN 61241-1 IEC EN 60079-31
measurement and control technology, automation technology	Gases, Vapors	limitation of energy as well as arcs and temperature	intrinsic safety		Ex ia	Ex ib	Ex ic	IEC EN 60079-11 IEC EN 60079-25 IEC EN 60079-27
	Dusts							IEC EN 61241-11
switchgear, motor, analyzer, computer	Gases, Vapors	explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source	pressurization		Ex px/ Ex py	Ex pz	IEC EN 60079-2	IEC EN 60079-2
	Dusts							
coil of motors or relay, solenoid valve, connection system	Gases, Vapors	explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source	encapsulation		Ex ma	Ex mb	-	IEC EN 60079-18
	Dusts							IEC EN 61241-18
transformer, relay control station, magnetic contactor	Gases, Vapors	explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source	oil immersion		-	Ex o/ Ex ob	-	IEC EN 60079-6
capacitor, transformers, relays	Gases, Vapors	propagation of an explosion inside to the outside is excluded	powder filling		-	Ex q/ Ex qb	-	IEC EN 60079-5
all applications for zone 2		all protection principles for zone 2	"n" type of protection		-	-	Ex nA Ex nC Ex nR Ex nL	IEC EN 60079-15