

Marking of electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres

| Conditions and subdivisions | | | | | | |
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| Conditions and subdivisions | | | Required marking on the usable operating equipment | | | |
| Flammable materials | Temporary behaviour of explosive atmosphere | Classification of hazardous areas | Group as defined in directive 94/9/EC | Equipment category as defined in directive 94/9/EC | Equipment group as defined in EN 60079-0 | Equipment protection level (EPL) as defined in EN 60079-0 |
| gases vapours | is present continuously or for long periods or frequently | zone 0 | II | 1G | II | Ga |
| | arises in normal operation occasionally | zone 1 | II | 2G or 1G | II | Gb or Ga |
| | is not likely to arise in normal operation, or if it does, will persist for a short time only | zone 2 | II | 3G or 2G or 1G | II | Gc or Gb or Ga |
| dusts | is present in the form of a cloud continuously, or for long periods or frequently | zone 20 | II | 1D | III | Da |
| | occasionally develops into a cloud during normal operation | zone 21 | II | 2D or 1D | III | Db or Da |
| | is not likely to develop into a cloud during normal operation, or if it does, for a short time only | zone 22 | II | 3D or 2D or 1D | III | Dc or Db or Da |
| methane carbon dust | operation where there is a risk of explosion | - | I | M1 | I | Ma |
| | disconnection where there is a risk of explosion | - | I | M2 or M1 | I | Mb or Ma |

| Subdivisions of gases and vapours | | | | | | |
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| Gases and vapours | | | Assignment of gases and vapours according to the ignition temperature | Temperature class | Maximum surface temperature of equipment | Permissible temperature classes of equipment |
| ammonia, methane, ethane, propane | town gas, acrylonitril | hydrogen | > 450 °C | T1 | 450 °C | T1 to T6 |
| ethyl alcohol, cyclohexane, n-butane | ethylene, ethylene oxide | ethine (acetylene) | > 300 °C... ≤ 450 °C | T2 | 300 °C | T2 to T6 |
| gasoline, n-hexane | ethylene glycol, hydrogen sulphide | | > 200 °C... ≤ 300 °C | T3 | 200 °C | T3 to T6 |
| acetaldehyde | ethyl-ether | | > 135 °C... ≤ 200 °C | T4 | 135 °C | T4 to T6 |
| | | | > 100 °C... ≤ 135 °C | T5 | 100 °C | T5 to T6 |
| | | sulphide of carbon | > 85 °C... ≤ 100 °C | T6 | 85 °C | T6 |

| Official notified bodies | | |
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| Code number | Notified bodies | Country |
| 0589 | BAM | Germany |
| 0158 | DEKRA EXAM | Germany |
| 0600 | EECS (BASEEFA) | UK |
| 0637 | IBEXU | Germany |
| 0344 | KEMA | Netherlands |
| 0081 | LCIE | France |
| 0102 | PTB | Germany |
| 0518 | SIRA | UK |
| 0044 | TÜV (NORD CERT) | Germany |

| Explosion groups | | |
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| IIA | IIB | IIC |
| Permissible equipment groups | | |
| IIA, IIB, IIC | IIB, IIC | IIC |

Gas CE 0044 **II 2G Ex de IIB T4 Gb NB 11 ATEX 1234 X**

Dust CE 0044 **II 2D Ex tb IIIB T120 °C Db NB 11 ATEX 1234 X**

| Protection principle/types of protection | | | | | | | | | |
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| Applications | Flammable materials | Protection principle | Type of protection | Symbol | Marking in accordance with the equipment protection level | | | Norm | |
| | | | | | a = very high level of protection | b = high level of protection | c = enhanced level of protection | | |
| all applications | gases, vapours and dusts | - | general requirements | | - | - | - | IEC EN 60079-0 | |
| control stations, motors, fuses, switchgear, power electronics | gases and vapours (G) | propagation of an explosion inside to the outside is excluded | flameproof enclosure | | - | Ex d Ex db* | - | IEC EN 60079-1 | |
| junction and connection boxes, enclosures, motors, lights, terminals | gases and vapours (G) | avoidance of arcs, sparks and excessive temperature | increased safety | | - | Ex e Ex eb* | - | IEC EN 60079-7 | |
| junction and connection boxes, enclosures, motors, lights, switch and control cabinets, plugs | dusts (D) | 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, sensors, actuators | gases and vapours (G) dusts (D) | 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*** | |
| switch and control stations, motors, analyzers, computers | gases and vapours (G) dusts (D) | explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source | pressurization | | - | Ex px Ex py Ex pb | Ex pz Ex pzc* | IEC EN 60079-2 IEC EN 61241-4 | |
| coils of motors or relays, solenoid valves, connection systems | gases and vapours (G) dusts (D) | explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source | encapsulation | | Ex ma | Ex mb | - | IEC EN 60079-18 IEC EN 61241-18 | |
| transformers, relays, control stations, magnetic contactors | gases and vapours (G) | explosive atmosphere keep at a distance from the ignition source | oil immersion | | - | Ex o Ex ob* | - | IEC EN 60079-6 | |
| capacitors, transformers, relays | gases and vapours (G) | an 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 | gases and vapours (G) | all protection principles for zone 2 | "n" type of protection | | - | - | Ex nA Ex nC Ex nR Ex nL | Ex nAc* Ex nCc* Ex nRc* Ex nLc* | IEC EN 60079-15 |

| Groups of dust | | |
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| Marking | Dusts | Permissible equipment group |
| IIIA | combustible flyings | IIIA, IIIB, IIIC |
| IIIB | non-conductive dust | IIIB, IIIC |
| IIIC | conductive dust | IIIC |

| Ignition temperature of dust | |
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| permissible temperature of the layer | $T_{perm, layer} = T_{min, layer} - 75 \text{ K}$ |
| permissible temperature of the cloud | $T_{perm, cloud} = 2/3 T_{cloud}$ |
| max. permissible surface temperature of the equipment | $T_{perm, layer} \geq T_{perm, cloud}$ |

| Use of the operating equipment | |
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| Marking | Conditions |
| without | operating equipment can be used without restriction |
| X | special conditions of use |
| U | operating equipment with partial certificate, CE-conformity is certified when it is installed into a complete item of operating apparatus |

| Application in hazardous area | | |
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| Zone 0, zone 20 | Zone 1, zone 21 | Zone 2, zone 22 |

— Marking according directive 94/9/EC
— according norm EN 60079-0 ff

* Alternative Ex protection type
** Intrinsically safe systems
*** FISCO intrinsically safe field bus systems